



Smiley Elementary School

“Home of the Knights”

Luanna Bamsch, Principal

August 5, 2020

Dear *Smiley Knight* families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at Smiley! I hope you and your loved ones stayed safe and well and enjoyed some fun family times this summer. The first day of school has been moved to **Thursday, August 13, 2020**, due to the necessity to begin the year using Distance Learning (DL). Although school will not be opening in the traditional fashion, our teachers will be working diligently to ensure your child receives the robust education they deserve through the DL model.

Back-to-School Night: *Back-to-School Night* will be held virtually on Thursday, August 20th at 6:00PM. Please mark your calendar! Teachers will send parents the link to their respective meetings. Session 1 will begin at 6:00PM. A second session will begin at 6:45PM for families who have more than one child attending Smiley. This will be the only minimum day scheduled during these first few months of DL.

Important information will continue to be disseminated by both the Redlands Unified School District and Smiley's auto-caller system. In addition, please visit the RUSD website and the Smiley Elementary website for the most up-to-date information and resources regarding DL, meals, socio-emotional health, COVID updates, and safety protocols. Also be certain to scroll down the Twitter feed on our webpage to see the most recent information shared on Twitter, or follow us @SmileyKnights.

Aeries Parent Portal is the student information program through which you can update emergency contacts, check attendance and grades, set communication preferences, and more. To update an Aeries account, go to <http://redlands.asp.aeries.net> and select Parent Portal. If you need access to a computer, one is available to parents in one of our conference rooms at Smiley. Once in-person school resumes, please be reminded that students can only be released during the school day to individuals listed on the Aeries emergency contact list. If someone other than a parent is coming to pick up a child early, please advise the office ahead of time that they have been given permission by said parent.

Student class assignments can be found in Aeries Parent Portal starting today. Classes are subject to change based on enrollment and modified instructional models. The school day begins daily at 8:00AM.

Grab & Go: Our schedule for disseminating Chromebook devices, textbooks, materials, and supplies to each student can be found on the link provided in AERIES or on the Smiley webpage. Please see the map and schedule on the next page for more specific information. We will also be returning some personal items from last year's class during this Grab & Go time.

School Visitors

The Smiley School campus at large is closed to visitors; however, the office is open during regular business hours (7:00AM-4:00PM) daily. For everyone's safety, a face covering and social distancing are required in the office.

We look forward to a great school year working with you and your children.

We are here for your child's success,

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