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Falcon Flyer August 13, 2021

We are excited to welcome students back to campus on Thursday, August 19, 2021. As a reminder, this will be a minimum day for *1st - 6th grade students only*. Please see below for important back-to-school procedures.

Data Confirmation: Please complete the data confirmation process in the parent portal. Simply go to **myiusd.org** to update your contact information. This will ensure we have the most up-to-date information regarding your student. Please see the [attached document](#) for instructions. If you have any questions, please contact the front office at (949) 936-5650. Thank you for your cooperation in this important process.

First Day of School

The first day of school is Thursday, August 19. We will have lots of staff to help you find your way. We love the first day of school just as much as you do! Parents will be allowed to walk students to their classroom lines on the first day before giving a “see you later” wave. We are asking that you limit the amount of time you are on campus before and after school to minimize the number of people. You are welcome to walk your children to class, but we ask that you exit as soon as school starts. We will not be allowing students to play on the equipment before or after school. They will have plenty of time to enjoy the playgrounds during recess. Please plan a spot to meet your child at dismissal. This will help make the pick-up process easier and less stressful for all.

Bell Schedule

Please see the attachment for [Deerfield's Bell Schedule](#).

Health and Safety

Deerfield, along with all of the Irvine Unified School District, will follow the guidelines for schools provided by local and federal health agencies. For update to date district information, visit <https://iusd.org/covid-19-resource-page>. As we begin class on campus this year, here are some important things to note.

Masks: All students and staff will be required to wear masks indoors. Outdoors, the masks are optional, so please discuss how you would like your child(ren) to proceed when outdoors. Disposable masks will be available for those that need them.

Classrooms: We will continue to have air purifiers in classrooms and other indoor workspaces. Hand sanitizer and wipes will be readily available in each classroom and regular hand washing will be encouraged.

Class Assignments

Your child's teacher will be shown on the Parent Portal (myiusd.org) beginning August 18 at 1:00 p.m.

School Lunch

This year, school lunch will be provided free for all students in grades 1-6. There is no need to send money or add money to an account. For students that may qualify for free and reduced lunch, please do complete an application as these are used to provide additional resources that may benefit your child and/or family. The application for free and reduced lunch is [available here](#).

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Adult supervision is provided by Deerfield staff 15 minutes before each start time and until all students have been picked up. Teachers will teach their students procedures for arrival and dismissal for their specific classroom.

Walking and Pedestrians: Upper grade students that walk home should walk straight home when dismissed from school. Please make sure to discuss safety with your child prior to the first day of walking home. When entering or leaving campus, all students and parents must use the sidewalks. Crossing the parking lot is not allowed for safety reasons.

Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards: Per IUSD Board Policy 5140, bicycles are allowed for students in grades 3-6 only.

- All bicycles, scooters, and skateboards must be parked in the bike rack and locked. Students may not share a lock, only one bicycle/scooter/skateboard per lock.
- Helmets **MUST** be worn by all students riding to and from school. Any student that does not wear a helmet will be asked to leave the bike/scooter/skateboard on campus until a helmet is provided and worn home.
- All bikes/scooters/skateboards must be walked on school grounds.
- Children should only ride one per bike or scooter, and all other laws and district policies must be followed.

Driving: Many parents choose to drive their children to school. It is imperative that drivers adhere to the following rules and the following drop-off and pick-up procedures:

- Drivers are asked to respect the handicapped spaces. Do not park in or block them in any way, unless you have the appropriate placard.
- Deerfield has a carpool lane. Cars may **not park** in the carpool lane for **any** length of time. When dropping off your child, please drive forward in the carpool lane before letting your child out of the car. Students must have their backpacks, lunches, and/or instruments ready to exit the car on the passenger side only. For safety, please do not get out of the vehicle or allow students to go to the trunk/hatchback of the car.
- **Please provide ample time for dropping off your child before school to alleviate undue stress for you and your child.**

- The staff parking lot is for school staff only, with the exception of designated visitor and handicap spots.
- As a courtesy to the residents of our surrounding neighborhoods, please be considerate in your driving and parking practices. Please be mindful of your speed, observant of existing signage, and refrain from impeding access to driveways and cross traffic. IPD traffic officers will be present occasionally throughout the year to encourage and reinforce your compliance and safe driving.
- Most importantly, please model kindness and consideration in the parking lot and on campus. Our students are constantly watching and it is our job to set a positive example.