



MENTONE ELEMENTARY

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Welcome to the 2023 - 2024 School Year!

Dear Families and Guardians,

Welcome to Mentone Elementary School, where we focus on building academic foundations and supporting all children. The staff and I appreciate the opportunity to share your child's educational experience with you. Mentone Elementary is a preschool through 5th-grade campus. Our first day of school will be **August 9th at 8:00 am**, and school will be dismissed at **12:00 pm**. Information about Back to School Night will be announced prior to the new year through the Parent Square Application.

Class Assignments & Communication

Student class assignments will be live in the Aeries Parent Portal (and Application) the Friday prior to the start of the school year. A notice will be sent to all families through Parent Square when class assignments are posted. We highly encourage families to download the Aeries application AND the Parent Square application. These applications provide a tool to communicate with your student's teacher and learn about opportunities at school. Weekly messages are sent to families on Sunday to review the events of the week.

Office Hours: 7:30 am to 5:00 pm

To ensure the safety of our students, access to the campus is through the main office from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please report to the office to sign in and obtain a Visitor's Pass before entering the school grounds. Your photo I.D. will be required at the time of sign in.

Daily Schedule

The daily schedule for all students in Kindergarten thru fifth grade is from 8 am to 2 pm, daily. All Kindergarten classes follow a full day model. Transitional Kindergarten (TK) follows an AM/PM model, and students will meet from approximately 8 am to 12 pm, or 10am to 2pm.

School Spirit Days

Mentone has spirit days on Mondays and Fridays. Every Monday is College and Career Day, where students are encouraged to wear clothing that represents a favorite college or career. Every Friday is Mentone Spirit Day. Mentone colors are Navy/White, and students are encouraged to wear a Mentone shirt or school colors. Shirts are available to purchase at the beginning of the year and half way through the year, throughout Mentone PTA.

PTA

Please consider becoming active in our PTA, a group which supports many programs at our school. Should you be interested, please drop a note by the office and we'll get it to the PTA. All parents, grandparents, students, and family members are welcome.

Playground Supervision 7:45-8:00 am

Playground supervision begins at 7:45. Any students that arrive between 7:30 - 7:45, will be directed to the Cafeteria for Breakfast.

Student Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

The majority of Mentone Elementary students will arrive by car. Students in TK, Kindergarten and 1st grade arrive at the south gate of campus by the Kinder playground and exit from the gate near the Cafeteria. Families with more than one child in the car, may drop students off at the gate where the youngest child from the vehicle should enter. Students in grades 2nd thru 5th, enter through the north parking lot gate. Please be sure to assist in the continual movement of the drop-off lane by having your child ready to exit the vehicle when you come to a complete stop along the curb; you **MAY NOT** park and escort students from this lane. **Should you wish to escort your child to the entrance gate, you must find a parking space.**

- **Please remember to drop off your children prior to 8:00 am. Drop off can be as early at 7:30am.**
All school gates will be locked after 8:00 A.M. morning bell.

Breakfast/Lunch/Supper

All students have the opportunity to have free meals at Mentone. Breakfast is served from 7:30 to 7:55 am. Students will have an additional chance to have breakfast at their morning recess. Lunch is served by grade level, starting at approximately 11am. Supper is available for students after school through our Extended Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP) or ASES program.

Attendance

Student attendance is very important in order to ensure students are learning all grade level content. If your student is going to be absent, we request that you contact the office. Students that are absent three or more days are eligible for independent study. Additional information can be provided when you call the office.

After School Care

Mentone has three separate programs for After School Care. For more information, and instructions to sign up, visit the Mentone Elementary website under Programs.

- **Boys & Girls Club for TK:**
 - AM (Early Bird) Class: Families that are enrolled in the AM transitional Kindergarten, drop students at Mentone at 8 am, and the Boys/Girls Club will transport students from Mentone at approximately 12 pm to the Redlands Boys/Girls Club. Families pick up students directly from the Boys/Girls Club in Redlands by 6 pm.
 - PM (Late Bird) Class: Families that are enrolled in the PM transitional Kindergarten class can have students dropped off at the Boys/Girls Club in Redlands in the morning and the Boys/Girls Club will transport students to Mentone. Students are then dismissed at 2pm from Mentone.
- **Expanded Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP)**
 - The ELOP program is a free program for students in TK - 5th grade. The program is from school dismissal to 5pm daily. Students participate in activities and enrichment opportunities.
 - The ELOP program will also offer additional program days beyond the school year. This includes possible intercession and summer dates. All Mentone students are eligible for the additional program days, not only students who attend ELOP daily. A complete calendar of ELOP program days will be available in August.
- **SOAR / ASES**
 - The ASES program is a free program for students in K - 5th grade. The program is from school dismissal to 6pm daily. Students participate in activities and enrichment opportunities.

The staff at Mentone look forward to an exciting and rewarding school year. Communication about the new school year will occur at the beginning of August. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the office at 909-794-8610. The office is closed from late June to the first of August for summer break, but we will reach out to you when we return.

The QR codes below are for your reference and provide a direct link to information about Mentone Elementary.

Welcome to the Mentone Colt Family!

In Partnership,
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Use the links below to stay connected to student events, grades, school communication, teacher contacts, and more!

Mentone Elementary
Website



Redlands Unified
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After School Programs
at Mentone



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