



2022/2023 Bethune K-8 School

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Hello Parents,

Welcome Back to Bethune K-8 students, parents, and community. I hope you had a wonderful summer break and are ready to begin the 2022-2023 school year. As the new principal at Bethune, I am very excited to start the new school year. The Bethune staff is working hard to prepare for the first day of school, on **Monday, August 29, 2022.**

I look forward to meeting you and the students of Bethune. My goal is to build a partnership with the community and create a safe and nurturing environment for our students. We must focus on their social-emotional and academic needs. It is essential that our students feel valued, safe, and treated with respect. It is essential that parents work collaboratively with the Bethune school staff to better support their child.

We would like to cordially invite students and parents to our **Bethune Meet and Greet** on **Friday, August 26th, from 1 to 3 pm.** Parents and students will have an opportunity to visit the classroom and meet the teacher. This day is the teachers' preparation and classroom setup time. Therefore, you may see teachers in casual attire and the classroom "in progress." This is not a classroom orientation or conference time, but merely time to see the classroom and say Hi to the teacher. Elementary classroom assignments will be posted, and middle school students can pick up their class schedules at the front red gate entrance of the school. Staff will be there to assist you.

Additionally, we will have a short parent meeting with UTK and Kindergarten parents from 1:00 to 1:20 pm in the auditorium, with the principal and the classroom teachers. After the meeting, parents and students will be invited to visit the classrooms.

We look forward to seeing you at our Bethune Meet and Greet.

I also wanted to ensure that all parents are aware of the new school start and end times for the 2022-2023 school year.

Regular Daily Schedule			
Grade	Line Up	Start	End
UTK - K	7:55 am	8:00 am	2:20 pm
Grade 1st - 5th	7:55 am	8:00 am	2:20 pm
Grade 6th - 8th	7:55 am	8:00 am	2:49 pm

Modified Day Schedule			
Grade	Line Up	Start	End
UTK - K	7:55 am	8:00 am	12:15 pm
Grade 1st - 5th	7:55 am	8:00 am	12:20 pm
Grade 6th - 8th	7:55 am	8:00 am	12:50 pm

Additionally, for students in grades 1-8 we will have two gates open: GATE A and GATE B.

GATE A: This gate was used last year and will be used as the car drop off. If you are driving your students, you will drop off at this gate.

GATE B: This gate is next to the cross walk, and will be the pedestrian gate. If you are walking your child to school, they will enter via this gate.

As per the SDUSD health and safety protocols, masks are not mandated but optional when entering the school campus. However, we ask all visitors to sign in to all classrooms they visit on Friday. If you or your child are feeling unwell and/or have flu-like symptoms, we ask families not to attend our Meet and Greet. We want to maintain the highest standards of safety for all our staff, students, parents, and community. Let's keep each other safe!

I am looking forward to a wonderful 2022-2023 school year and working in partnership with you.

Warm Regards,

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