

FROM PRINCIPAL BRIAN LYNCH:

I wanted to provide another warm welcome to all new and returning families! The Del Mar Staff is looking forward to a wonderful year and has spent the past few days working together to ensure a positive start to the school year for all students and their families. We look forward to partnering with you over the course of this school year!

Some important dates:

First day of school: Tomorrow, Thursday August 23rd
7/8th grade students pick up schedules on blacktop outside kitchen and gym. Our first day of school begins at 8:20am. Students will go to all classes, including advisory and a school-wide assembly.

Picture Day: Monday, August 27th

Student Planner Distribution: Friday, August 24th
Thanks to the Foundation for Reed Schools, we are providing each student his or her own paper planner. As a faculty, we believe it is important to develop the executive functioning skills of our students and we believe this tool will be in direct service to this work. Please ask your students to share the planner with you and how they plan to use it in support of their academic success. To learn more about the value for our students, please take a few moments to review the following article "Why Use a Planner." [https://myclasstracker.com/blogs/news/why-use-a-planner?ct=\(CT_Newsletter_Jan20181_8_2018_COPY_01\)&mc_cid=71f85ca9d3&mc_eid=fd088a2574](https://myclasstracker.com/blogs/news/why-use-a-planner?ct=(CT_Newsletter_Jan20181_8_2018_COPY_01)&mc_cid=71f85ca9d3&mc_eid=fd088a2574)

Laptop Rollout: Mon., Aug. 27th (8th grade); Tues., Aug. 28th (7th grade); Weds. Aug. 29th (6th grade).
School supplies will be available for all students at this time, if you cannot or choose not to purchase them as a family.

Principal's Coffee: Friday, August 31st
All new-to-Del Mar families are especially invited to join, and returning friends are most welcome. Program includes time to meet and mingle, with brief welcoming address by principal.

Schedule Changes: Last day to request is Monday, August 27th
Student-initiated changes may be requested only under unusual circumstances. Such requests may be made through the third day of the school year. In order to allow class enrollments to be verified and necessary administrative changes to be made, no student-initiated changes will be made during the first day of the school year.

Here's to a great year!

Sincerely,

Brian Lynch
Principal, Del Mar Middle School



FROM DEL MAR PTA SITE CHAIR, TRACY CUNNINGHAM:

Welcome to the 2018-19 School Year!

The Del Mar Parent & Teacher Association has one mission: To enrich the lives of our children and school Community.
As parents of a busy middle schooler, the best way for you to make the most of the brief Del Mar years is to join the PTA and engage. Every level of participation, from a simple family membership to actively helping us raise & save much needed funds, is rewarding and highly valued.

Want to get involved? Great! There are a variety of ways you can support the PTA here at Del Mar:
**JOIN IT! We need Everyone to care about the kids, the teachers, the school and our RUSD
Mission of developing children into their full potential. Every parent can find a meaningful place on
our team!

** Opt-in to pay your annual dues, and make valuable online purchases that support the PTA
here: [https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Reed-Union-School-District-PTA-Program-Items-for-
/McGA](https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Reed-Union-School-District-PTA-Program-Items-for-McGA)

** Sign your child up for nutritious Choice Lunch options here: <http://www.choicelunch.com>

** Attend PTA meetings, which are held the second Thursday of every month at 8:20 in the Del Mar
library. PTA meetings are open to all dues-paying members, and everyone is encouraged to come.
Please mark your calendars now:

September 13th

October 11th

November 8th

December 13th

January 10th

February 14th

March 14th

April 18th

May 9th

** Watch for PTA Communication:

- The District and Del Mar "News Flash" comes via email on Wednesdays and contains everything
you need to know. This is the main communication for all parents, so please watch your email!

- The Del Mar calendar can always be easily viewed

here: <https://www.reedschools.org/Page/14#calendar2003/20180822/month>

As parents & teachers ourselves, we understand the challenges that come with raising middle
schoolers. The PTA provides many opportunities for parents to meet, share stories, laugh and make
a real difference at our school. The Del Mar community is a true treasure, and I wish for all of us to
share the good fortune!

I look forward to seeing you on campus during the coming year. Please contact me with any
questions, feedback, or if you are interested in volunteering.

Warmly,
Tracy

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