



Topaz Elementary School
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Commitment to Excellence

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Dear Topaz Families,

Welcome back to the 2019 – 2020 school year! I hope that you and your family enjoyed the summer months and were able to spend time relaxing and getting ready to tackle a new school season. Each school year is exciting as it offers us all a fresh start and a chance to improve our learning and our practice.

Last year we all worked hard **“Making a Difference”**. Our students and teachers were incredible and worked diligently to meet all goals and maximize student growth.

Our theme this year will be **“Win Their Hearts, Win Their Minds”** based on the book by Scott Braden. Building on our theme from last year, we will continue to focus on making connections on a daily basis ... with each other, with our students, and with our families. We will strive to *connect* with our students and be *dream makers* in their lives. I look forward to renewing our *zeal* for teaching, our *passion* for children, and our sense of *belonging* in the classroom as we uncover the treasures hidden within our students. As the author writes, “If you win the heart of a child, you will be given the opportunity to win their mind.

I know this will be another wonderful year at Topaz and that we will see continued progress as we “win the hearts” of our children.

If your child was a student in grades 3 – 6 last year, you may access their test scores for the online state test (SBA) they took in the spring through Aeries. You will also receive a letter from our district with a general explanation of the tests. I will provide detailed information about state testing at a Principal’s Meet and Greet the first day of school, as well as at the first School Site Council and ELAC meetings (dates TBD). In addition, your child’s teacher will review his or her scores with you at the parent-teacher conferences in the fall.

We have not had many changes to our staff and facilities over the summer. Please join me in wishing Mrs. Mercedes Leal-Carrillo well as she continues her teaching adventures back at Ruby Drive. Additionally, we are happy to announce that Topaz Elementary is one of five schools in PYLUSD that will be piloting full-day kindergarten. More information will be going out to all incoming kindergarten parents.

Here are some informational items to keep you updated on important events.

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 27th. School starts at 7:50 a.m. sharp. Class lists will not be posted in the same manner as previous years for safety reasons. A phone call and email will go out to families Monday, August 26th at noon informing you of your child’s teacher. **For this reason, it is very important that you go online to complete the Online Data Confirmation process to update your current phone number and email address (you received an email from the district regarding this).** If you miss the phone call and email, we will have staff in front of the school Monday, August 26th from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. to pass out cards with your child’s classroom information.

Please join me in the MPR on the first day of school for the **Welcome Back Meet and Greet** in the MPR from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. I look forward to seeing you there!

Please see the enclosed **supply list** for your child(ren). These are only suggested items and your child's teacher may request other items during Back to School Night.

Topaz is a Community Eligible Program school and all students may receive a school breakfast and lunch at no cost without filling out a Free or Reduced Lunch application. ***In order to continue LCFF funding however, we will be asking all families to fill out an Alternate Income form.***

School hours are as follows:

Early Preppy K	7:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Late Preppy K	9:30 a.m. – 1:10 a.m.
All grades Kindergarten – 6th	7:50 a.m. – 2:15 a.m.
Early Release Wednesdays	7:50 a.m. – 1:15 a.m.

Students may begin arriving on campus at 7:20 a.m. for breakfast. Please drop your child off at the front gates and they will eat their breakfast at the lunch tables. A supervisor will monitor the students and dismiss them to their class lines once they are finished eating. If your child is not eating breakfast, he or she should report directly to the class line. On the first day of school, teachers will be at their lines with a sign to greet your children.

Remember to look for your Tuesday Envelopes each week with all of the important information.

Each week you will receive an envelope with a newsletter from the principal and other important information. Please sign and return to your child's teacher. This is a way to establish a method for regular communication between home and school. Please read the information each week so you and your child are prepared for all of the exciting events and information going on at our school!

Important Upcoming Dates:

***Principal's Meet and Greet:
Back to School Night:***

Tuesday, August 27th at 8:00 a.m. in the MPR
Thursday, August 29th at 6:00 in the MPR
Presentations 6:30 – 7:00 and 7:00 – 7:30

Non-Student Day

Labor Day – No School

Friday, August 30th
Monday, September 2nd

Please remember to check the Topaz Website (<http://www.topazschool.org>). It will include a multitude of information including links to the PYLUSD website, school lunch menu, homework guidelines, dress code, and a calendar of events.

I look forward to another successful year! Thank you in advance for all you do to support and advance our Topaz Tigers!!!

Sincerely,



Christa Borgese, Principal