Bay Park Elementary School California Distinguished School



Week Of: November 9, 2020

Monday, November 9, 2020

- Online Book Fair Starts, Click <u>Here</u>
- Student Council Meeting, 2:30–3:00, Zoom

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Bedtime stories for Stingrays, 7:00-7:30, Zoom

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

No School, Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 12, 2020

• Miss Barnes office hours, 5:00-6:00, Zoom

Friday, November 13, 2020

- World Kindness Day
- Student picnic lunch and Zoom with classmates

Upcoming Activities

Nov. 9-22 Online Book Fair.

Nov. 16 School Choice window closes

Nov. 17-20 Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov. 18 PTA Board Meeting, 5:30-6:30

Nov. 22-27 No School, Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 11-13 Virtual Jog-A-Thon

Dec. 17 SAVE THE DATE: BPE Drive-Thru Holiday Cheer Event

Dec. 21-Jan. 1 No School, Winter Break

Reminders

- Contact the school office by emailing Ms. Holly at hgibbard@sandi.net
 or Ms. Maria at mrodriguez8@sandi.net
- New Phone # 619-605-1100

Dear Bay Park Families,

I hope you are all doing well, I sure do miss having a school campus full of the smiling faces of you and all of our stingrays. Please tell them hello and let them know that I think about them each and every day and I can't wait to see them!

As you know, we are busy preparing and planning for the students to return in January for Phase Two. Here is a summary of the information which will help you start thinking about the planning, decisions and arrangements you may need to make for Phase Two of bringing students back to campus.

- First day of students returning to school is currently scheduled to be our first day back from winter break, Monday, January 4.
- Families will have the option to have their child continue online learning and not return to campus. They will participate via a live stream camera.
- Students will attend either a morning or afternoon session (time blocks have not yet been established)
- Closer to the start date, we will send out an electronic form for you select your preference of the morning or afternoon session; list any siblings that attend Bay Park to ensure they are assigned to the same session; list any students that are currently working with a pod/group of students to ensure that they are assigned to the same session; and a place for you to add any information that will help us make informed decisions regarding assigning your child to a morning or afternoon session.

- Students will be on campus Monday through Thursday. On Fridays students will have a quick check-in with their teachers online and will be assigned asynchronous work.
- We have masks for staff and students. Classrooms have desk barriers, air purifiers, hand sanitizer stations and will be disinfected every evening with a fogging system (hydrogen peroxide mixture). Students will be assigned a desk that will not be used during the other session.
- Grab and Go lunches will be available but must be consumed off campus
- Students will be assigned a gate to enter and exit from.
 This will help us keep students socially distanced and will prevent us from having to stagger start and stop times.
- When arriving, TK and Kindergarten students will be met by their teacher at a designated spot on a perimeter sidewalk; 1st-5th graders will walk directly to their classrooms. We will not be having morning openings.
- Teachers in grades TK-3 will walk their students to a designated spot on a perimeter sidewalk at the end of their session.
- It is essential that students be picked up on time. As you know, our school office is very small and we do not have the physical space to keep students 6 feet apart if they have students wait for a late pick-up.
- The YMCA Character Builders 6 to 6 program will not begin operating until Phase Three.
- With the exception of the school office, parents and volunteers will not be permitted on campus.

Information can change at any moment. The information above is a summary of what we have been told as of today. I will keep you informed of any changes/additions as the start date draws closer. I have office hours for Bay Park families next Thursday, November 12 at 5:00 on Zoom. I will be available to answer any questions that you may have and to share any new information.

Thank you to all the students and families that have been joining me for Bedtime Stories for Stingrays. It has been fun going through the big stack of books Miss Natale in the library picked out for me. Our last book, *Picture Day Perfection* was a fun read with a surprise twist at the end. The next time I am on campus I will give it to Miss Natale so that a lucky stingray can check it out of the library. Last Monday I finished reading By the Great Horn Spoon. It was fun reading a chapter a day. I'm really not sure who enjoyed it more, me or the kids! We will start another children's novel soon. The next Bedtime Stories for Stingrays is next Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us if your schedule allows.

We need your help spreading the word about our wonderful school. In a 'normal' school year I would have been finishing up multiple school tours for non-neighborhood families considering enrolling their child at Bay Park through the School Choice program. We would have had close to 200 families tour our school. As you know, in-person tours are not possible at this time due to COVID-19. I have posted a slide deck tour of Bay Park as well as a recording of one of my virtual tours. Please let potential families know about these two virtual tour options. Much appreciated!

Are your kids tired of the books in their house? Every Wednesday Miss Natale is open for drive-through book check out at the Bay Park library. For more information including hours and how to reserve a book see Miss Natale's google site here.

In closing I would like to thank all of you who send me a or a comment on Instagram, it means a lot. I miss the connection to all you, our Bay Park community. It will be wonderful to have children back on the Bay Park campus in January!

Take care and stay healthy,

Leslie Barnes, Principal