

CLEMENS CROSSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Kindergarten Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Clemens Crossing Elementary School! Whether this is your child's first school experience or the big jump from a preschool experience to kindergarten, this will be a very special year for you and your child. We know that you and your child are wondering what kindergarten is like. We would like to invite you and your new kindergartener to a preview date on Friday, May 17 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Incoming kindergarten students will have the opportunity to visit a kindergarten classroom, listen to a read-aloud, and participate in a craft activity. This will be followed by a meet and greet on the playground at 3:00 p.m. where our PTA will provide a small snack and children can play on the playground.

There is a separate Open House just for kindergarten parents and students on Thursday, August 31st from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. The event will begin in the cafeteria. Please come to the cafeteria with your child where the Kindergarten Team will share important information. You will then move to your child's classroom with his/her teacher. The class assignments will be available in Family File before the Open House. The Open House for grades 1 through 5 will be from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on August 31st. During that time, the kindergarten rooms will not be open for visitation, so please plan on attending the Kindergarten Open House in the morning.

Parents are important partners in the educational success of our students. Parent volunteers are an integral part of the kindergarten program and you will learn more about this opportunity at the Back to School presentation in September. There are many ways to be an active participant in your child's education. Reading a story at bedtime, helping with a school project, joining the PTA, and coming to school events are all ways that parents can be involved.

The communication between home and school is vital. Once you register, you will automatically be part of our email communication, School Messenger. We are "green" and do not send hard copies of newsletters and other notices so your electronic connection to the school is important even over the summer. I also encourage you to follow Clemens Crossing Elementary on Twitter at our Twitter handle, @hcpss_cces and on Facebook at facebook.com/clemenscrossingelementary. These are places where you can keep up-to-date with what goes on at Clemens Crossing on a daily basis. Furthermore, I encourage you to subscribe to our school's Google Calendar. That calendar is located on our website. You can automatically get CCES events on your personal calendar on email or on your devices. Announcements and reminders are made on Twitter and Facebook in addition through our weekly email newsletter and email communication.

You and your child are now part of the Clemens Crossing Elementary School family. We welcome you to a school where your child will be challenged academically in a nurturing and safe environment. We want this and future years at CCES to be filled with many wonderful memories for you and your child.

Sincerely,

Edward Cosentino
Principal