



¡Bienvenido!

April 2018

Dear Kindergarten Families,

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome Class of 2031 to Puesta del Sol Elementary, *hogar de los Fénix* (home of the Phoenixes). I hope each of you are enjoying a beautiful spring in preparation for the start of the 2018-19 school year. We would like to share with you information about upcoming events and explain how placement for Kindergarten students will be determined.

1. La Bienvenida: May 31st 5:30-7:00pm Puesta del Sol Gymnasium

On Thursday May 31st, we invite you to come meet other Kindergarten families, share in a Potluck and learn how to prepare for Spanish Immersion Kindergarten. **You do not want to miss this event as the Kindergarten teachers will be providing information on how to be ready for Kindergarten.**

Schedule:

- At 5:30pm Arrival, Family Potluck, and families sign in with PTA and on our Welcome Banner To begin the school year we want to celebrate all cultures. We invite families to bring a food item representative of their family's culture as well as add your family's own language and home country to our world map.
- At 6:15pm – Spanish Immersion Readiness Presentation in Gym Our Kindergarten Teachers will give a short presentation about preparing for Kindergarten and Spanish Immersion. Childcare will be provided on playground.
- At 6:40pm Q & A
- At 6:50 pm Parents reunite with children

2. Kindercamp: Friday, August 24th, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

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).

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

On Friday, August 24th, 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 at your Family Connections Conference on August 30th or August 31st and then on the first day of school Tuesday, September 4th at 9:00 AM.

4. 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



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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. Our goal is to ensure that each student has a highly supportive and positive learning environment for the school year.

On August 27th, your assigned teacher will email you to sign-up for a WaKIDS Family Connections Conference and your student's final classroom placement.

5. Family Connections Conference August 30th and August 31st (Kindergarten STARTS ON September 4th) ALL OTHER GRADES START ON AUGUST 30th.

6. FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN: September 4th at 9:00 AM

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Puesta del Sol Elementary! Have a wonderful spring and we will see you on May 31st at 5:30pm in the school gym!

Sincerely,

Principal Jonathan Shearer
And
The Kindergarten Team