

Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District
Cornerstone at Pedregal Elementary School
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Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I am extremely excited for school to start and to see all the smiling faces back on campus on Wednesday, August 28, 2019! It is an honor and privilege to be your Principal this year. I am looking forward to a great year.

Please read through all the information below as you will note some changes and new details.

Arriving to school on time is very important as we value every minute. Below is the bell schedule.

Kindergarten

Monday- 8:30 a.m. to 1:10 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:05 p.m.

1st and 2nd Grade

Monday- 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade

Monday- 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

I would like to remind you about the importance of being extra cautious during pick-up and drop-off times. Please obey all traffic laws and watch for our students, staff, and parents.

Children may not be dropped off to school prior to 8:15 a.m. The only drop off option is in the front of the school. Hyte Street drop off is **not** available in the morning. Kids' Corner is a fee based child care choice. This is a great alternative if you have before or after school needs.

Children should be able to get their backpack and get out of the car on their own. Backpacks should not be in the trunk of the car. We are lucky to have teaching parents here at Cornerstone to help as needed. Yet, we believe in the importance of fostering independence as well.

1st and 2nd graders who have an older sibling at Cornerstone may go to sibling watch after school from 2:35 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sibling watch is held in the outdoor learning center. Be sure that your child's teacher is aware that he/she will be attending sibling watch. There is no sibling watch on Mondays, minimum days, or for Kindergarten students.

Picking up your child on time is equally important. If you are more than 15 minutes late for pick up, you will need to park your car and sign your child out of the office. Children in grades 3-5 may be picked up

along Hyte Street. It is not an option for our younger students and we close Htye Street on rainy days. You still will need to sign your child out if you arrive after 3:15 pm.

You filled out an updated emergency form during registration. That form needs to be returned to school on the 1st day of school to your child's teacher. Be sure that all contacts are updated on your form. Continue to update the contact form if there are changes to who is picking up your child.

We will be going into year three of our Positive Behaviors Interventions and Support model. We follow the ABC's of Cornerstone: Act Safely, Be Responsible, and Care for Others. Your child will learn a lot about this over the year. I recommend that you spend some time talking about our school matrix and reviewing rules before we start the year.

We have the most amazing group of teachers at Cornerstone. Below are the teachers for the 2019-2020 school year.

K: Sandra Wang, Kim Voss, and Sheryl Rasmussen
1st River Fay, Tracy Lin, and Kris Barnett
2nd Alicia Kao, Kim Hunter, and Jeri Berlin
3rd Barbie Hokanson, Stacie Stevens, and Brain Kono
4th Stacy Upton and Leslie Rowe
5th Jenny Rooney and Beth Buchholz

Please join the Cornerstone PTA/Booster Club this year and support their efforts to provide the best possible experience for our students! The PTA/Booster Club is an integral partner in our successful school program. Some of the things the Booster Club funds are: Visual Performing Arts, Technology Programs, Chromebooks, Art At Your Fingertips, Field Trips, Assemblies, etc. Your support is so greatly appreciated.

The Peninsula Education Foundation (PEF) is working hard once again to raise \$3.1 million for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District. This effort allows PVPUSD elementary school sites to maintain important programs. Without PEF's funding, class sizes would be larger, elementary classroom music and physical education teachers would be a thing of the past! Please consider donating to the Peninsula Education Foundation. I encourage you to contact PEF about making a contribution at help@pvpef.org or 310-378-2278. Thank you for your support!

Cornerstone Elementary School is dedicated to the development of the whole child, providing a solid foundation that stimulates thought, wonder, and a life-long passion for learning. Students, staff, parents, and the Cornerstone community share the responsibility of creating a positive environment that empowers all students to reach their fullest potential in all core areas as well as character development.

Thank you for your continued support of Cornerstone Elementary School, and I look forward to a successful school year together.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Wildey, Principal



July 2019

Dear Cornerstone Families,

Happy Summer! We hope this letter finds you enjoying the sunshine and relaxing with friends and family. Summer is a productive and busy time for our Parent Board. Together with Mrs. Wildey and our teachers we have been working to create a calendar of events and programs for our Cornerstone students and families. Our Parent Board started the summer creating the PTA and Booster Club budgets for the 2019-20 school year so that we can make all these experiences a reality. These programs help further enrich, engage, and foster our children's learning and growth in ways that have become the foundations of our exemplary school model.

Cornerstone is a unique environment that fosters each child's growth. This would not be possible without your commitment to being actively involved in our school community. We thank you for volunteering your time, efforts, talents, and generous donations which fund the exceptional programming our children and families experience here at Cornerstone.

As individuals, we make a difference; together we make a community. This year, a renewed commitment to teamwork will be the thread that bonds our community and makes our school thrive. It starts with each and every family joining our PTA and Booster Club and making a donation to the Peninsula Education Foundation, where every dollar makes a difference. Supporting all three of these entities will help provide high quality, interactive, academically, and artistically enriched programs, staffing, educational experiences, development and growth that our children deserve.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! Soak in that last bit of sun, stretch out on the warm sand, and dream the long lazy days away! We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, August 28th!

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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back Cornerstone Cougars!

Below you will find a list of important dates and tasks to complete before school resumes!
Please read through carefully!

*****IMPORTANT DATES*****

- **AUGUST 1: BACK TO SCHOOL REGISTRATION**
 - Complete the registration page on Aeries and update emergency contacts.
 - Print final page and return to your child's teacher on the first day of school!
 - Check out all the additional information online at cornerstone.pvpusd.net

- **FRIDAY, AUGUST 23: NEW FAMILY SOCIAL**
 - Here at Cornerstone on the Kindergarten Yard!
 - Join us from 1-3pm for an afternoon of fun!

- **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (Minimum Day)**
 - Welcome back!
 - Drop off begins at 8:15am TP1 – please report to your assigned morning spots by 8:10am
 - Minimum Day - dismissal for all students at 12:00

 - **NEW PARENT ORIENTATION** 8:30-12:00
Primary Teaching Parent should make arrangements to attend. *Adults Only.*
Please make childcare arrangements for any younger siblings of your new student(s).

 - **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & SPIRIT WEAR SALES**
Stop by Room 21 to drop off your donations for the PTA, Booster Club, and PEF
Pick up online class shirt, green apron, & spirit wear orders
Shop our full line of spirit wear!

- **THURSDAY, AUGUST 29: KINDERGARTEN IN-SERVICE 5-6:30 PM IN THE MRP**
 - Critical that all primary teaching parents attend this grade level training meeting. *Adults Only*

- **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3:**
 - **FIRST GENERAL PARENT MEETING** at 7:15 PM – IN THE MPR
Important informational parent meeting held to relay school wide information. *Adults Only*

 - **CLASSROOM IN-SERVICES:**
Grade level informational meetings in your child's classroom.
Primary teaching parent should attend. *Adults Only*
 - 5:00 - 6:00 – 2ND GRADE
 - 5:30 - 6:30 – 1ST GRADE
 - 6:00 – 7:00 – 5TH GRADE

*****COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TASKS*****

1. New Families: Sign and return *Acknowledge of Receipt* form to the Cornerstone Office. (Last page in Participation Philosophy & Information Packet – found online on school website)
2. New Families: Complete and return the two *Tuberculosis Risk Assessment* documents to our Cornerstone Heath Clerk. **ALL** family members who will be a TP at any time during the year **MUST** have this on file. You cannot start your TP shifts until this form is on file! *Please add your child's name to the form for family identification! (Found online on district website)
3. Need an ID badge? All teaching parents should have an ID when on campus. Email a jpeg passport-style photo and full name(s) of Teaching Parents for ID badges to Membership@csparents.org
4. ALL Families: Complete, print, and return the Emergency Contact Information sheet for your child(ren) through the Aeries website.
5. ALL Families: Complete Scheduling Survey for TP Shifts
An email with the link for the survey was sent out this summer before August 1, 2019.
In order for your class scheduler to accommodate all parents' schedules, each family is asked to submit at least *two equal* days a week (TP shift options) that you are available for working in the classroom. Complete survey online through database.
6. Make arrangements to be available for the TP shifts you selected on the Scheduling Survey.
Consider a few things:
Note TP1, TP2, and TP3 start/end times and consider things like work, sibling drop-offs, etc.
Note Monday shifts have slightly different start/end times due to early dismissal.
For parents with multiple students, please note differences in dismissal times if working an afternoon shift. Arrangements for pick-up or childcare should be made for Kindergarten sibling students if working an afternoon shift with a later dismissal time.

*****IMPORTANT WEBSITES*****

Palos Verdes Unified School District Website: www.pvpusd.net

Here you will find everything district related!

District school calendar, links for Aeries, enrichment, after school programs, lunch menus, enrollment, etc.

Aeries Portal: www.palosverdes.asp.aeries.net

Use the Aeries portal to check your child's teacher assignment, fill out emergency contact information, and access lunch payment program.

Cornerstone Elementary at Pedregal: www.cornerstone.pvpusd.net

This is our school's website.

You can find important information & updates, our school calendar of events, your child's teacher's page, homework, etc.

Cornerstone Database: <http://prod.cstonedb.dx.am/>

This is where to fill out your scheduling survey & enter service hours. Also update personal family information for the directory.

Cornerstone Booster Club: www.cornerstoneboosterclub.com

This is our Booster Club website – fundraising events, membership donation information, purchase school spirit wear, class shirts, green aprons, and much more! Stay up to date with an event calendar and “What's Happening” page!

In-Services and General Parent Meeting Schedule 2019-2020

Grade	August	September	October	November	January	February	March	April
K	Grade Level In-Service MPR Thursday Aug. 29 th 5-6:30pm		Classroom In-Service Tuesday, Oct. 15 th 6-7pm	Classroom In-Service Tuesday, Nov. 19 th 5-6pm	Grade Level In-Service MPR Tuesday, Jan. 7 th 5-6:30pm		Classroom In-Service Tuesday, March 10 th 5-6pm	
1st		Classroom In-Service Tuesday, Sept. 3 rd 5:30-6:30pm	Classroom In-Service Tuesday, Oct. 1 st 5-6pm	Classroom In-Service Tuesday, Nov. 12 th 5-6pm				
2nd		Classroom In-Service Tuesday, Sept. 3 rd 5-6pm	Classroom In-Service Tuesday, Oct. 15 th 5-6pm			Classroom In-Service Tuesday, Feb. 4 th 5-6pm		
3rd		Classroom In-Service Tuesday, Sept. 10 th 6-7pm	Classroom In-Service Tuesday, Oct. 22 nd 5-6pm		Classroom In-Service Tuesday, Jan. 14 th 5-6pm			
4th		Classroom In-Service Tuesday, Sept. 10 th 5-6pm	Classroom In-Service Tuesday, Oct. 1 st 6-7pm		Classroom In-Service Tuesday, Jan. 14 th 6-7pm			
5th		Classroom In-Service Tuesday, Sept. 3 rd 6-7pm		Classroom In-Service Tuesday, Nov. 19 th 6-7pm		Grade Level In-Service MPR Tuesday, Feb. 4 th 6-7pm		Grade Level In-Service Tuesday, April 7 th 6-7pm
General Parent Mtg.		GPM Tuesday, Sept. 3 rd 7:15-8:30pm		GPM Tuesday, Nov. 12 th 6:30-8p	GPM Tuesday, Jan. 14 th 7:15-8:30			GPM Board Election Tuesday, April 14 th 7:15-8:30



CORNERSTONE SCHOOL AT PEDREGAL

More Information at
cornerstone.pvpusd.net

Back to School Packet:
School Supply Lists
PTA & Booster Club Info
Events & Activity Info
Volunteer Information
& LOTS More!!!



Questions? Email:

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