

Dear Del Mar Middle School Families:

On behalf of the staff at Del Mar Middle School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year! This summer I had a lovely few weeks with my family and I am excited to start my second year at Del Mar. I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready to begin school on Thursday, August 23rd.

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

- Math teacher: Rian Lynam (formerly Ms. Hoover)
- Music teacher: Ella Steinberg
- PE teacher: Jason Silva
- Science Teacher: Shea O'Brien
- Special Education: Allison Baskin
- Office Manager: Heather Johnson

The Del Mar staff is looking forward to a productive school year and partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. As partners, we want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities 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 he/she:

- Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject

The middle school years are critical times of development for students and families, and I can't wait to work with all of you to make this school year unforgettable. I invite you to become an active participant in our school community through volunteering, joining our PTA, or attending our school events.

I am an educator committed to students, families, and the love of learning. I look forward to seeing many new and familiar faces on our first day of school. You will find that my door is always open, and I am here to support you in any way possible. Please join me Friday, August 31st at 8:30 in the Del Mar Library for the first Principal's Coffee of this school year.

Attached to this letter 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.

Mr. Brian Lynch
Del Mar Middle School Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

6th Grade/New Student Orientation is Wednesday, August 22nd from 9:00am-12:30pm. Students should report to the gym. A brief parent orientation for parents will begin at 9:00 am in the outdoor amphitheater. Students will be treated to a pizza lunch at 12:30pm.

Class Schedules

Sixth-grade students and all new 7th/8th grade students will receive their class schedules during Orientation on Wednesday, August 22nd, the day before school begins. Returning seventh and eighth-grade students will receive their schedules on Thursday morning, August 23rd, the first day of school. Schedules will be distributed in front of the kitchen by the gym on the Del Mar blacktop, beginning at 7:50 am.

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. We will not be able to accommodate requests to change elective classes.

First day of school is Thursday, August 23rd

School will begin at our normal 8:20 am start time and students will have an early release from school at 2:05 pm. Students will have an abbreviated 7-period day, along with some advisory class time and a school-wide assembly.

Students should bring a sack lunch to school for the first two days of school. The PTA lunch program begins Monday, August 28th (see the Lunch Program link <https://www.reedschools.org/Page/969> on our webpage). Students should also bring a healthy snack to school each day for break.

This regular bell schedule is the same as last year, and can be found at <http://files.constantcontact.com/91bcf499301/d1f95cfa-1dde-4688-b5c4-4165fedc448d.pdf>

Picture Day and PE Uniforms

Picture Day is Monday, August 27th. All new students will receive PE uniforms on this day. We appreciate a donation of \$35 to help cover the cost of these uniforms and student locks, checks made out to RUSD. Returning students needing to purchase new PE clothes or locks can also get them on Picture Day. The cost is \$20 for a new PE suit and \$8 for each lock you need to replace. Checks should be made out to RUSD.

Laptop Rollouts

Eighth-grade students will receive their laptops on Monday, August 27th, seventh graders on Tuesday, August 28th and sixth graders on Wednesday, August 29th. All students will receive instruction and reminders in each of their classes about proper laptop usage and care.

Student Supplies

During the first few days of school, teachers will review with students a list of supplies needed for each class. The school will make available all necessary items needed in class, including headphones during the laptop rollout. However, families may choose to purchase any item for their child if they wish to do so.

Student safety

Cars are not permitted in the school parking lot for drop off and pick up. Please discuss with your child where to meet each day after school and be sure to discuss an "emergency" plan should delays (i.e. traffic, bad weather, etc.) occur.

Please note the campus is not supervised before 8:05 a.m. or after 3:15 p.m. (unless there is a designated school activity previously scheduled).

Student locks: During orientation, new students will receive locks for their quad lockers, which must be provided by the school for security reasons.

Communications

I'd like to invite you to continue to visit our current school website. This will serve as a resource tool for all upcoming events, student/parent handbook, and important reminders. Our main phone number is (415) 435-1468. Our priority is to eliminate classroom interruptions, so it is greatly appreciated if you tell your child about their after-school arrangements before you drop them off in the morning. Email is also a great way to reach the front office.

- Brian Lynch, Principal, at blynch@reedschools.org
- David Sawyer, Assistant Principal, at dsawyer@reedschools.org
- Laurie Kristy, Office Manager, at lkristy@reedschools.org
- Heather Johnson, Office Manager, at hjohnson@reedschools.org

Attendance

Please call the office on the day of your child's absence by 8:00 a.m. (**415-435-1468, Option 4**). This will clear the absence and eliminate the need for a call from the office. We expect students to attend school unless there is an excused absence—for illness, injury or a medical/dental appointment. 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.