



LUTHER LEDGER

STEVE LUTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

August 2019

Mark Your Calendar!

August 22

Back to School Night
PreK SDC & TK 5:00 – 5:45 PM
PTA Association Meeting 5:45
Session I K-6 6:05 – 6:30
Session II K-6 6:35 – 7:00

August 23

PTA Fall Fundraiser Kick-off

August 27

School Picture Day

August 30

School Site Council Election, 7:45 – 8:05 a.m.

September 2

Labor Day Holiday

September 9

District-wide Minimum Day

September 17

School Site Council Meeting, 2:45 p.m.

September 23

Conference Day - No School for Students

September 24-27

Minimum Days – Conference Week

Have Questions?

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Principal's Message

Welcome to the new school year! I would especially like to welcome all of our new Luther families. We are happy that you have chosen to entrust your students to us and we look forward to working with you and your children.

I hope that you had some time to rest and relax during the summer months. While we were away, our district and custodial staff have been busy deep cleaning and making improvements to our school. The addition of a privacy screen to our kindergarten fence will help to enhance safety for our youngest students. All of our students will also enjoy eating at brand new lunch tables this year. Additionally, ten more classroom Smartboards were replaced with newer, more advanced models as part of the district's ongoing technology upgrade program.

In other exciting news, Luther School was once again named to the 2018/19 Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll for high levels of achievement and student success. Sponsored by the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence, the Honor Roll program is part of a national effort to identify high performing schools and highlight successful practices that improve outcomes for students. Schools receiving this distinction have consistently demonstrated high levels of student academic achievement over time and have reduced the achievement gap among student groups. The Campaign for Business and Education Excellence utilizes data from the Educational Results Partnership to identify Honor Roll schools. Through national research, they have identified a common set of success factors in high performing schools. We are proud to be honored again this year, and will continue to work hard to ensure that we continue to challenge and support all of our students.

As we start the new school year, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of regular school attendance. While most of our students attend school regularly, we do have a significant number of students who are missing valuable instruction due to multiple days of absence or by arriving late to school. Absences and tardies can add up quickly, and parents are sometimes surprised by how many have occurred over the year. This year, we will be working hard to encourage and promote good attendance. Your child's teacher will have more information to share with you at Back-to-School Night, including how to know when your child should come to school, and when they should stay home. We look forward to working together to ensure that all of our students can get the maximum benefit from their school year.

Once again, I'd like to say, "Welcome to the new year!" I feel fortunate to be at Luther School again this year, and I look forward to a productive and enjoyable year.



Setting the Tone for the Year

The start of the school year is a time when teachers are establishing classroom expectations and routines with their students. Students will spend a great deal of time learning how to navigate a new grade level and their new classroom environment. They will also practice working collaboratively with their new classmates. The time invested at the start of the school year helps to ensure that teachers can make the most of instructional time throughout the year.



Students in Ms. Finney's class practice classroom routines.



Mrs. Krehbiel reviews how to use a Circle Map.

How Will You Hear From Us?

Communication between home and school is an important factor for student success. Our goal is for Luther families to feel connected and aware of important dates, activities and programs. It is also important for parents and teachers to have regular communication related to student progress and upcoming classroom assignments, activities, field trips, etc. Listed below are some of the ways we will reach out to keep you in the loop this year:

The *Weekly Update* is sent out as an email from Peachjar each weekend. It provides important information about upcoming events and schedules. This email may also contain additional flyers advertising PTA and other community activities.

School Messenger is used to send out time sensitive messages and reminders. School Messenger may also be used to make attendance phone calls and parent notifications in the event of an emergency.

Email is used by parents and staff to communicate routine information, questions, or concerns.

Parent Conferences are held in September for all students and as-needed in March. A parent conference can also be held at the request of a parent or teacher at any time during the school year. This is the best way to discuss student progress or specific concerns regarding an individual student.

Phone calls are best when there are questions or concerns that are not routine in nature. Phone calls are best when back and forth conversation is needed between home and school, but an in-person parent conference is not needed or practical.

Please remember that teachers are with students the majority of their work day. This means that they cannot make or receive phone calls and emails during a significant portion of their day. Therefore, we ask for your understanding if you do not receive an immediate response. Generally, you should have a response within 24 hours. Therefore, if there is an emergency that you need to communicate, please call our office at (714)220-6918.