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Falcon Flyer
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It was a great start to school thanks to the cooperation of our family and community. We are so happy to have everyone back together on campus.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

PTA Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, August 28 -
8:00-10:00 am

Back to School Night (virtually): Thursday, September 2

Minimum Day Grades 1-6: Friday, September 3

Labor Day Holiday (No School): Monday, September 6

Back to School Night: Back to School Night will be held via Zoom on Thursday, September 2, 2021. Teachers will send out individual links for their classrooms. TK-3rd grade will zoom from 5:30-6:00. 4th-6th grade will Zoom from 6:10-6:40. Please plan to meet with your child's teacher virtually. The teachers will have a lot of important information to share.

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.

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. Any visitors to the front office must wear face coverings regardless of vaccination status.

School Lunch

Now that we are offering free lunches, the lines have gotten longer. Please be patient with us as we work out the kinks in the service system. One way you can help is to have your child pick the item they want before coming to school. Some of the traffic we had today was students not being able to decide what they wanted. Attached is the August lunch menu for your reference. Menus are always available at <https://iusd.org/business-services/nutrition-services/menus>. Students who bring lunch go straight to the tables and start eating. We ask that you send lunch with them in the morning. If they forget and you have to drop one off, please let them know that it will be in the office at lunchtime.

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.

Students are not allowed to play on the equipment before or after school. We ask that parents also keep young children off the play equipment as well.

Bikes: We love to see so many students and families riding bikes to school and wearing helmets. Just a reminder, bikes must be walked on campus. Please do not start riding until you are on the sidewalk and away from other students. We do not want any accidents to happen.

Driving (Reminder message): 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.

PTA Announcements:

- Please visit our PTA website for membership information and upcoming events.
- For the latest school and PTA updates, follow us on [Instagram](#) and our [PTA Website](#).