

Genevieve Didion K-8 Virtual Back to School Night

Wednesday, September 23, 2020



Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!

We are so fortunate at Didion to have such amazing students and such a committed and supportive community of families, teachers, and staff. As you all know, we have started this year in full distance learning. With each passing day, our staff, students, and families are learning and growing through all of the challenges that we face. I could not be more proud of our entire community for coming together during these incredibly difficult times. We are in this together!



Meet the Staff...

Principal - James Eder



Office Manager - Gail Hori



Office Clerk - Lily Tang-Vaughn



Plant Manager - Juan Romero



Custodian - Andrey Artiomenko



Cafeteria Manager - Shirley Caesar

Yard Duty - Sheryl Aguilera

Yard Duty - Michele Brown



Yard Duty - Stephanie Mark



Meet the Staff, continued....

Librarian - Mrs. Rechs



Elementary PE - Mrs. Marriott



RSP - Mrs. Porter



RSP Aide - Michele Mian

SDC Aide - Julie Reali



OT - Rachel Shelton

Speech - Alice Wong

Speech - Romarie Colon

Nurse - Doreen Beyer

Dragon - Fireball



Meet the Staff, continued....

Kinder - Mrs. Martinez



1st Grade - Dr. Roberts

Kinder - Ms. Green



1st Grade - Mrs. Xiong

1st Grade - Mrs. Keating

Kinder - Ms. Fung



SDC Primary - Ms. Montgomery



Meet the Staff, continued....

2nd Grade - Mrs. Marang



2nd Grade - Ms. Mattson



2nd Grade - Mrs. Howe



3rd Grade - Mrs. Magaoay



3rd Grade - Mr. Searle



3rd Grade - Mrs. Vang

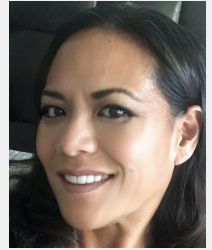


Meet the Staff, continued....

4th Grade - Mrs. Searle



5th Grade - Mrs. Predmore-Miyata



4th Grade - Mrs. Ewing



6th Grade - Mrs. Nakagawa



5th Grade - Mr. Richards



6th Grade - Mrs. Nowack



Meet the Staff, continued....

Middle School Science - Ms. Almanza

Middle School Math - Mrs. Fasiotto



Middle School History - Mr. Howe

Middle School Math - Mr. Reeve
(substitute)



Middle School ELA - Mrs. Tateishi



Middle School PE - Mr. Carras

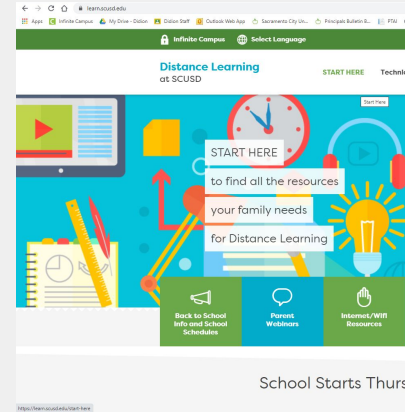
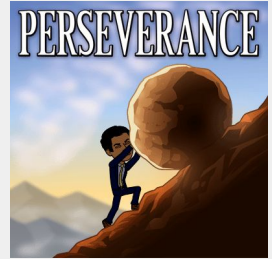


Academic and SEL Support

Despite the many challenges during distance learning, our teachers have worked extremely hard to prepare for this year and are working diligently to provide high quality instruction for all students.

Students who receive specialized educational supports (i.e. IEPs, ELD, 504, etc.) will continue to receive necessary supports and will be closely monitored. This year we are also excited that due to PTA support we are able to offer targeted foundational reading intervention for some of our primary students through Mrs. Rechs.

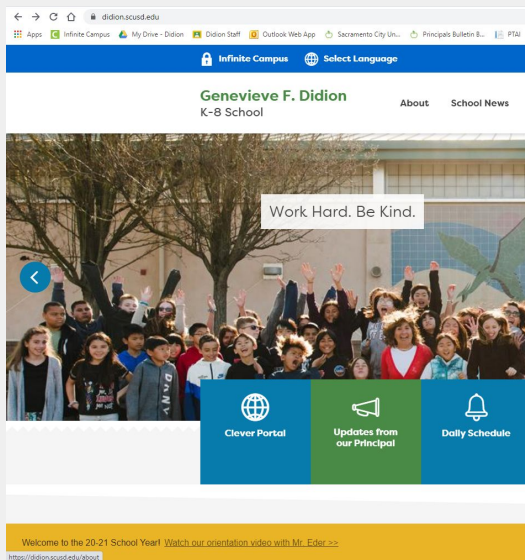
Prioritizing SEL during distance learning means establishing positive relationships with all students, building socially and emotionally safe virtual communities where students feel a sense of belonging, and regularly teaching SEL Skills to ensure student access to core academic content. SEL is also a lever for equity and teaching anti-racism.



Click on the images to be taken to District distance learning, academic and SEL resources.



Other Important Resources



Didion Website

Orientation with Mr. Eder

Welcome to the 20-21 School Year!!



Mr. Eder's Orientation Video

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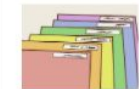
Online Best Practices for Students



Set a Schedule - Complete assignments by due date and take time to absorb content. Keep track of teacher's office hours and how to reach out for support/help.



Be Patient - Assignments will likely take twice as long to complete at home while you are learning the technology.



Stay Organized - Online learning will be a change for you. Log into your online classroom every day. Read all directions and complete all components of assignment.



Understand Expectations - Watch all videos, read all directions and assignments. Make sure you understand expectations before you begin the assignment. If not, ask for help.



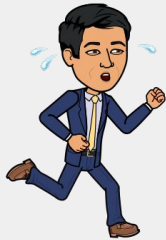
Be empathetic - Take time to balance school work and SEL strategies. Practice breathing techniques, do physical activity and set aside time to be creative and have fun.



Communicate Consistently - Reach out to your teacher via email or your online classroom. Participate in "office hours" and always tell your parents if you need help or are struggling.

Consider Joining the PTA!

Please visit the [Didion PTA's website](#) to learn more about this organization. The PTA serves as a family engagement association and plays a unique role as a liaison between the school and community. PTA funds allow us to offer students a full-time librarian, along with a targeted reading intervention program and technology/instruction services that are not widely offered elsewhere in our district. Additionally, parent support through PTA fundraisers last year allowed us to fully deploy Chromebooks to our entire student population that had a need for distance learning. Please consider [joining the PTA!](#)



School Site Council



The School Site Council (SSC) is a team comprised of the school principal, teachers, other staff and parents and/or community members. The SSC looks at student data and school information, identifies student needs and areas for improvement, and participates in the creation/revision of the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). Members usually serve two year terms, and the SSC typically meets about five times per year. For the 20-21 school year there is currently one vacant parent/community member position. If you are interested in serving on the SSC, please reach out to Mr. Eder (james-eder@scusd.edu) by 9/30/20.

Here are the three primary goals that the Didion SSC established for the 20-21 school year: 1) Increase 25% of targeted below-grade-level 2nd and 3rd grade readers and EL students to grade level as measured by the Oral Reading Record assessment by June 2021; 2) Improve positive school culture and climate and sense of safety for all students as measured by an overall 5% increase in positive responses on the annual school climate survey in the spring of 2021; and 3) Improve ELA and math achievement outcomes for students scoring below grade level by an increase of 5 points above standard as measured on the CA School Dashboard by September 2021.



Back to School Packet

Please review the [Back to School Packet](#), and “return” the **red items** via email (emergency card) or direct electronic submission by **September 28th**. If you need or would like to submit hard copies of any forms, please contact the office at didionoffice@scusd.edu.



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- ❑ **Emergency Cards** - Please *download* and fill out an [Emergency Card](#) for *each* of your Didion students so that we may update your contact and other important information. Email the completed form to didionoffice@scusd.edu.
- ❑ **LCFF Data Collection Forms** - Please follow [this link](#) to fill out the LCFF data collection form to help maximize funding to SCUSD schools.
- ❑ **Online Meal Application** - Please follow [this link](#) to fill out the free or reduced lunch application.
- ❑ **Annual Parent/Student Rights and Behavior Handbook** - Please follow [this link](#) to access the SCUSD annual parent and student rights notification and behavior handbook.
- ❑ **Infinite Parent Portal Access** - If you would like access to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please contact the office by calling 916-395-4575 or emailing didionoffice@scusd.edu.
- ❑ **Didion Website** - Bookmark the [Didion website](#) to find the latest updates and email blasts, links to resources, and more!
- ❑ **SCUSD Distance Learning Website** - Bookmark the [SCUSD distance learning website](#) to find

Communication

Now, more than ever, open and consistent communication is critically important. Updated information from the principal will continue to be shared via our school website, robo-calls, and email blasts. Direct communication from the district regarding COVID-19, distance learning, and health updates will also continue via the district website, robo-calls, and email blasts.

Teachers are also committed to regularly communicating with families in a variety of ways. If you have any concerns or questions, please reach out directly to your child's teacher.

At this time, the main office is "open" Monday - Friday, from 7:30am - 2:30pm, to field phone calls and emails.

Phone: 916-395-4575

Mr. Eder: james-eder@scusd.edu

Ms. Gail: gail-nakamura@scusd.edu

Ms. Lily: lily-tang-vaughn@scusd.edu

General Office Questions and Emergency Cards: didionoffice@scusd.edu





We are looking forward to an amazing year together. Thank you for your support!

Go Dragons!!

