



**FAIRFIELD
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DWIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

I am so excited to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year at Dwight Elementary School! This has been a summer full of wonderful family events. My grandson, Benjamin Richard Tanner, was born on July 3 and my daughter, Diana got engaged on August 12th following a fun-filled family vacation to Block Island. I hope the summer provided you with many opportunities to enjoy your friends and family. In addition to personal time this summer, I have been busy getting ready for the first day of school which is just around the corner, and so has our custodial staff, Miss Liz and Mr. Damian. We cannot wait to see each and every one of you!

Our first day of school is **Thursday, August 30, 2018**. **All students will begin at 8:55 AM and will be dismissed at 3:30 PM, including kindergarten students.** There will be a PTA First Day Coffee in the APR at 9:15 AM directly following students' entrance into the building.

Bus service to and from school will begin for all children on the first day of school. The bus routes will be posted on Infinite Campus. Please be aware that the buses are often late the first few days, as the drivers are typically working to become familiar with their routes.

Students who ride the bus will enter the building through the front entrance and walk directly to their classrooms. There is one exception to this on the first two days of school. All kindergarten students will be met by a staff member who will ensure that each kindergartener is brought to their classroom teacher. If you are driving your child, please be sure to use the *student drop-off loop in the back of the school*. Staff members will be at both entrances to greet students and to help them find their classrooms. At the end of the day, all students will be dismissed to their dismissal locations. You must notify your child's teacher ahead of time if there is an alternate plan in place for dismissal. If you plan to pick up your child at dismissal time, please drive up to the back loop and stay in your car. Staff and Safety Patrol will make sure that your child(ren) are safely brought to your car. If you are running late, and see that staff are not present in the back loop, please park your car and come to the front office for pick up.

On the first day of school, we bring all students to the front of the building to take pictures with their classroom teacher. Parents are also welcome to park their cars and walk up to the front office to take pictures of students arriving on the first day. Parents are then invited to come into school for coffee and conversation!

Class placement assignments will be available on Thursday, August 23 on Infinite Campus. Please know that our Dwight team carefully placed each student to ensure a productive positive educational experience! We do not make changes to class lists as any changes at this point can cause classes to be unbalanced.

The three days before school starts are very busy for the teachers and staff. We have several meetings planned, and we ask that you respect this as time for teachers to use to get ready for our students. We will have an opportunity for families to come to school prior to the first day. On Wednesday, August 29, from 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM. New families may come at 11:00 AM. In addition, families are invited to visit and play on the playground at 12:00 PM!

Our Open House will be another opportunity to learn about our initiatives for the upcoming school year as well as a highlight of some of our goals for school improvement. Open House is also your opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn more about your child's grade level curriculum. **Open House will be on September 12, at 6:30 PM** for all grades.

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon!

Most sincerely,
Mimi Maniscalco