

# Edwin Rhodes Elementary School

## New Parent Meeting August 9, 2017



# WELCOME TO RHODES

Why Edwin Rhodes will be the best school for you and your Scholar!

- \* All Rhodes staff are here to serve you and your Scholar!  
Expect excellent service from every staff member at our school!  
Expect a high level of communication from your Professor, your administration, and all staff members here at Rhodes!
- \* At Rhodes, we focus on your Scholar being prepared to go to college.  
College theme – from classes, to staff members, to the names of buildings, each step at Rhodes reflects the collegiate vocabulary.
- \* At Rhodes we focus on the positive aspects of school and of every Scholar.  
High Academic expectations for all staff and Scholars  
PEP Club – a way for parents to get involved in supporting professors in the classroom and fun activities for our Scholars  
Having fun – Spirit days, collegiate shirts on Mondays, Rhodes Spirit Shirts on Fridays, Noon Sports, ASB, Monday Morning Assemblies, Family Fun Nights

# RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FLOW OF TRAFFIC

- Parents: When dropping off or picking up your child from school, please help us keep each child safe by remembering the following:
- **Supervision in the morning begins at 8:25 am.**  
**Please do not drop your child off before this time unless they are eating breakfast!**
- Scholars must be loaded and unloaded in front of the school on Schaefer Avenue. Please pull your vehicle all the way forward to keep the traffic flowing smoothly.
- The bus lane on San Antonio will be used for buses, official day care vehicles, and cars dropping off Kindergarten Scholars only. Please load or unload Scholars next to the curb after moving all the way forward to allow for as many vehicles as possible. **A special decal is required to utilize this area.**
- **Please note, there is No Stopping at certain times on Schaefer or on San Antonio. You will get a citation if you stop/park there during the designated times.**

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- Parking is only allowed in designated areas. Remember to stay in your car when picking up or dropping off your child since this is a **NO PARKING** zone.
- All pedestrians should use designated crosswalks. Scholars have been instructed to remain on the sidewalk, behind the painted red line at all times.  
**Please DO NOT walk across San Antonio Ave. or Schaefer Ave. unless you are in a crosswalk!**
- To ensure Scholar safety, Scholars should never wait unsupervised at the park. Parents of unattended children will be contacted at home or work.
- Thank you for always following the instructions of staff on duty who are voluntarily there to ensure your child's safety.

# SAFETY

Effective 2017-2018 school year (beginning August 17<sup>th</sup>) Rhodes will be a closed campus.

- Only Scholars will be permitted to enter/exit through San Antonio Ave. gate and front doors.
- Parents/visitors must sign in at the office any time they are on campus.
- Park gate will not be used for daily entry/exit.

# CAMPUS CAFE PROCEDURES

- Parents may pre-pay for their child's lunch on the website [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com).
- Each child **MUST** eat lunch and is responsible for bringing his/her lunch from home or money to buy lunch on a daily basis.
- **If your child forgets his/her lunch, parents may drop it off in the front office.** Please make sure your child's full name is written on it. Scholars must then check in the office at lunchtime to see if their lunch has been delivered. If their lunch is not there, they must buy at the cafeteria. Classrooms will not be interrupted for late lunches.

# CAMPUS CAFE PROCEDURES

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- Scholars without a lunch or money may borrow from the Campus Café, but will not be allowed to call home in order to reduce interruptions in the office.
- A free and reduced-priced lunch program (partially funded by the state and federal government) is available for those who are eligible. Applications are available through the District Office from Nutrition Services.
- Breakfast: a regular price breakfast will be \$1.00. Scholars may come at 8:05.
- Lunch: \$2.75 for a regular priced lunch.

# SCHOOL/HOME INFORMATION

- Information about our school can be found on our school website (<http://www.chino.k12.ca.us/Rhodes>). The lunch menu and monthly calendar, will be accessible on this site. Please read these carefully and keep them handy for reference.
- Some of the information you can expect to find on our website includes the following: Upcoming events
  - Messages from *Professors*
  - Copy of our monthly and yearly calendars
  - Map of our school
  - Parent Handbook
  - Lunch/Breakfast menus
- Voice announcements on your telephone via our School Messenger every Sunday! CVUSD will be introducing a new parent communication platform called Aeries Communications (a.k.a. Aeries Loop). More information will be coming soon.
- You must register on our website in order to see everything that is available.



# DRESS CODE

- It is the intent of Edwin Rhodes Elementary School that Scholars be dressed and groomed in an appropriate manner that will not interfere with, or detract from, the school environment or disrupt the educational process.
- The expectation for Scholar dress and grooming is based on a desire for self-expression, safety, and respect for other Scholars' right to learn. Dress should be suitable and comfortable for normal school activities and reflect pride and attention to personal cleanliness.

# DRESS CODE

- The CVUSD District Scholar Dress and Grooming Policy are included in the Scholar packet that is sent home on the first day of school. Edwin Rhodes adheres to the specific *Dress and Grooming Standards for Grades K-12*. Please take note of the following highlights/additions:
  - All clothing should reflect only positive non verbal statements
  - Scholars' classroom University or Rhodes spirit hats, beanies, or visors are allowed for outdoor use only
  - Shoes and sandals must have back straps
  - Scholars' classroom College/University logo shirts or tops are acceptable and encouraged on Mondays
  - Clothes and belts must be the appropriate size and length when worn

# DRESS CODE

The following items are considered inappropriate and are not permitted:

- Flip-flop attire
- Midriffs, tube or strapless tops
- Clothing which allows undergarments to be seen
- Tattered clothes
- Clothing containing emblems, printing, lettering or pictures pertaining to drugs, gangs, alcohol, smoking, sex, or profanity
- Plain white t-shirts designed to be worn as undergarments
- Disruptive/distracting hair styles
- Roller shoes/Heelies
- Make-up

As fads and fashions come and go, in all cases, the Rhodes Staff makes the final decision.

# ABSENCES

- If a Scholar is absent from school, parents must contact us to report or clear an absence by any of these methods:
  - [www.chino.k12.ca.us/rhodes](http://www.chino.k12.ca.us/rhodes)
    - Click link "To report an absence."
  - Phone 909-364-0683
    - If calling after school hours you may leave a message
  - Send note with Scholar on day of return
  - If you would like to request make-up work, you must contact your child's Professor via email. If Professor does not reply with when homework will be available to pick up, Scholar will be able to retrieve missed homework when they return from absence. They will be provided time to make up the work they missed.

## Special Note:

Please try to avoid picking up your child/children during the last 15 minutes of the school day as vital homework information and preparation for dismissal occurs at this time.

# ABSENCES

## Acceptable Reasons for Excused Scholar Absences

- Personal illness
- Personal medical, dental, optometric or chiropractic appointment (Doctors note required)
- Quarantine under the direction of a health officer
- Funeral services for a member of the immediate family
- Observance of religious holiday

## Truancies and Unexcused Absences

- Going to work with a parent or family member
- Going to the beach, lake, river, mountains, desert, concert, or sporting event
- Baby-sitting
- Personal problems
- Bus not available/missing the bus
- When a parent takes their child out of school early more than three times during the year, for reasons not acceptable as excused, that child becomes a truant.
- Board Policy requires all absences to be “cleared” through the school web site, phone call, or note within 5 days of the absence to keep the Scholar from being considered truant. After 5 days, the “truant” status becomes permanent.
- If a Scholar is absent more than 10 days in a school year it is considered to be excessive, and a meeting with the school administration may be scheduled.

# TARDINESS

- It is essential that Scholars arrive on time to begin the school day.
- Scholars coming to the classroom late create a disruption, as the Professor must stop instruction to correct the attendance roster and lunch count. Therefore, the entry gates are locked at 8:40 AM.
- Scholars arriving after 8:40 A.M. must report to the office to be signed in and get a Tardy Pass to give to the professor. **TRAFFIC IS NOT AN EXCUSE FOR BEING TARDY**. Parents should plan their arrival with the traffic in mind.
- A tardy may be “excused” with a Doctor/Dentist note showing the Scholar was at an appointment. To qualify for the trimester’s “Rhodes to Success” Award, a Scholar must have NO unexcused tardies in order to get the “Rhodes to Success” Award.
- It is also important to pick up Scholars on time after school. Even with our heavy traffic flow, the campus usually clears out within 20 minutes of dismissal.
- Scholars picked up more than 25 minutes after the dismissal bell will not qualify for the “Rhodes to Success” Award.
- Habitually tardy or late pick up patterns will result in a meeting with administration.

# HOMework

- The Board of Education recognizes that homework contributes toward building responsibility, self-discipline, and lifelong learning habits. Time spent on homework directly influences Scholars' ability to meet the District and State's academic standards. Additionally, it reinforces classroom learning objectives, content standards, and addresses individual Scholar needs and abilities. The Board of Education expects Scholars, parents/guardians, and staff to view homework as a routine and important part of Scholars' daily lives.
- Homework is a Professor-planned assignment, which takes place largely outside of the Scholar's regular school hours. It should reinforce classroom learning, develop skills, expand on the Scholar's school experience, and encourage family participation. Professors will assign homework that is specific and related to content standards being presented in class.
- The Rhodes Homework Policy is that Scholars are given homework on a nightly basis. Homework is usually due the following morning.
- Homework not turned in by the start of class will be considered late and a Homework Deficiency Notice will be issued. One Homework Deficiency will disqualify Scholar from the "Rhodes Awesome Homework" Award.

# HOMework (continued)

- Scholars forgetting any part of their homework or materials may be allowed back into class after school ONLY if the Professor is in the classroom.
- Scholars will not be allowed to enter a classroom to obtain any materials without the Professor being present in the room. **The custodians and other staff may not open a classroom for a Scholar if the professor is not there.**
- Scholar agendas will be provide this year by our PEP Club at the beginning of the year to use to write down nightly assignments. It is the Scholar's responsibility to record the homework assignments, make sure they understand the work before leaving class, take any necessary materials with them when they are dismissed for the day, and return the assignments when they are due.
- Parents may assist with homework assignments and should check their child's work for quality, accuracy, and completeness each night it is assigned.
- **Notification will be given when there is an All-School No Homework Night due to evening school events.**



# PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- **The Proud Educators and Parents (PEP) Club**

The PEP Club plays an essential role in our school's program. Each parent/guardian and staff person is a member. Our PEP Club serves as school volunteers in a variety of areas. One of these is coordinating fund raising activities to support Scholar field trips, awards, supplemental instructional materials, and major school enhancements.

- **Parent Participation**

Parents are encouraged to volunteer, become involved in school functions, and attend parent PEP rally workshops. Professors will notify you regarding opportunities to volunteer in the classroom. This has a positive effect on your child's academic success and shows support and interest in the educational program.

Parent Volunteer Meetings: August 11 @ 9:45 am  
August 15 @ 4:00 pm & 6:15 pm  
August 23 @ 4:45 pm  
August 28 @ 4:15 & 5:15 pm  
September 1 @ 8:45 am

# TRIMESTER AWARDS

- **“EdWin” Award (Educational Winner)**
  - Exceptional academic performance related to mastery of the State Standards
- **“ROC” Award (Rhodes Outstanding Character)**
  - Scholars showing outstanding character traits on a daily basis.
- **“Collegiate Conduct” Award – Perfect Record of Citizenship**
  - All 4’s in Citizenship on Habits of Success (Follows School Routines and Expectations and Takes Responsibility for Choices and Actions) and no demerits or office referrals.
- **“RAH” – (Rhodes Awesome Homework) – Perfect Record of Homework Completion**
  - “4” in Homework with no homework deficiencies.
- **“Rhodes to Success” – Perfect Attendance Award**

Perfect Daily Attendance (from the beginning to the end of EACH school day).  
No tardies unless excused with a Dr./Dentist note and **NO late pick ups.**
- **“Rhodie” Award**
  - Recipients of “Collegiate Conduct”, “RAH”, and “Rhodes To Success” Awards in the same trimester

# END OF THE YEAR AWARDS

- **Honor Hall Inductees** Recipients of “Rhodie” Award for *all three trimesters*  
Scholars who earn the Homework and Citizenship awards for all three trimesters, as well as Daily Attendance for the entire year, will be inducted to Honor Hall and have their names engraved on a plaque that remains in Honor Hall.
- **Physical Fitness Awards**  
(Grade 5 only).

# PARENT INVOLVEMENT (continued)

- Attendance is expected at the following events:
  - Parent Collegiate Night
  - Open House
  - Parent Nights
  - Classroom Programs
  - Parent/Professor Conferences
  - Also, please make every effort to attend **Awards Assemblies** honoring your child as well as **General PEP Club meetings**.
- Art Masters

This art appreciation program provides enrichment to our art curriculum. Parent volunteers are trained to teach this monthly program which serves as a valuable visual arts experience.

# IMPLEMENTING THE THEORY OF MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES

- Edwin Rhodes Elementary School incorporates the Theory of Multiple Intelligences as the foundation of our school's philosophy.
- This theory states that each of us possess at least eight intelligences that characterize the way we learn.
- They are spatial, linguistic, logical-mathematical, interpersonal, intrapersonal, musical, bodily/kinesthetic, and naturalist.
- Utilizing this theory as an instructional approach increases retention, thereby producing optimum academic success for our Scholars.
- Our goal is to create a school environment that focuses on the premise that all children are gifted and can learn.
- Teaching the content of the State Standards through all eight intelligences will allow Scholars to learn, comprehend, and retain information based on the fact that they are receiving instruction in a variety of methodologies.
- Because all eight intelligences are addressed, we will meet the learning styles and modalities of all the Scholars in our classes. Empowering children to think, create, and explore will ensure that they will successfully meet the state adopted standards.

# CONTACTING ADMISSIONS

- Parents should feel free to call Admissions with questions regarding their children or the school. The telephone number is 909-364-0683 and our FAX number is 909-548-6083.
- Parents who need to contact a Professor should do so by calling Admissions. Each Professor has voicemail and will return your call at their earliest convenience.
- You can contact any staff member at [firstname\\_lastname@chino.k12.ca.us](mailto:firstname_lastname@chino.k12.ca.us).

# PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOR

At Rhodes we have the highest expectations for our Scholars' behavior on the playground. The following [are the school-wide expectations](#) that are in place ensure our Scholars' safety and a positive experience at Rhodes:

- **Be Safe**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Responsible**
  
- Some examples include:
  - No running on the blacktop, between classrooms, in the Scholar Union, or in other designated areas on campus
  - No rough play is allowed at anytime
  - No throwing rocks
  - No entering any school building or classroom unless a Rhodes' Staff Member is present
  - Keep all valuable personal property and toys at home
  - Following the directions of the Rhodes' Staff on Duty at all times
  - Using positive language on campus at all times (no bullying, teasing, or put-downs of anyone at anytime)
  - Take care of playground equipment
  - [Campus Demerits](#) will be issued for any violation of these and our other playground [expectations](#).

# THANK YOU!



- YOU are a KEY part of your child's education, and we urge you to take an active role!
- We would like to answer any questions that you may have at this time.
- Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at Meet Your Professor Day on Friday, August 11 on the Rhodes Campus from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.