

Tuscany Heights Elementary

August 27th - August 31st

Parents,

Welcome Back!

Thank you for a fantastic Meet the Teacher/Orientation! We feel that it was a great success in kicking off the school year. PTA did an exceptional job assisting our staff in organizing a great night for our families. Thank you to all!

First Three Days:

There will be no RAPTOR Badges printed the first three days of school. We are doing so to allow you the opportunity to walk your child to class as this is the beginning of a new year. You will sign-in, in the Rotunda and then walk your child to class.

***Parents may park in the front visitor parking lot or the back parking lot on the first three days of school.**

Fourth Day of School and so forth...

Please allow your child to begin walking to/from class by themselves or with the assistance of our 5th grade Safety Patrol, student leaders. We are working toward building student leadership and responsibility.

All parents walking students to class will need a RAPTOR Badge before entering the hallways. WE WILL NOT BE PRE-PRINTING BADGES.

*****If you are new to our campus, please stop by the office at anytime to have your driver's license scanned.**

REMINDER OF AFTERNOON DISMISSAL:

Please have patience with our students, staff, and parents as we work together to create a safe dismissal for all of our students.

SAFETY CHANGE:

CAR TAGS, CAR TAGS, CAR TAGS...If you haven't gotten a car tag and your child will be a car rider at some point during the year, please stop by the front office. We will have these throughout the school year for your convenience. The best time to get them is prior to 2pm.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES/ PARKING LOT PROCEDURES A few changes this year to provide a safe and secure arrival and dismissal for all students. We have worked with the district to determine an appropriate plan for the safety of all students, we appreciate your cooperation.

Parking Lot A: STAFF only (First Parking Lot Area)

Parking Lot B: VISITORS Only (Second Parking Lot Area)

Parking Lot C: STAFF Only (Parking Area on the hill next to the 1st, 2nd, 4th, & 5th grades)

Parking Lot D: PARENT AFTERNOON PARK AND PICK-UP (Back of school)

***All parking lots are labeled.

BUS RIDERS: All students will have bus tags to identify their bus #.

CAR RIDERS: All students will have a car rider colored/numbered tag attached to their backpack that will match the colored/numbered car tag in their parent/guardian/car pool vehicle.

AFTERNOON PARENT PARK and PICK-UP: All students will be matched with their parent/guardian using the car rider colored/numbered car tag presented by the parents at pick-up time.

WALKERS/BIKERS: All students will be dismissed to their designated areas for dismissal.

DAYCARE: All students will be dismissed to the gym and seated according to their Daycare tag.

We have one VISITOR Parking LOT in the front (far front parking lot). If walking your child into the building, please park in the appropriate lot and use the crosswalk. In the afternoon, if you wish to come into the school to pick-up your child (ren), please use the designated back parking lot. All PARENT AFTERNOON PARK and PICK-UPS will park in the back and meet staff at the Rotunda doors. Parents will show their CAR RIDER TAG and your child (ren) will be sent to meet you. All students leaving in a car must have a CAR RIDER TAG that matches their parent/guardian tag. Otherwise, staff will direct you to the front office to show appropriate ID. We encourage all parents to use the car rider line for the safety of all students.

**If you have a change of transportation and will be unable to provide your car tag, please be sure that an email, note, or fax has been sent to the school.*

CAR RIDERS- All car riders need a car rider tag for their vehicle and a matching tag for student back-packs.

Students should be dropped off and picked up along the parent pick-up lane in front of the school. We will provide between 12-15 safety patrol students and staff to open car doors and greet each student at the start of each day as well as to say good-bye to them in the afternoon. We encourage all parents and students to use our car rider line as it allows for a safe practice as well as one where we can build relationships with students and families while greeting. CAR RIDER Tags will be available for pick-up at Meet the Teacher/Orientation and throughout the year in the front office. You can get extra tags in case you have multiple cars and/or car pool.

Buses will drop off and pick up in the back parking lot.

I do understand that this may appear to be inconvenient, however, student safety is a priority. We do appreciate your careful thought and cooperation with this matter.

PTA News to Remember

Order 2012-2013 Spirit items and complete PTA Welcome Back information online at tuscanheightspta.org: You can join PTA, submit directory related information, order new spirit items, make a greenback donation, and RSVP for our first Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza Night. ***Many of our spirit shirts' sizes are currently sold out. Order yours by 9/3 to ensure availability and a mid-September delivery.***

PTA General Meeting, Tuesday, September 4, 5:30-7:30 PM: Join us for a night of family, food, and fun! Purchase dinner from various food trucks, learn more about Watch D.O.G.S, buy spirit items, and have fun with other Tuscan families and staff! PTA meeting starts at 6:30 PM. More details to come...

Sister School Back to School Drive August 21-September 7: We will be collecting gently used or new shoes and school supplies for our Sister School, Terrell Hills Elementary. Please bring these items and drop them in the bins located in the school's entry hallway. Thank you for "sharpening the saw" for our Sister School students!

Save the Date: Grandparent's Day, Friday, September 7th: 7:45 AM –2nd, 3rd, & 5th and 8:45 AM-K, 1st, and 4th

Watch DOGS Dads, uncles, granddads, step-dads--volunteer to be a Watch DOG for at least one day during this school year! Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) is an innovative program being launched this year which enables fathers and father-figures be a positive male role model and to provide an extra set of eyes and ears at Tuscan Heights. **On Monday, Sept. 17th, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm we will be having our 1st annual 'Dads and Kids' Pizza Night.** We will have a presentation about the program, answer questions, and then allow you to register and pick your day to be the "Hero of the Hallway." Simply go to tuscanheightspta.org/welcome-back <<http://tuscanheightspta.org/welcome-back>> to register with our PTA and RSVP, or email watchdogs@tuscanheightspta.org stating that you will attend the pizza night. We desire to have an accurate head count for food and drinks as a large turnout is expected. See you then!