

Welcome Back, Patriots!!

Dear Parents and Students,

We hope you had a wonderful, restful summer and that you are looking forward to the start of a new year. As we get ready to start the 18-19 school year, we look forward to providing your child with the best education possible and make our district the best in the county!

This letter is just to remind you of a few things as we begin the new school year:

1. **School starts** on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. School starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:10 p.m. Please be sure your child arrives to school on time daily.
2. **Early Release Wednesdays:** We will have Early Release every Wednesday. School releases at 1:30.
3. **Supervision:** School supervision begins at 8:00 a.m. so please do not drop your students off prior.
4. **Breakfast/Lunch:** Breakfast and lunch are available for all students. Please complete the lunch forms to see whether you qualify for free or reduced lunch. Breakfast will be served daily from 8:00- 8:25 and Lunch is served daily from 12:00 -12:30.
5. **Registration Forms and Lunch Forms:** All students will receive their registration form and a Household Income Data Collection form the first day of school. Please complete these and return them to the school by Thursday, August 16. On the registration form, we simply need you to update any new information, make the changes and return it to the school.
6. **ELPAC/CELDT Testing:** CELDT Testing will now take place in the Spring. We will have Initial Assessments for NEW English earners ONLY in September.
7. **Absences/Tardies:** Parents, please ensure your child attends school every day and is on time. If your child does miss school, please make sure to call the school and send an excuse as to why your child was absent.
8. **Visitor's Pass:** When visiting the campuses, everyone is required to sign in at the front office to check-in and receive a visitor's pass. Safety is our priority and we need to verify who is on campus at all times.
9. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Every morning we begin the school day with the Pledge of Allegiance. We ask that all parents and students show their respect by stopping where you are at, face the flag and join us.
10. **Bus News:** Please see the attached letter about changes to the Bus Routes for the upcoming school year. Times may be adjusted depending on bus stops.
11. **Box Tops:** Enclosed you will find a Box Tops for Education worksheet. Please complete it and return it to school on Wednesday, August 15. Everyone that returns completed Box Tops for Education sheet will enter a drawing for random gift cards. Through the Box Tops for Education program our school earns extra funding for supplies.
12. **School Info on our Webpage:** visit our webpage at www.mrsd.us or follow us on Facebook at Merced River School District.
13. **ParentSquare:** We will once again use the ParentSquare App as a communication tool with parents. Please make sure that we have your updated email.

