

DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008/2009 School Year



News You Can Use
For ALL Students and Parents

(Please save this information for future reference.)

STUDENT DAILY SCHEDULE:

School starts for all students on **Monday, August 25**. The daily schedule is as follows:

ALL SCHOOL SITES for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:

Kgn. - 6th Grade Start time (every day): 8:00 AM
Kgn. Dismissal Time: 12:40 PM
1st – 6th Grade Dismissal Time: 2:30 PM

Commencing September 15^h Kgn. Extended Day Dismissal 1:45 PM*

*Kindergarten Students will have an Extended Day Dismissal **ONE** Day a Week. Teachers will be sending home a student schedule.

ALL SCHOOL SITES for Wednesday (Minimum Day Dismissal):

Kgn. - 6th Grade Start Time: 8:00 AM
Kgn. - 6th Dismissal Time: 12:30 PM

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

After school supervision ends at 2:45 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

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

DISTRICT MINIMUM DAYS FOR PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:

The District sets aside two weeks each school year for parent-teacher conference weeks. To provide quality time for parents to meet with teachers, students are dismissed early every day Monday through Friday of these conference weeks, which allow teachers time to meet with each parent. Early dismissal is referred to as a minimum day (see the minimum day schedule above – dismissal at 12:30 p.m.).

Parent-Teacher Conference Weeks for the 2008/2009 School Year

Week of October 20 – October 24, 2008

Week of February 23 – February 27, 2009

CLASS LISTS (please read carefully for electronic posting instructions):

The 2008/2009 electronic class lists will be posted on the District website on Friday, August 22nd at 5:00 p.m. through Monday, August 25th. Parents who lack Internet access at home are encouraged to visit a public library to gain Internet access at no charge.

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The District is mailing a letter to DMUSD parents that will provide parents with information to access the 2008/2009 electronic class lists on the District website. With the child's Student ID number and birth date parents will be able to access the following: teacher name, room number and the first names with last name initial of the other students in the class.

When parents access the 2008/2009 class lists at the website, both new and returning parents will be asked to provide the District with a current e-mail address. We are optimistic that every DMUSD parent will register their e-mail address so that we can provide all DMUSD families with important electronic communication during the 2008/2009 school year, including site/district newsletters, and information concerning Board meetings, site PTAs, After School Child Care, school and all other important information. *Please Note: The District maintains the same confidentiality with e-mail addresses as it does with all other student information provided on student enrollment forms. The District does NOT distribute parent e-mail addresses to other organizations.*

LUNCH AND MILK:

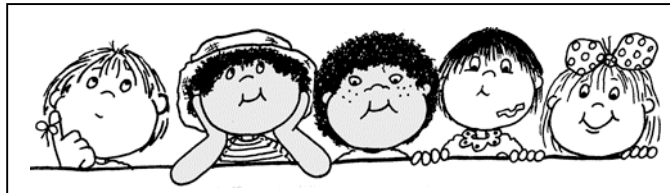
The San Dieguito Union School District will continue to provide National School Lunch Program services to DMUSD students during the 2008/2009 school year. More information about the 2008/2009 lunch program will go home with students on the first day of school. To access menus for August/September please go to the DMUSD website home page and click on *Child Nutrition* in the drop-down menu on the left-hand side. Thank you for your cooperation.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION SCHEDULE:

Please read *Kindergarten News You Can Use*.

1st – 6th GRADE NEW STUDENT TOUR (All Sites EXCEPT Ashley Falls) (Please read below for the schedule of Student Orientation at Ashley Falls School)

The DMUSD welcomes all **new** students to the district who will be entering 1st through 6th grades to attend a New Student Tour on Friday, August 22nd, at 10:00 a.m. Please go to your school of attendance.



ASHLEY FALLS SCHEDULE FOR ALL STUDENTS TOUR

Ashley Falls School welcomes **all** new and returning students to attend a Student Tour on Friday, August 22nd, as follows:

New Families to Ashley Falls:	12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
Kindergarten Students:	12:45 – 1:45 p.m.
All 1 st - 6 th Grade Students:	1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

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BE A GOOD COMMUNITY NEIGHBOR:

Help your school ease the morning and afternoon traffic congestion at your site in the following ways:

- ☆ Be ready to greet your school's "valet" helpers with a quick response – children ready to go, and you're on your way! Most of the District's schools have implemented a form of "valet" drop off service in the morning, which helps automobiles get through the school parking lot quickly.
- ☆ Walk to school with other friends and neighbors!
- ☆ Carpool with other friends and neighbors!
- ☆ Park your car two blocks away from school, and walk your child to his/her classroom.

Please be sensitive to the community neighbors surrounding your school site. If your children are walkers, remind them to stay on the sidewalks whenever possible, and not to trample the grass, break shrubbery or leave litter.

If your school indicates a preferred route to and from school, please observe it. **The District is asking parents and staff to use Carmel Mountain Road as the approach to Sage Canyon School, instead of Amberglades.**

Thank you for your cooperation in minimizing site traffic congestion.

Reminder:

- ☆ *Before school supervision begins at 7:45 a.m.*
- ☆ **After school supervision ends at**
 - 2:45 p.m. on regular dismissal days for grades 1st – 6th;*
 - 12:45 p.m. for minimum day dismissal for Kgn. – 6th, and*
 - 12:55 p.m. for Kindergarten dismissal on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.*

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

Child Care:

The Del Mar Union School District offers a fee-based after school child care program at all of our school sites. We provide a warm and supervised environment for kindergarten through sixth grade students. The activities planned will include arts and crafts, drama, singing, physical education activities, study time, and more.

Parents who wish to take advantage of the District's after school programs **MUST** have completed the registration process by the deadlines specified on the After-School Program page of the District website (www.dmusd.org). *If your child was enrolled last school year, you must re-enroll for this school year.* Please call the After School Programs Office at (858) 793-0071 for more information.

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Enrichment Classes:

The District will be sending the fall After School Enrichment class brochure home during the first week of the 2008/2009 school year. The fall session classes will be held beginning on October 3, 2008 and ending on December 15, 2008 (8 weeks). The brochure for the winter/spring session (10 weeks) will be distributed in December, however, yearlong foreign language classes will be offered in Spanish and Chinese. For more information please call the After School Programs Office at (858) 793-0071.

Please visit your school's website by returning to the home page and finding your school in the upper right hand corner drop down menu.

We look forward to seeing you on
Monday, August 25th, at 8:00 a.m.
when we all go.

