

August 2018

Dear Las Posas Families,

Welcome to Las Posas School! My name is John Reilley, and I'm so excited to join our staff at Las Posas for the 2018-19 school year and to meet all of our new and returning families!

Staffing Movement: There have been a few moves within our teaching staff. Here is the faculty line-up for the 2018-19 school year:

Preschool: Elisabeth DeFreece

Transitional Kindergarten: Tabitha Steen

Kindergarten: Amy Griffin, DeAnn

Hiroshima, Sandy Pereksta, Lynne Wickham

1st Grade: Janina Averion, Lauren Marzalek,
Kalley Medina

2nd Grade: Paula Bendinelli, Jennifer Griffin,
Katie Tran

3rd Grade: Stephanie Bruce, Summer
Frederick, Carla Hernandez

4th Grade: Devon Hanks, Heather Johnston

5th Grade: Gina Knoll, Tim Pryor,

RSP: Dana Gann-Smith

Speech: Katy DuMosch

Health Tech: Elisabeth Stansbery

Administrative Assistant: Julia Mildenhall

School starts Wednesday, August 29th. On the first day of school only, parents and family members may walk their students to their classrooms.

Each day the gates will open at 7:55 am and close promptly at 8:10 am. Students are to immediately line up by class on the blacktop at their designated spot. Students arriving after the gate is closed must enter and check in through the front office. At the end of the day, the teachers will dismiss the students at the same gate.

Please remember that our instructional day begins promptly at 8:10 a.m. If students are not in their classrooms ready to learn by 8:10, they are considered tardy. ****Students should not arrive on campus before 7:55 as there is no supervision at this time.****

Student Schedule

Kindergarten: See enclosed information.

Grades 1-3: 8:10 - 1:57

Grades 4-5: 8:10 - 2:55 (M, T, W) 8:10 - 1:57 (Th, F)

All 1-5 students are dismissed every Thursday and Friday at 1:57 district-wide.

Office hours: 7:30-4:00

TK & Kindergarten Orientation will be the first day of school, Wednesday, August 29, 8:10-9:10, in the classrooms: All kindergarten students and their families are invited to attend this classroom orientation. See enclosed information for details.

Classroom Assignments: In the interest of privacy, PVSD has directed all schools not to post student lists in public. Your child's teacher assignment will be visible on **Parent Connect by Friday, August 24, at 4:00 p.m.** Instructions for accessing **Q Parent Connect** are enclosed in this letter.



Parent-School Communication: LPS uses many forms of communication throughout the year including email, our school website, PTA newsletters, teacher webpages, Parent Connect and phone messages to keep you informed about all school activities, dates and important information. Please make sure we have your most up to date contact information.

Suggested School Supply Lists: *As a public school, Las Posas provides all regularly needed school supplies.* We have compiled a "Suggested School Supply List" for each grade level. These additional items will be helpful in the class but are not required. The list is posted on our school's website <https://www.pleasantvalleysd.org/Domain/12>

National School Lunch Program: We do offer the National School Lunch Program for families who qualify. The application is available on the district's website and **must be renewed each year**. You will be notified of your eligibility and all information is highly confidential.

2nd Chance Breakfast and Lunch will be served each day beginning on Wednesday, August 29th. **2nd Chance Breakfast** gives all students the opportunity for a healthy, nutritious breakfast and is served during the mid- morning recess.

PVSD Now Offers Online Food Service Payments with Q Parent Connect. Payments may be made with major credit cards or electronic check. Transactions are made securely through PayPal. There is a small transaction fee added to the payment transaction. A bonus meal is offered for every \$35.00 of prepayment (buy 10, get 1 free). You may also prepay for your child's lunches with cash or check in the office.

Q Parent Connect: Pleasant Valley School District has implemented **Q Parent Connect**, an online communication tool that provides parents secured Internet access to a wide array of their children's school data and cafeteria balances. Parents will have immediate access to various information, such as district, school, & classroom news, student schedules, attendance activity, assignments, report cards & progress reports, health & immunizations, and standardized testing results. As a parent, you automatically have access to **Q Parent Connect**. If you need help gaining access to this, please contact our office.

Vehicle and Pedestrian Traffic Flow: Lincoln Military Housing allows us to use their park loop for student drop-off and pick-up. Enter the loop on the east side of the loop. To ensure safety, students should exit or enter vehicles on the passenger side of the vehicle only. The main parking lot is reserved for school faculty and staff. Students in grades 1-5 are to enter the campus through the gate on the east side of the campus each day and line up on the blacktop at the designated spot for their class. Information about Kindergarten arrival can be found in the kindergarten letter enclosed.

Students in grades 1-5 may ride their bikes to school. They must WEAR HELMETS and need to have locks to lock up their bikes. The playground gate will not be opened until 7:55 am. If students arrive early, they need to wait at the gate. When the gate opens, they may walk their bikes to the bike rack that is located on the blacktop.

Safety on the Streets and Parking Lot: For the safety of your children and yourself, please use the crosswalk staffed by the crossing guard at Calle La Guerra and Calle La Palmera. Thank you in advance for your patience and good manners to each other and to staff. Remember it's all about keeping the children safe.

- The school driveway is ONE WAY ONLY. Enter on the east side only. Please DRIVE SLOWLY through the parking lot at all times.
- The parking lot is closed to everyone except staff until school starts each morning. It closes again at the dismissal times between 1:45 and 3:15 pm each day except for designated child-care provider vehicles.
- Adults must accompany students walking in the parking lot.

Important Dates:

Aug 28: *Class assignments available on Parent Connect after 4:30 P.M.*

Aug 29: *First Day of School 8:10 am*

Aug. 31 *Coffee with the Principal 8:30 in the MPR*

Sept.12: *Back to School Night*

First-Day Packet: PVSD has moved all registration information to an online process. You will receive information on how to view forms such as the *Acknowledgement of Receipt and Review of 2017-18, Parents Rights and Responsibilities; School Lunch Program Application; Las Posas Student, Parent, School Compact; Acceptable Use Policy; Publicity Authorization and Release; and Permission to Publish* along with other important information to review.

If you have any questions, please call the office at (805) 482-4606. The office is opened and office hours are 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. I look forward to seeing all of your very soon. We are going to have a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

John Reilley
Principal