



GRAVENSTEIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2011-2012 school year!

The First Day of School is Wednesday, August 24th

Daily Schedules: (Please note the beginning times to avoid being tardy)

Kindergarten ENRICH!	8:25-2:15
Kindergarten Traditional	8:45-1:50
Gravenstein Grades 1 - 5 ENRICH! classrooms	8:25-3:20
Gravenstein Grades 1 - 2 Traditional classes	8:45-2:55
Gravenstein Grades 3-4-5 Traditional classes	8:35-2:45
Hillcrest Middle School - Traditional classes	8:45-3:05
ENRICH! classrooms at Hillcrest	8:30-3:30

You will receive a mailer containing many items that need your special attention as we begin the school year. These items need to be signed and returned at the Hillcrest Orientation Night (at the Middle School) or on the first day of school at Gravenstein. They are listed on the next page.

Orientations:

Mon., Aug. 15th ENRICH! and Traditional program **Kindergarten Lemonade Party** (meet the teacher) at Gravenstein - **2:00 pm**

Tues., Aug. 16th ENRICH! 1st through 5th Grade Program Orientation at Gravenstein - 5:00 pm*

Wed., Aug. 17th 6th ENRICH! and Traditional 6th Grade Orientation at Hillcrest Hall – 4:30 pm

Thurs., Aug. 18th ENRICH! and Traditional Program Grade 7-8 Orientation at Hillcrest Hall - 5:00 pm

*** Kelley Lannon, 1st grade ENRICH! teacher, will not be at the orientation because she will be out of town.**

Orientations at both campuses will begin with the administration, parents, teachers and students coming to the multipurpose room (at Gravenstein) and Hillcrest Hall (at Hillcrest). At Gravenstein, teachers will be introduced and then they will take the students to the classrooms while the parents stay for a few minutes longer in the multipurpose room for general information.

At Hillcrest, all adults and students meet in Hillcrest Hall. Further directions will be given at the time of the orientation.

There are no additional orientations for grades 1-5 at Gravenstein.

Transportation Schedules and Fees

Transportation fees will remain the same for the school year. Bus enrollment forms will be sent home with your child on the first day of school. Send the completed form to the WEST COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AGENCY. The bus clerk for the transportation agency is on duty from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily, and can be reached by calling the Bus Hotline at 206-9988. Bus passes will not be enforced the first two weeks of school.

The information listed below (emergency card, field trip medical information, etc.) needs to be completed and turned in at the orientation for the parent and student to pick up their schedule and receive a locker (for grades 7-8 only).

After-School Sports; Grades Six, Seven, and Eight

Participation in all after school athletic activities is voluntary. Athletes will not be permitted to practice or play until the proper materials have been filed with the school office. Students interested in this program need the following:

- A current physical exam for the 2011-12 school year. It is recommended that this be completed before school starts.
- Proof of current Health/Accident Insurance
- GPA of 2.0 from the previous academic term (for 6th grade sports we look at the last 5th grade report card)

7th and 8th Grade Schedules

7th and 8th grade students will receive their schedules and lockers at the August 18th Orientation Event **only if (or when) the completed paperwork is returned.**

Please fill-out, sign and return the checked forms below (included in the mailer):

- ✓ Verification of Tdap (pertussis) booster immunization for students entering 7th and 8th grade
- ✓ Emergency Card
- ✓ School Family Compact
- ✓ Student Planner Form (4th – 8th grade only)
- ✓ Internet Use Agreement
- ✓ Acknowledgement of Parent or Guardian Annual Rights Notification. - Release of information and medication program (needs 3 signatures if applicable)
- ✓ Field trip medical information
- ✓ Parent Handbook

Additional information included in the mailer:

1. 2011 STAR results and parent information letter
2. Release of Directory Information for 2011-12 school year
3. AHERA Asbestos Inspections
4. 2010-11 Consumer Confidence Report on our water systems

More information is available on our website www.grav.k12.ca.us

Lastly, classroom assignments for grades Kindergarten-Fifth grade will be posted in the glass case by the Gravenstein School multipurpose room door by Friday, Aug. 19, 2010 after 4:30 p.m.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent