

# Culverdale Elementary School

## CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

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[www.iusd.org/cu](http://www.iusd.org/cu)

August/September 2007

Allie Nixon, Principal

Dear Culverdale Families,

Happy Labor Day! The start of a new school year is always exciting, and we are eagerly awaiting your arrival on September 6th.

The purpose of this letter is to share information that you will need prior to the beginning of school. All other information will be sent home the first day of school in a large packet with each child. Please plan to spend some time that first evening of school discussing the first day of school with your child and reviewing the material sent to you.

I look forward to meeting all of you this year. Please stop by to say hello when you're on campus.

Sincerely,

Allie Nixon, Principal

### Enrollment

To help finalize student enrollment and create balanced classes, the office staff has been calling families to confirm that students will be returning to Culverdale on September 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have received a phone call and/or this newsletter and are not returning to our school, please notify the office at 936-5600. If you have web-enrolled, be sure to bring your proof of residence to the school office to complete the process and reserve a space for your student.

### Important Calendar Dates

Wednesday, September 5 Teacher Work Day; **Class lists are posted at 5:00p.m. on the website and the office window**  
Thursday, September 6 First Day for students and PTA-hosted Welcome Back Coffee in the Courtyard 7:30-8:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, September 11 PTA General Assembly Meeting 7 – 8 p.m. Program Title: *What's New at Culverdale?*  
Thursday, September 20 Back-to-School Night, Minimum Day 1:05p.m. dismissal for Gr. 1-6; K- regular schedule

\* A calendar for the entire school is posted on the website and will be sent home on the first day with your child. Please keep it for your reference all year.

### 2007-08 Daily Schedule

**Kindergarten:** Morning Friends 8:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday  
Afternoon Friends 9:50 a.m. – 1:10 p.m. Monday through Friday

#### Grades 1 - 2

8:05 a.m. – 1:55 p.m. (M, T, Th, Fri.)

8:05a.m. – 1:05 p.m. (Wed.)

#### Grade 3

8:05 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (M, T, Th, Fri.)

8:05a.m. – 1:05 p.m. (Wed.)

#### Grade 4

8:05 a.m. – 2:36 p.m. (M, T, Th, Fri.)

8:05 a.m. – 1:05 p.m. (Wed.)

#### Grades 5 - 6

8:05 a.m. -- 2:35p.m. (M, T, Th, Fri.)

8:05 a.m. --1:05 p.m. (Wed.)

**Please note:** Students may not arrive to school prior to 7:55 a.m. in the morning. There is no adult supervision until that time. In addition, it is necessary for students in grades 1-3 to leave the school grounds at the end of the day. Students may not wait on campus for older brothers and sisters because there is no supervision provided. Please make the necessary childcare plans now so that they are in place for the beginning of the year. Our goal is to ensure the safety of all students before and after school.

### PTA

Please join us the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7-8 p.m. for the PTA General Assembly meetings. Each meeting will feature a different speaker/program. The topic for the meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> is "What's New at Culverdale?" Thank you to the PTA Executive Board for working through the summer to plan a great year for our students and families! Look for the 2007-08 Calendar of Events in the PTA Information Packet sent home on the first day of school.

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## Opening Day: September 6, 2007

You are invited to bring your child to school on the first day. Please park in the Paseo Westpark lot by the park. There is no parking on San Leandro. Students are asked to line up on the playground outside the classroom door. Staff will be on the playground to assist students and families in finding the appropriate place to line up. Teachers will take their students to class at 8:05 a.m. Families are invited to stop by an informal PTA-hosted coffee in the Courtyard between 7:30 and 8:30 to meet the PTA Board and visit with friends. This is also a great opportunity to find out about the year's activities and sign up to volunteer for activities that interest you the most.

## Class and Teacher Assignments

Class lists will be posted on our website at [www.iusd.org/cu](http://www.iusd.org/cu) and in the front of school at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.

## School Supply Requests

Supply lists are posted by grade level on the school website.

## Lunch Program

The hot lunch program for students, called LunchBox, begins on the first day of school and costs \$2.85 including milk. Parents are asked to deposit funds in the child's account either electronically at [www.iusd.org](http://www.iusd.org) or by sending a check to school with your child. We do not handle cash in the lunch room. A form to apply for a free or reduced lunch is being sent home on the first day. Please complete and submit the simple application as soon as possible. Lunch menus for the month are available in the front office and accessible on the website.



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## Bicycles and "Other Wheels"

At the elementary school level, only students in grades 3-6 may ride bicycles to school. Skateboards, "razor scooters", and in-line skates are not permitted. Also, shoes that have the ability to convert to skates are not permitted. If your child rides a bicycle to school, it must be licensed with the Irvine Police Department, the child must wear a helmet, and parents must provide a lock for the bike while in the school bike rack. These requirements are in effect beginning the first day of school.

## Dress Code Guidelines

With warm weather expected well into the fall, following are a few reminders about acceptable student dress for school:

- Shoes must be "school safe." Closed toe shoes are recommended. If sandals are worn, they must have a heel strap. (Flip-flops are not safe for school.) Shoes with retractable rollers are not acceptable.
- Spaghetti straps and tops that show bare midriffs are not acceptable school dress.
- Hats are permitted to protect children from the sun during recess and lunchtime only.

**Please visit the school website for the most up-to-date information. If you have questions prior to the first day of school, please stop by the school office or call 936-5600.**