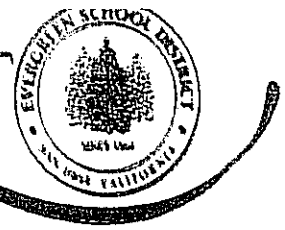


EVERGREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT



August 2011

Dear Evergreen School District Families,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! We hope that you and your family have had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to an exciting new school year. Our mission at Evergreen School District is to *provide all students a high quality education in a safe and nurturing environment where each student demonstrates a spirit of respect, responsibility and a commitment to academic and civic excellence.* Evergreen teachers, classified staff, and administrators have been diligently preparing to make this a very successful year for our students and their families and we look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

The information in this letter and in your school's principal welcome letter will help your child have a smooth and successful start to the new school year. Below you will find important dates and reminders and on the reverse side, you will find the 2011-2012 school year calendar. Please save this information somewhere safe and use it to plan your family vacations during school holidays and breaks.

- School offices will re-open on or around August 8th. Please contact your school office for the exact opening date.
- The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 17th**!
- A bus service schedule is enclosed for students that are being provided district transportation. As students become familiar with bus transportation and schedules during the first week of school, bus times may vary slightly. We appreciate your patience during this time.
- Parents are encouraged to register their children or turn in required forms prior to August 17th, the first day of instruction. The school office can be very hectic during the first week of school and any information that we can receive ahead of time helps ensure that your child will be off to a great start.
- **The first minimum day will be Thursday, August 25th**! Thursday, August 18th will be a regular school day. Minimum day schedule at the elementary schools begins the second week of school and continues every Thursday throughout the year, unless otherwise noted.
- The price for student lunches will be \$2.50. Milk and juice will be available for students to purchase for \$.40. Lunches will be available for students to purchase the first day of school and daily for the remainder of the year. Please make sure you make arrangements for your first through eighth grade student to either purchase a school lunch or have them bring a lunch from home. Students qualifying for free or reduced price lunches during the 2010-2011 school year will retain their pre-qualified status through September 28th. Applications for 2011-2012 were mailed home in July and should be returned to Child Nutrition Services as quickly as possible to be processed!
- Funding from the State of California has necessitated the District to continue a reduction in certain services and programs. For the 2011-2012 school year, bus service will operate at the same reduced level as 2010-2011 service levels; school libraries will again only be open four days per week rather than five; and kindergarten through third grade classes will again be loaded with twenty-four (24) students rather than twenty (20) students.

On behalf of the Evergreen School District, I wish you and your family a very successful 2011-2012 school year!

Sincerely,

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