

Del Mar News Flash

8.12.2020



Key Dates:

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August 14th

ZOOM
Virtual
Principal
Grade-
Level
Meetings
6th:

8:30AM

7th:

10:00AM

8th:

11:30AM

See more
info on the
right!

August 19th

Virtual
Orientation
for all 6th
graders
and new to
the school
7th and
8th graders.
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on right.

August 20th

From The Principal

Dear Del Mar Middle School Families:

On behalf of the staff at Del Mar Middle School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2020-21 school year!

Please know that the safety of your child - just like the safety of my own children and of Del Mar teachers and staff - is my top concern. We are committed to doing everything we can to ensure your child's safety when we are able to return to campus. Per guidelines established by Governor Gavin Newsom, **we are set to start remotely on Monday, August 24th.** Please review the [district website](#) with links to [phases of reintroduction](#) from our superintendent, Nancy Lynch, so you can get up to speed on board-approved phases of re-entry and options for this year.

As a community, we are in unfamiliar territory. As parents, we are trying to manage the many stressors related to our families, our health and our work. Additionally, you have had to grapple with difficult decisions regarding your child's educational path this year. I acknowledge the weight of that decision and completely empathize with you. I am a parent of a child entering second grade and another pre-school aged, I understand the conversations you have had at home, the pros and cons you have considered, and the back and forth that led to your decision. Whether you've chosen our In-Person phased option (Phase 1 will be virtual for all) or the Acellus Virtual Program (all-year distance learning) for your child, you remain a part of our community and we are so fortunate to have you!

Each school year presents new opportunities and new challenges; we will make the most of them by partnering together to ensure our students can achieve their highest potential. As partners, we want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our

**iPad
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and iPad
pickup for
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**August
24th
First Day
of School!!!**

responsibilities, as well as to help your child grow academically, emotionally, and socially. In return, we ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that they:

- Attend school daily and arrive on time, ready for the day's learning experience (online and in-person)
- Share school experiences with you so that you are aware of their school life
- Inform you when they need additional support in any area or subject

Please know that I am deeply committed to keeping you informed as we embark on and continue through this school year. **Below is a compilation of important information and procedures regarding Del Mar that will help you have a smooth transition from summer to a new school year, including information about orientation for our 6th graders and new students.**

I am honored to continue my service in this community and serve as your principal. The middle school years are an incredible time of development for students and families, and I look forward to working with you all to overcome any obstacle to learning that we encounter along the way. I have an open-door policy and while meeting in-person is not allowed at this time, I invite you to reach out via email or phone with questions or concerns.

Don't forget the upcoming Parent Grade-Level Meetings, this Friday. Here are the Zoom links:

6th Grade Parent Meeting

Time: Aug 14, 2020 08:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://reedschools-org.zoom.us/j/83943919891?pwd=eWVQMnUrV3YvalJLL2o2ZkI5UG1tQT09>

Meeting ID: 839 4391 9891

Passcode: 110341

7th Grade Parent Meeting--CORRECTED TIME!

Time: Aug 14, 2020 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://reedschools-org.zoom.us/j/87946154853?pwd=VVE0UTlOUDExYURkNUNVTG5JTHVDUT09>

Meeting ID: 879 4615 4853

Passcode: 622222

8th Grade Parent Meeting

Time: Aug 14, 2020 11:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://reedschools-org.zoom.us/j/89089543727?
pwd=ck54eVhoemtjdlNaWEliSkIVRTgyUT09](https://reedschools-org.zoom.us/j/89089543727?pwd=ck54eVhoemtjdlNaWEliSkIVRTgyUT09)

Meeting ID: 890 8954 3727

Passcode: 876249

Please keep reading for further important information,

Brian Lynch

Del Mar Principal

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## **Welcome New Staff:**

This school year, we are fortunate to welcome the following highly qualified faculty and staff to Del Mar:

- Physical Education teacher: Heather Johnson
- Science teacher: Vanessa Seawright
- Spanish teacher: Janette Mutilva Kreinberg
- Office Manager: Lisa Grinnell
- Paraeducator: Andrea Gerosa Robin
- Paraeducator: Kim Abella
- Learning Center Aide: Sarah Busher



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Orientation for 6th Grade and new 7th/8th graders (Wednesday 8/19):

Each year Del Mar welcomes our 6th graders and new-to-the-school 7th and 8th graders with open arms. This year will be no different in spirit, except it will be done a bit differently!

Orientation will take place, as scheduled, on **Wednesday, August 19th at 10:00 am**. Virtual orientations, led by our student WEB leaders and faculty will begin at 10:00 am and will last about an hour and a half. Parents and students will be sent ZOOM links, via email, to their student's group meetings by the end of the day

Monday, August 17th.

iPad Exchange/pickup for 6th grade and NEW to Del Mar 7th and 8th graders (Thursday 8/20):

On Thursday, August 20th, all 6th grade families are asked to drive onto Del Mar's campus at the time designated below, to exchange your Bel Aire iPad and pick up a Del Mar iPad, along with necessary supplies for the beginning of distanced learning, as well as a printed class schedule and instructions for using ALMA. Please remember chargers and cases, and remember to save any work to the cloud since your old iPad will be "wiped." We will try to make the drive through fun and festive, but you **will need to remain in your car and wear masks.**

ALL 6th grade families please try to come at the time designated below where you see the first letters of your last name, and if the time does not work, just head over between 10-2, whenever you can, or contact the office.

10:00 AM: A-Be

10:20 AM: Bl-De

10:40 AM: Do-F

11:00 AM: G-Ha

11:20 AM: Hi-J

11:40 AM: K-L

12:00 Noon: M

12:20 PM: R-Si

12:40 PM: Sc-Si

1:00 PM: Sm-T

1:20 PM: V-Z

New to the district 7th and 8th Graders, plus any returning student who left their iPad with us for the summer:

Please arrive at 1:40 PM (all last names).

More on supplies: 7th and 8th graders will be notified about necessary school supplies during the first few days of classes. The school will make available all supplies, and set times and dates to pick up what is needed, but you may prefer to purchase your own, which is fine as well. 6th graders will get necessary supplies on the 20th at the iPad exchange (see above).

Grade Level Student Expectations and

Schedule for Distance Learning:

Attached you will find a schedule by grade level that outlines your student's day. Please place this schedule in an area that both you and your child can access. We are hoping to incorporate the normalcy of school by creating a routine. A great benefit to the Del Mar schedule is that once students are able to return to school, the timing of classes will essentially remain the same. Please note that Distance Learning will also include staggered start and end times.

[6th Grade Distance Learning Schedule](#)

[7th Grade Distance Learning Schedule](#)

[8th Grade Distance Learning Schedule](#)

Cohorts and Class Schedules

Sixth grade students and all new 7th/8th grade students will receive their class schedules during iPad pickup/drop off on Thursday, August 20th. All returning students will be able to access their schedules on ALMA after 9:00 am on Thursday, August 20th. Please print out your child's schedule at home if possible. Prior to the first day of school, your child will receive an email from our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Ann-Marie Skaggs with their class Zoom links. This will allow your child to log into their classes easily and on time on Monday morning.

Regarding class schedules, we are busy making final preparations for the start of the year. Our main priority is to minimize and balance class size in all academic classes. If your child was placed in the wrong math or language class, or is missing a class, please email Mrs. Skaggs at askaggs@reedschools.org. We will not be able to accommodate requests to change elective or other classes.

Zoom App

This year for Distance Learning, our teachers will be using Zoom to connect during their virtual class meetings and office hours. We strongly encourage you to have your child experiment with the Zoom app on their iPad prior to the first day of school. This will ensure they log into class on time and don't miss meeting their new teachers.

Attendance

Please call the office on the day of your child's absence by 8:00 a.m. (435-1468, Option 4), even during distance learning. This will eliminate the need for a call from the office. We expect students to attend school, whether virtually or in person, unless there is an excused absence-for illness, injury, a medical/dental appointment or a religious holiday. All other absences are marked "unexcused." Absence does not excuse a student from the classroom assignment. All assignments are available

on the teacher websites. It is the student's responsibility to check the websites and make up missed work once they are healthy.

[7th Grade Families](#)

We are still missing some immunization records! We have emailed you separately if yours are missing. **Your child will not be able to start school without the updated immunization record showing a Tdap booster shot and two varicella shots.**

[2019/2020 Yearbooks](#)

If you ordered one, please be sure to pick it up outside the school office, to the right of the office door. If you'd like to buy one, please leave a check for \$30 to Del Mar PTA. We ordered extras, so you can still get one!

[Del Mar Spiritwear for Sale!](#)

Thanks to our Del Mar PTA, you can go to [THIS LINK](#) to purchase Del Mar spirit wear! It will be ready for pickup on August 20th. We have sweatpants, hoodies and Del Mar PJ's!



[CALENDAR](#)

Please go to this [Link](#) to the district's newly revised calendar.

[The Del Mar Office is Open!](#)

The Del Mar office is open and we are happy to help with any questions you may have.

Feel free to call us at 415-435-1468, extension 0, or:

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We're here for you.

