



¡Bienvenido!

August 2016

Dear Kindergarten Families,

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome Class of 2029 to Puesta del Sol Elementary, *Hogar de los Fénix* (Home of the Phoenixes). We hope each of you are enjoying a beautiful summer in preparation for the start of the 2016-2017 school year. We would like to remind you about some upcoming events and explain how placement for Kindergarten students will be determined:

Kindergarten Reading Assessment: Tuesday, August 23, ALL DAY in Puesta del Sol Kindergarten Pods

Please check Sign-up genius for your assigned time:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F054EAFAC2DA5F85-kindergarten

Kindercamp: Wednesday, August 24, at 9:00 AM

Please arrive promptly to the school gymnasiums for a fun filled three hours of Kindercamp. Each student will need to bring a snack. Please send a written note with any student with allergies. Pick up your student at 12:00 PM ready for our picnic and *Fiesta de paletas* (see below).

Back to School *Fiesta de paletas*, Picnic & Bus Ride: Wednesday, August 24, at 12:00 PM in the Puesta del Sol Gymnasium

On Wednesday, August 24, Puesta del Sol Kindergarten families are invited to our annual Back to School *Fiesta de paletas* (a *paleta* is a type of popsicle) where families can enjoy *paletas*, picnic, take a short ride on a school bus, and meet the other Kindergarten children.

Schedule:

- At 12:00 PM, Pick students up from Kindercamp at the Gym
 - Join us in the garden for a picnic and a *paleta* (Spanish for popsicle). *Paleta* provided, bring your own blanket and picnic.
- At 12:30 PM students are invited to take a short bus ride.
- At 1:00 PM Adios! See you on the first day of school Tuesday, September 6 at 9:00 AM.

Kindergarten Placement: Kinder Camp

Each year, to have the same intentionality and thoughtfulness in the general education Kindergarten classroom placements as we have in placing students entering grades 1 – 5, we hold a camp before school starts. During this day, Kindergarten students are assigned to one of four color-coded classrooms. Each Kindergarten teacher will rotate through these four classrooms engaging the students in a variety of academic and social learning activities. This will allow the teachers to get to know all of the Kindergarten students and allow each student to work with each teacher.

At the end of the day, the Kindergarten teachers will meet to determine classroom placements for the remainder of the year. These placements, which will begin September 6, will be emailed to families by August 26. Our goal is to ensure that each student has a highly supportive and positive learning environment for the school year.

On August 26, your assigned teacher will email you to sign-up for a WaKIDS conference which will be held on either September 1 or 2. The email will also include your student's final classroom placement.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN: September 6 at 9:00 AM

Kindergarten Curriculum Night: September 14, 6:00-7:00 PM

Kindergarten Curriculum Night offers families an opportunity to hear from Puesta del Sol administration on school topics, as well as receive a presentation from your child's teacher on class procedures, curriculum and expectations for the year in your child's classroom. **We strongly encourage** all families to attend this evening as it offers key insights into the kindergarten learning trajectory along with an opportunity to learn more about your child's classroom.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Puesta del Sol Elementary! We look forward to seeing you on August 23!

Sincerely,

Principal Jonathan Shearer

And

The Kindergarten Team

Kindergarten Supply List for Puesta del Sol

*****PLEASE BRING THESE ITEMS TO THE WaKIDS Conference on either September 1st or 2nd*****

A sturdy backpack-regular size, no wheels

2 boxes **WHITE** glue sticks

1 box of regular water based markers (not the thin ones)

1 small pair Fiskars' scissors

1 box of Band-aides

24 count box of **Crayola** crayons (classic colors)

1" **WHITE** 3 ring binder with interior, horizontal pockets on both sides

1 pack of dry erase markers

4 pink school erasers

Hand sanitizer (8 oz)

3 packages of unscented baby wipes

Please **DO NOT** label any of these items with your child's name. Only label your child's backpack.