



## ISADOR COHEN ELEMENTARY

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*Belinda Bridgewater, Principal*

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Greetings Parents and Guardians,

I want to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year. For those new to the Isador Cohen Family, this is my fourth year as principal. I have been an employee of the district for approximately 19 years, ten years as a classroom teacher, 6 years as an instructional coach and 3 full years as a principal. The staff and I are committed to the education of your child. We are willing partners with you on this journey. This means we are committed to continually examining our practices and policies to ensure that our school community works for all students. We are committed to making sure that every student that comes through our door is known by name.

As we partner together, I would ask for your involvement in our school community. I've come up with some statements that begin with "**We Need You**" to emphasize how important you are to the school community.

**We Need You** to volunteer in the classroom: listen to students read, make bulletin boards, organize papers and help with special projects.

**We Need You** to volunteer around campus: help with beautification projects, coach a sport, facilitate an after school club, monitor students on campus or chaperone at events.

**We Need You** to join our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) to help us fundraise for teacher and student needs that our school budget cannot accommodate.

**We Need You** on our School Site Council to make important decisions that impact our school.

**We Need You** at Back to School Night, Parent Teacher Conferences, Science Nights, Literacy Nights, Open House and Fall Festival.

Important dates and times.

**Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>** – We will host an ice-cream social from **11:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.** Please come and enjoy some delicious ice-cream with staff and teachers. Student classroom assignments will be posted and our before/after school provider will be available to sign students up.

**Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** – First day of school. The staff and I will be ready to receive you and your child at **8:30 a.m.** Breakfast will be served daily from **8:30 a.m. until 8:55 a.m.** For those students not eating breakfast, the gate to the playground

opens daily at **8:45 a.m.** and yard duty supervision begins. Teachers will meet students on the yard. **Our warning bell rings at 8:58 a.m., so please arrive by 8:55 a.m. to allow time for your child to line up. School starts at 9:00 a.m.** Students should not arrive to school prior to 8:30 a.m., as there is **NO** supervision. **Exception:** Students enrolled in our MASTERS morning program.

The regular day school schedule is 9:00 a.m. until 3:07 p.m., except on Thursdays when students are dismissed at 2:07 p.m. for staff professional development. On shortened days we start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. and those days are November 30<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup>, for a total of 14 shortened days. Please be advised that the kindergarten schedule remains the same throughout the school year.

**Kindergarten starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m.**

For safety reasons the playground gate is locked after 9:00 a.m. Students who arrive after 9:00 a.m. must report to the office. Please help your child form good habits by being on time every day. Showing up for school has a huge impact on your child's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as your child grows older and more independent, you play a key role in making sure he/she gets to school safely every day and understands why attendance is so important for success in school and life.

**Dismissal is at 2:07 p.m. on the first day of school.** Teachers will walk students out to the gate. Any students attending the after school program will be met at the classroom door by their after school teacher. If students are not picked up 15 minutes after dismissal, they are taken to the office.

**Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Labor Day, No School

**Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** – Back to School Night, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** – Skate Night at King's Skate from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** – Flag Football League begins

## **FORMS**

You will receive a few forms to fill out at the beginning of the school year. All the forms are very important to the health, safety, education and well-being of your child. Please take a moment to fill them out and return to your child's teacher.

We are looking forward to a successful school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office 916-228-5840.

Respectfully,

Belinda Bridgewater  
Principal, Isador Cohen Elementary School