

# DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

2007/2008 School Year

## News You Can Use For Kindergarten Students and Parents

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Welcome to Kindergarten and the start of an exciting adventure called school. The first day of a school year is a very important day for all concerned, especially for children entering kindergarten. As parents, you play an important part in your child's enjoyment and peace of mind on this special day. Please review your child's daily schedule, especially dismissal arrangements ahead of time with your child, so that the first day, **Monday, August 27, 2007**, will be a happy and exciting day for all of you, especially your child.

### **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION:**

On Friday morning, August 24th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., parents and 2007/2008 kindergartners are invited to tour their classroom and to meet their teacher. Please enter your child's classroom through the outside classroom door. Class lists for Kindergarten only will be posted at Orientation.

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### **IMMUNIZATION:**

***To be eligible to start the first day of school, your child's immunizations must be up to date and your child's school health office must have written verification of these immunizations before school starts. It's the law.***

If you have not done so already, the Kindergarten Orientation on Friday, August 24, 2007, will be the last opportunity for you to bring in this immunization verification before the start of the school year.

If you have *not* met this requirement, *your child will not be able to start school on the first day.* If you have any questions about immunizations, please refer to the handouts accompanying your student enrollment packet or call the school health office after August 22, 2007. Thank you for your cooperation in complying with this mandated requirement.

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### **KINDERGARTEN DAILY SCHEDULE:**

School starts for all students on **Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**. The daily schedule is as follows:

#### **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:**

Start time (every day): 8:00 AM  
Dismissal Time: 12:40 PM

#### **Wednesday (Minimum Day Dismissal):**

Start Time: 8:00 AM  
Dismissal Time: 12:30 PM

Before school supervision begins at 7:45 a.m.

After school supervision ends at 12:55 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

After school supervision ends at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday (minimum day).

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Commencing September 17<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten students will have an Extended Day **ONE** Day a Week. K Extended Day Dismissal is 1:45 p.m. More information on K Extended Day will be coming to you from your child's teacher.

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## **NAME TAG:**

A nametag for your child will be given to you at the kindergarten open house. Please have your child wear this nametag for the first week of school, beginning the first day of school, Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. This nametag will assist teachers, staff members, and childcare staff, in their efforts to become acquainted with your child.

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## **VISITATION PROCEDURES:**

**Visitors** and volunteers, as well as individuals who wish to pick up students before regular dismissal time, **must sign-in** at the school office. In case of early dismissal, office personnel will assist you in having your student brought from class.

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## **PICKING UP YOUR CHILD EARLY:**

Whenever your child is to be picked up by you, or someone designated by you, please send a note to the teacher on that day. Unless a note is received, or you appear in person before dismissal time, your child will be dismissed according to the usual procedure.

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## **ABSENCES:**

When your child is absent, **please call your school's attendance line before 8:45 a.m. of the first day of the absence.** We need to know if absences are due to an illness, a medical appointment, or for other reasons in order for us to comply with attendance accounting procedures as required by State Law.

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## **MILK PROGRAM:**

Kindergartners have a milk break each school day at which time the children may have 1/2 pint of low fat milk. More information relative to the Milk Program is included in the first day packet your student will bring home on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

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## **FOOD:**

Your child's regular day will include a lunch period, beginning with the very first day. It is important to pack a light, nutritious lunch that your kindergartner can eat on his/her own without help. Please no peel off lids, they can cut little fingers; please no Capri Sun type drinks if your kindergartner cannot insert the straw without help. Eating time will be about 20 minutes followed by a short play period, so please plan accordingly. Thanks for your cooperation on lunches.

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## **NAMES ON SWEATERS AND JACKETS:**

In order to avoid confusion between many similar types of wearing apparel, labels with your child's first and last name should be sewn on jackets, sweaters, etc.

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## **SHOES AND CLOTHING:**

We ask you to dress your child appropriately for the weather and comfortably for a busy, energetic day. Please make sure that your child wears shoes that provide foot protection and will allow your child to easily participate in physical education activities on the field. Please do not send students in sandals or flip-flops.

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## **ROLE OF PARENTS:**

Parents play an extremely important part in a child's formal education. A positive attitude is essential. We ask for your active support in reassuring your child that kindergarten will be an enjoyable experience.

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## **CHILD CARE:**

The Del Mar Union School District offers a fee-based after school child care program for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. If you would like information on how to register your child for this program, please call the Child Care office at 793-0071. After school child care for kindergartners is held on-site.

We are looking forward to an exciting year for you and your child. Should you have any questions please call your school office for assistance.

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We welcome you to Kindergarten! We are glad you are here!

