



Smiley Elementary School

“Home of the Knights”

Danita Slaughter, Principal

August 3, 2021

Dear Smiley Knight Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Smiley! I hope you and your loved ones stayed safe and well and enjoyed some fun family times this summer. I am very pleased to personally welcome each of you to Smiley Elementary School and look forward to meeting all of you in person. The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 11, 2021 and is a full day**, except for TK and AM/PM Kindergarten. Class assignments for grades 1-5 will be available on the parent portal site Tuesday, August 10, 2021 after 4PM and will be posted on office windows.

Daily Schedule

Our school day begins at 8:00AM and ends at 2:05PM for students in grades 1-5. Two of our Kindergarten classes are full day Kindergarten with arrival and dismissal times mirroring grades 1-5. The Transitional Kindergarten class and the early bird/late bird Kindergarten class will follow this schedule: Early session begins at 8:00AM and ends at 11:47AM; late session begins at 9:50AM and ends at 2:00PM. Additional Kindergarten and TK information, including an orientation schedule, will be mailed to you at the beginning of August.

Student Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Pick up and drop off takes place along the yellow curb on San Mateo Street, as well as in the Loading Zone on Cypress Avenue, just in front of the office. You may also drop students off in the morning along the curb inside the main parking lot on Cypress. Parents/guardians must follow California pedestrian laws and Redlands City parking regulations when dropping off and picking up students. *Double parking* and *jaywalking* on any of the streets bordering our school is strictly prohibited by law, with Redlands Police regularly enforcing city parking and pedestrian laws. The City provides us with a crossing guard at the intersection of San Mateo and Cypress for your safety. Parents will be allowed to walk their child to the classroom on the first day of school. Thereafter, students will enter the campus gates on their own as we always have a secure campus limiting adult access. **Parents will be allowed to walk their child to the classroom on the first day of school only. After you drop off your student, please exit campus. No loitering in the hallways. Classroom doors will close promptly at 8AM.** Thereafter, students will enter the campus gates on their own as we have a secure campus limiting adult access at all times. P A Smiley staff member will be available to help younger students get used to finding their classroom the first week of school.

Back-to-School Night-Minimum Day:

Back-to-School Night will be held in person on Thursday, August 19th at 6:00PM. We will gather outside for important site information, then you will be dismissed to attend your student's classroom. There will be two sessions. Session 1 will begin at 6:20PM. A second session will begin at 6:45PM for families who have more than one child attending Smiley. Masks will be required when entering any school building. Please mark your calendar and we hope to see you there!

Communication:

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

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and the Smiley Elementary website for the most up-to-date information and resources regarding 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:

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. Please remember 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.

Class Placement:

Student class assignments can be found in Aeries Parent Portal starting Tuesday, August 10, 2021 after 4PM.

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. **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 time of sign in.**

Meals:

Smiley Elementary School is proud to partner with the RUSD Nutrition Department in announcing that all elementary schools will have free meals provided to every single student on campus. This qualification translates into all *Smiley Knights* being eligible to receive breakfast and/or lunch each day, free of charge. Breakfast is served daily from 7:30AM to 7:55AM. As part of the CEP program, it is essential that **every family complete the Educational Benefit Form** included in your child's Aeries portal. Please take time to complete and sign this form. I want to thank you in advance for your assistance in helping us reach this goal.

Survey QR Code:



Before and After School Day Care

These services are not provided by the school; however, the Redlands YMCA provides after school day care on our campus daily. For more information, please call (909) 792-0555.

We are extremely excited for the 2021-2022 school year to be underway. We have an enthusiastic and dedicated group of teachers at Smiley School. Our expectations for student behavior and academic performance are high *we expect each child to work to his or her personal best at all times!* It is important that we work together this year for your child's success. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher through the school office. Thank you for your time and support! 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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