



Castle Rock Elementary School

Home of the Knights

“Nurturing students to become critical thinkers of today and global leaders of tomorrow”

Jen Alcazar,
Principal

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Dear Castle Rock Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Castle Rock! I sincerely hope that your summer has allowed some time for relaxation and fun with your Knights; we are excited to welcome students back in a short time for another wonderful year of learning and discovery.

As you know, our vision statement commits to “nurture students to become critical thinkers of today and global leaders of tomorrow”. We believe that all students can learn at the highest levels, and we look forward to partnering with you this year to achieve our vision. In today’s world, it has never been more important for students to know how to effectively collaborate with others, think critically, and develop positive global citizenry.

Thank you for your commitment to the success of your child and our school. It is only when we work together that students may reach their highest levels of achievement and development; your involvement as a parent is so critical to their success. Please remember to visit our Community Club website (www.crccdb.org) for additional opportunities to become involved. If you would like to volunteer at our school this year in any capacity, please make sure to fill out all required volunteer documents by Friday, August 17. These documents must be completed fresh each year, and may be found on our website. You will also need a driver’s license and a valid TB test. Thank you for your consideration!

This year, we will **complete re-registration paperwork digitally using our district’s Parent Portal** feature. You should have received an email with your Parent Portal username and password about a week ago; please look for it, then go to <https://parents.wvusd.k12.ca.us/aeries.net/> to log in and complete this process. The final step asks that you print the page, sign it, and return it to your child’s teacher during the first week of school. If you need assistance with this, please do not hesitate to contact our office. As an added bonus, teacher assignments will be available **in your child’s Parent Portal account** after 5pm on Friday, August 10. We will post hard copies on our office windows as well, but we would like to ease this process for our friends who reside outside of the Diamond Bar area. To relieve budget constraints, we will be relying on digital communication this year; please ensure that a correct parent email is on file with our office as postal mailings will be limited.

Please remember to check our website (www.castlerockknights.org) for updates, as well as Twitter (@CastleRockIB) for a glimpse into our activities and events. Many parents inquire about recommended supply lists for the school year; please understand that these supplies are recommended for your child’s success, but never required. Locate them here: <https://goo.gl/j9aVFM> Finally, a limited number of FUN club spots will be available this year during the November and December holiday breaks, and spots fill quickly. If you anticipate a need for this, please contact our child care office at (909) 444-3460.

Enjoy this last bit of summer and we look forward to welcoming all of our students back on Monday, August 13. Please note that this is a minimum day with dismissal at 11:40 for TK and Kindergarten, and 12:00 for grades 1 through 5. Don’t miss important dates for your calendar on page two of this letter!

Best wishes!

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Important Dates:

Thursday, 8/9; 6:00-7:30 pm	Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten Back to School Night; PARENTS ONLY please. Thank you for making arrangements for your own child care.
Friday, 8/10	Class lists posted on office windows AND Parent Portal for your convenience.
Monday, 8/13	First day of school; <i>minimum day with early dismissal</i> . TK/K 8:20 – 11:40; Grades 1-5: 8:20 – 12:00. *Optional lunch will be served at recess (10:00 am)
Monday, 8/13 – Friday, 9/1	<u>TK/Kinder Only: Modified Schedule: 8:20-11:40 am</u> <i>Beginning Tuesday, 9/4/2018 Regular Schedule begins: 8:20-1:20 pm</i>
Wednesday, 8/15	Back to School Night: Grades 1-5. PARENTS ONLY please. Thank you for making arrangements for your own child care. <i>Grades 1 through 3: 5:45 -7:00pm</i> <i>Grades 4 and 5: 6:45 - 8:00pm</i>
Friday, 8/17	Last day to submit all volunteer paperwork including TB test in time for picture badges.
Monday, 8/20	Say Good-Bye at the Gate! For safety reasons, parents must check-in in the office to get past the gates.
Tuesday, 8/21	Fall Picture Day! Smile! *Parent volunteer picture badges taken.
Friday, 8/31	Early Dismissal; TK-Kinder: 8:20-11:40; Grades 1-5: 8:20 – 12:00 *Optional lunch will be served at recess (10:00 am)
Monday, 9/3	Happy Labor Day – No School!