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Mission Statement

We believe that the school experience should be safe, positive, and successful, while contributing to the physical, social, and mental well being of the child.

August 8th, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the entire SES staff, I am very honored and excited to welcome you in starting another year at Sonora Elementary School. We are getting close to kicking off another great year at Sonora Elementary School and look forward to having your child back on **August 23rd**. Again, we will continue to make **safety, education, and service (SES)** the primary goals for your experience with Sonora Elementary School. Expect the great events and parental involvement opportunities, which makes for a great school climate, to be in place **right from the start**. I am also very excited to share some new information and changes here at SES:

- Our School Office opens on Tuesday, August 9th. **It is very important for our school to have your current contact information** (mailing address, phone numbers, and emergency contacts). If you would like to make these changes, please do so as soon as possible.
- Stay connected with **SchoolMessenger**. Your phone number on file means you will automatically receive **voice messages** and important reminders from the school. In addition, **you may receive text messages** by opting into the service. Text 'Y' to short code 68453. Also, another added feature is the school may email you important documents, for example, school updates and monthly newsletters. Make sure our school has your email address on file to receive information through email.
- SES will be utilizing **PikMyKid**, a school dismissal and safety software, which is designed to make pick-up much more efficient. More information to follow.
- Your student's classroom assignment (TK – 5th) will be posted on the School Office display case **at 5:00 pm on Friday, August 19th** and will be left hanging in front of the School Office until the first day of school. Schedules for 6th through 8th Grade will be handed out in the gym on **Friday, August 19th, from 3:30 - 5:00 pm** and in the morning on the first day of school, in the gym.
- On **Monday, August 22nd, at 5:30 p.m.**, we will be hosting a beginning of the year party in the amphitheater, in honor of **welcoming our new TK/K through 8th grade students**. There will be an outdoor BBQ, music, and a tour of the campus. This is an anxious time for our new TK/K parents, so this will be a great time to get a guided tour of the campus, the components of the TK/K day, see the classrooms, and get your questions answered. 8th grade student leaders will be on-site to provide tours and answer questions about SES.
- School begins daily at 7:50 a.m. for our TK students, 8:10 a.m. for our K – 3rd graders, and 8:20 a.m. for 4th – 8th grade students. Release time, on regular school days, will be 1:30 p.m. for TK, 1:55 for K-3rd grade and 2:45 for 4th-8th grade.
- **For the first four days of school**, to help with traffic and acclimate the TK/K families to the school, TK/K will begin at 8:45 a.m. each day and end at 12:30 p.m. This will allow you to walk your TK/K student to the classroom and not battle the typically heavy parking lot traffic for the first week.
- Sign-ups for Sonora Elementary **Co-Ed Cross Country** and **Girls Basketball** will begin during the first week of school. These activities are for 6th – 8th grade athletes. Girls Basketball practice will begin on Monday, August 29th and Cross Country will begin on Tuesday, September 6th.
- You will see on the school calendar, ten less minimum days. No longer will the first Friday of the month be a designated minimum day.
- If your student is a new bus rider, please call and check with our office, beginning August 9th, for the location and time for morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off.
- Reminder, the parking lot will be very congested for the first few days of school, morning and after school, so please drive **cautiously and with patience**. It will get better as the days pass.
- A great way to be involved in your child's school and make it a great experience for all is to participate in Support Sonora School. SSS does so much for our students and school and we need your help in running our fundraising activities. If you are interested, please let our School Office know. **We need strong, active parents to make SES a great place to be.**

We encourage each of you to become involved in **your** school and be a part of this exciting time.

Sincerely,

Chris Boyles, Principal