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Orchard Elementary
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Dear Orchard Parents and Guardians,

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Hello Orchard! We are in the home stretch, and boy are we ready to welcome back our students to school this week. Here are a few reminders for the start of school!

- **Wednesday, September 1, 2021** is our first day! This is a minimum day; school begins at 8:45 and students will be dismissed at 12:45 PM, there is no lunch for the day. Lunch begins on Thursday, September 2 and the [site to order](#) is up and ready! As a reminder, students are able to bring their own lunches and our cafetorium is not a nut-free environment.
- **Entrance Reminders: Every day, students should arrive at their assigned location by 8:35 AM** to enter the building at the bell. Teachers will greet students outside for the first two weeks of school. Please remember that the playgrounds and basketball courts are closed in the morning. There is no supervision before school, so please time your arrival accordingly. **Any students arriving after 8:45 a.m. must enter through the main entrance for a late pass.**
- **Grade Level Line Up Areas and Entry/Dismissal Doors:** There is a reference map at the end of this letter as well.

Entrances:

- **Kindergarten:** Kindergarten Playground Door (must be a hand-hand drop off)
- **Grade 1:** Door #2 (closest to the amphitheater)
- **Grade 2:** Door #3 (in the corner near the cafeteria extension)
- **Grades 3, 4, and 5:** Students can sit in the amphitheater by grade level and teachers will walk them up to their classroom area.

Dismissals:

- **Kindergarten:** Kindergarten Playground Door (must be a hand-hand pick up)
 - **Grades 1&4:** Door #2 (closest to the amphitheater)
 - **Grades 2&3:** Door #3 (in the corner near the cafeteria extension)
 - **Grade 5:** Main entrance
- **Mask Reminders:** Masks are required for all who enter school buildings at this time. It is recommended that students bring an extra mask with them in the event that the mask they are using breaks or is soiled. **The only permissible face coverings are masks.**
 - **First Day Welcome Back Coffee:** Parents/guardians are invited to join the HSA for a welcome back coffee on Wednesday just after drop off. We will see you in the amphitheater near the cafetorium doors!

We are so excited to see everyone on Wednesday. Please reach out if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

Mary Ferreri, Principal

September/October Dates to Remember

Monday, September 6	Labor Day - Schools Closed
Tuesday, September 7	Rosh Hashanah - Schools Closed
Thursday, September 9	Back-To-School Night - Details to follow!
Tuesday, September 14	Orchard HSA Meeting
Thursday, September 16	Yom Kippur - Schools Closed
Tuesday, September 21	New Family Orientation Night
Wednesday, September 22	School Photo Day
Thursday, September 23	Spirit Day! Wear Orchard gear or yellow/blue. Back to School Picnic - details to follow!

ORCHARD SCHOOL FLOOR PLAN 2021-22



208 3Bo	207 S&L	B.R	B.R	205 4Di	203 Learning Center	202 Learning Center
209 3Sa		Second Floor				201 5Wo
210 3Po		206 4He	204 4Te			200 5Fs

