



DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008/2009 School Year

Kindergarten News You Can Use

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 25, 2008**, will be a happy and exciting day for all of you, especially your child.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION:

On Friday morning, August 22nd, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., (12:45 -1:45 p.m. for Kindergarten students at Ashley Falls School) parents and 2008/2009 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.

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 22, 2008, 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 20, 2008. Thank you for your cooperation in complying with this mandated requirement.

KINDERGARTEN DAILY SCHEDULE:

School starts for all students on **Monday, August 25th**. 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.

Due to Kindergarten Extended Days, which start at 12:40 p.m., it is imperative that Kindergarten students are picked up promptly at 12:40 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday and at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Kindergarten students will be ready for pick-up promptly at 12:40 p.m.

Thank you for picking up your child on time!

Commencing September 15th Kindergarten students will have an Extended Day ONE Day a Week. Kgn. Extended Day Dismissal is 1:45 p.m. More information on Kgn. 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 his/her nametag for the first week of school, beginning the first day of school, Monday, August 25th. This nametag will assist teachers, staff members, and childcare staff, in their efforts to become acquainted with your child.

VISITATION PROCEDURES:

Visitors and volunteers **must sign in** at the school office and **wear a volunteer badge** while on the campus. Before leaving campus visitors and volunteers **must sign out** and **return the volunteer badge**.

PICKING UP YOUR CHILD EARLY:

Whenever your child is to be picked up by you, or someone designated by you, before the regular dismissal time, 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. Please go to the school office to have your child called from class. Thank you for not disturbing the classroom.

ABSENCES:

When your child is absent, please call your school's attendance line before 8:45 a.m. on the 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. Please refrain from taking your child out of school for family vacations.

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. For more information and to view lunch menus, 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.

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. Check with the school office for the location of Lost and Found.

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, flip-flops, and other types of shoes that may cause an injury.

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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.

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 each school 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. We are always ready to be of help.

