



STONE CREEK Elementary School

CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

September 2010

Michael Shackelford, Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year! We hope that you have all had a chance for some fun, sun, and at least a little bit of relaxation with your family and friends! As you drive by the school, you have probably noticed that the parking lot is busier each day. Staff members have been coming and going – planning and preparing for the start of a new school year. The office will be open for business beginning Thursday, August 26th from 8:00 – 12:00, though we are already performing the many support operations that will enable us to get the school year off to a great start!

We would like to remind you of some important dates, times and procedures:

Thursday, September 2nd and Friday, September 3rd – the first two days of school for students in grades 1-6 only are minimum days.

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| Grades 1-6 - | 8:10 – 1:15 |
| AM Kindergarten - | 8:00 – 11:20 |
| PM Kindergarten - | 11:30 – 2:50 |

A separate letter will be mailed to all kindergarten parents, detailing information about the first day's parent orientation and AM, PM class placement for students.

Playground supervision begins at 7:55 AM daily, and students are not to arrive on campus before that time. There is no supervision after school, so it is important for students to go directly home when dismissed. Students in primary grades are not to wait for upper grade siblings.

The following regular school schedules resume beginning Tuesday, September 7th. (Special note: There is no school Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day.)

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| AM Kindergarten - | 8:00 – 11:20 | Everyday |
| PM Kindergarten - | 11:30 – 2:50 | M, T, Th, and F |
| | 10:10 – 1:30 | Wednesdays only |
| Grades 1-3 - | 8:10 – 2:05 | M, T, Th, and F |
| Grades 4-6 - | 8:10 – 2:44 | M, T, Th, and F |
| Grades 1-6 - | 8:10 – 1:15 | Wednesdays only |

You are invited to bring your child to school on the first day. Please proceed to the blacktop area behind the school. There will be volunteers to assist new students find their classrooms. PTA will again be hosting a Welcome Back-to-School coffee on the first day of school at the lunch table area. All parents are encouraged to stop by for coffee and fellowship. There will also be the opportunity to sign-up for a variety of volunteer activities.

Class lists will be posted outside the office at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 1st. Assignments are considered firm on the first day of school, however we ask that you please understand the possibility always exists that we may need to change assignments after the beginning of school to balance classes. If your child is to be impacted, you will be contacted.



To view a copy of your child's grade level school supply list or to see more detailed, up-to-the-minute school-related information, please visit the Stone Creek website at <http://www.iusd.org/st/>.

Students in grades 3-6 may ride bicycles to school. Parents are required to license the bike and provide a lock and a helmet. These requirements are in effect the first day of school. Rollerblades, skateboards, razors, and skate tennis shoes are **not** allowed at school! We are including a copy of the dress code with this letter and appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that your student wears appropriate clothing to school each day.

A selection of hot lunches is available at school every day, beginning the first day of school. The price for a student lunch is \$3.25, including milk. For students who bring their lunch, milk may be purchased for \$.75. Students who received a free or reduced lunch last year will continue to do so until October 1st. By that date, a new application must be submitted (copies are available to print via a link on our website, or you may request one from the front office). Menus for September will be sent home the first day of school and are always posted on the district website. Please note the continued policy from the nutrition department:

*Students **will not** be able to purchase an extra slice of pizza. If they want an extra slice of pizza they will have to purchase another whole meal at \$3.25. This is also true about any extra entrée. We no longer sell any of the entrees ala carte. The students will still be able to purchase an extra salad or fruit or juice or milk or water ala carte.*

Please be reminded that the school parking lot is a busy place. Staff members will help maintain the safety of our students by patrolling the area and keeping traffic moving in a safe manner. Please remind your students to cross the street in designated crosswalk areas only. We would appreciate it if you follow the direction of staff by not blocking traffic and only parking in the designated areas. We maintain a drive-through lane (on the left) and a drop-off lane (on the right). **THERE IS TO BE NO PARKING IN THE FIRE LANE AREA IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THIS AREA MAY BE USED FOR DROP-OFF PURPOSES ONLY. IF YOU ARE WAITING FOR YOUR STUDENT'S DISMISSAL, YOU MAY NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED IN THIS AREA. YOU MUST REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES!** Also, please respect the red curb and no parking areas on the surface streets that are adjacent to the school. Please remember the following 2008-2009 parking change by the Irvine Traffic Engineers:

*Stone Creek South between West Yale Loop and the entrance driveway to the school is a **no parking area**. This is because the vehicles waiting to enter the school back up the street. With vehicles parked on the curb, the street becomes completely blocked to through traffic.*

With these parking controls we are hoping the line of vehicles waiting to pick up will be against the curb and residents and other vehicles will be able to pass. We will request a parking variance from the Irvine Police Department when large school functions are scheduled. Your cooperation will ensure the safety of ALL our students. This would be a great time to talk with friends and neighbors about establishing carpools and/or walk pools. These are wonderful alternatives to consider and would greatly facilitate safety on the streets surrounding the school and in the school parking lot.

We look forward to welcoming all of you back to school on the 2nd of September!

Sincerely,


Mr. Shackelford
Principal, Stone Creek Elementary School