

May 21, 2018

Regarding: Early Start for TK-3 students in August 2018

Dear Lydiksen Families:

For the 2018-19 school year, all Pleasanton Unified School District's TK-3 students will participate in early start schedules during the first three weeks of the school year. This early start schedule will provide teachers time to assess all students without the loss of instructional time.

As a result of these assessments, all students will have the opportunity to receive differentiated small group instruction based on data-driven assessments. While we can all agree that differentiated instruction is a benefit to our children, we know that the shift in scheduling will be a concern for some parents. Please be assured that we are mindful of this and doing our best to take everyone's needs into account.

For the first three weeks of school (Aug. 13-31), all TK-3 students at Lydiksen will attend school following the "early start" time schedule, with the exception of Wednesdays. Times and dates are listed below; this schedule also includes students in our special day classes.

Students in grades TK/K/1 attend a staggered schedule school day throughout the school year; you will have time during the third week of school to make scheduling arrangements. The regular day schedule will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

If you have questions or concerns related to the early start schedule, please contact your child's teacher, the school principal, or the Curriculum Department at (925) 426-4328. We appreciate your support as we work together to help every child succeed.

Cordially,

Jennifer Tyson
Director of Elementary Education
Pleasanton Unified School District

Important Dates:

Aug. 13-31

Early start for all grades 1-3 students - 8:20 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
(except Wednesdays - 9:20 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. for all grades 1-5 students)

Early start for all TK-K students - 8:20 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

(except Wednesdays - 9:20 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. for all TK-K students)

Parents will be notified of "early start" or "late start"

Regular school year schedule begins

Friday, Aug. 24

Tuesday, Sept. 4