

# PACIFIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 5th & 6th grades, 2018-2019

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 "Age of Sail" Balclutha Ship experience (December 2-3, 2018) and the Yosemite ELP in the spring (May 2019, TBD). 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. I will give you dates for the ELP trip as soon as they have been confirmed. Our curriculum is explained briefly on the school website, so please take a moment to look it over.

We will make use of the Life Lab and the beach in our PE activities and Science studies. Please be sure that your child has appropriate clothing and footwear for these activities on a daily basis.

## Recommended supplies:

- a 1" 3-ring binder with subject tabs
- hole-punched wide-rule lined paper
- a wide-rule composition book for English
- a 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 will 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: Class Parent, Field Trip Coordinators, Fundraising Coordinators, Arts and Crafts Support, Life Lab Support, Math Support, Reading Support, Spanish Language Support, Graduation Event Coordinator, and Field Trip Chaperones. Thank you to Randy Widera for being our Food Lab Liaison again this year.

**On Tuesday, 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 there is a new minimum day end time of 1:00pm beginning on Wednesday, August 22nd.** Back to School Night has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 12th.

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](mailto:tcicchinelli@pacificesd.org). Enjoy the final days of your summer vacation!

Best Wishes--  
Theresa Cicchinelli

### ***A reminder about our new 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.**