

PACIFIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 5th & 6th grades, 2019-2020

Dear Pacific Elementary 5th/6th Families:

Welcome to the new school year! We have another exciting year ahead of us, with plans afoot for the Fall Camping Trip to Waddell Beach (October 16-19, 2019) and the Lassen Volcanic National Park trip in the spring (May 26-29, 2020). Please take a few minutes now to fill out the online *required* [Field Trip Driver Form](#) to simplify our field trip planning. You will need your driver's license, registration, and insurance information. Our curriculum is explained briefly on the school website, so please take a moment to look it over.

Recommended supplies:

- a 1" 3-ring binder with subject tabs
- hole-punched wide-ruled lined paper
- 2 wide-ruled composition books for English and Science
- 1 graph paper composition book for Math (4 or 5 squares per inch)
- #2 pencils
- a rectangular eraser
- black and/or blue ballpoint pens
- a red felt tip pen
- colored pencils
- a pencil pouch
- hole-punched binder pockets
- hole-punched sheet protectors

We have some parent volunteer positions that are very helpful in creating a well-organized year. Some roles are large and some are small. Please let me know your interest. These positions include: Food Lab Liaison, Pancake Breakfast Chaperones, Field Trip Coordinators, Fundraising Coordinators, Arts and Crafts Support, Graduation Event Coordinator, and Field Trip Chaperones. Thank you to Erik Jaesler for being our Camping Kitchen Manager again this year.

On Wednesday, August 21st, from 9-10am, you are welcome to come visit the classroom. This is also a chance to be sure all your Registration paperwork is complete and turned in at the office; forms are on our school website and the emailed *Back-to-School Registration Paperwork* memo. **School begins at the same time, 8:40am, ends at 3:10pm, and the minimum day end time of 1:00pm will begin on Wednesday, August 28th.** Our **Autumn Parent Meeting** will be on Tuesday, August 27th, at 5:30pm in the classroom, in which we will discuss camping trips and special items for the 5th and 6th grades. **Back to School Night** has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 11th. Please be sure to attend **at least one** of these evening events. I will cover camping trips, classroom routines, procedures, and curricular plans on both of these parent evenings.

Attendance and timeliness are very important for 5th and 6th graders. Absences decrease learning opportunities and lateness has a negative impact on a student's entire day. Please make every effort to be on time to school and please schedule your vacations when school is not in session. Thank you for your cooperation on this.

Finally, a reminder to **pay ahead for lunches, BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS**; you may use your online banking to set up auto-pay for lunches, September 1 – April 1 (as well as for preschool tuition, after care, and Rec bills.) \$72 monthly for 20 student lunches @ \$3.60 each, \$43.20 monthly for 12 student lunches @ \$3.60 each (I.S.) and \$5.65 for each guest/adult lunch. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

I am looking forward to meeting my new class and to having a fantastic year together! I can be reached by email at tcicchinelli@pacificesd.org. Enjoy the final days of your summer vacation!

Best Wishes--
Theresa Cicchinelli

A reminder about our school hours for 5-day students!

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri (except last day of school):

- First – Third Grades: 8:40 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
- Fourth – Sixth Grades: 8:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

All Wednesdays and Last Day of School: First – Sixth grades: 8:40 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Parent Conference days will be full school days.