

July 20, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2020-2021 Spring Grove School year. The staff at Spring Grove School are committed to providing the best academic program during these uncertain times. As you receive this letter, please understand that the state and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidelines continue to change. As the guidelines for schools' change, Spring Grove will continue to keep you informed. Our website is a great place to get up to date information as well at www.ncjUSD.org. We will begin with our hybrid program and ROAR, but we hope to bring students back on campus for longer days as soon as possible.

School will begin on Thursday, August 13th. You should receive your student's teacher assignment by August 11th, as well as the most current guidelines to follow. You will also be able to look on powerschool on August 12th. Students who are entering 7th and 8th grade may pick up their class schedule on Wednesday, August 12th between 2-4 p.m. in the school office. Assigning students to classes is always a difficult task. The objective is to establish balanced classes that provide heterogeneous grouping. Spring Grove School has an excellent staff and I am confident that your student's current placement will meet his/her educational needs. **Please be advised that there may be some class changes made after school begins due to fluctuations in enrollment.**

Included in this letter you will find a recommended school supply list. It would be very helpful if your student came to school with their supplies on the 1st day of school. **AVID Binders will be required for all 1st-8th graders at a great cost savings to you. Please purchase the binder with the enclosed form.**

Please be sure that your student is to school on time 8:00 a.m. for the AM class or 12:00 for the PM class. **There is no supervision before 7:50 a.m. or 11:50 a.m. (No student drop off before these times).**

BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAM: All students may purchase their breakfast/lunch at school. It is best to put money on the student's account so that students are not paying on a daily basis. **Applications for free or reduced breakfast/lunch are included in this packet. Please put all students in the family on one application only. Please return the applications no later than August 30th. Families must reapply for free or reduced lunch each year.**

DRESS CODE: Please be advised that we have a school dress code that is always enforced. Students are to come to school in closed toed shoes. Sleeveless tops are to be at least 2 inches in width at the shoulders. (Students' backs must be covered up.) Undergarments are not to be visible. Pants, shorts, and shirts are not to be loose or baggy. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be longer than the student's fingertips. Students may not wear clothing that have holes in them. You will find the complete list of dress code requirements in the **Student/Parent Handbook**.

CELL PHONES: Students may not use cell phones or any other personal devices with texting, social media, or phones during the school day. They are to be turned off and placed in the students' backpacks before entering our campus. They may not be used until after the students have been dismissed for the day! And outside of campus.

TK, Kindergarten students: Please read the TK/K parent information provided and plan to attend the TK/K Meet and Greet on August 12th. You will receive a specific schedule time for your visit.

Bus Transportation: Bus transportation is provided to in district students only. **All new and returning bus riders must sign up in the school office between August 3rd and August 12th.** Students must be signed up through the school office to ride the bus on a daily basis. All students must be at the designated bus stop 5 minutes before the bus arrives, lined up, ready to board the bus. Students must follow all bus rules. TK/Kindergarten students must be accompanied by an adult to and from the bus stop. The bus driver will not release your TK/kindergarten students to another person without written permission. TK/Kindergarten children not met at a bus stop by an adult will be taken back to school. It will then be the responsibility of the parent to pick up the student. If you have any questions regarding transportation, please call 637-3745 ext. 200.

Parking and Student Drop Off: As you know parking is always a concern for us, as is the safety of the students. Please follow these guidelines. The roads can get very congested.

Parking Lot A: (Next to the bus drop off in front of the gym.) This parking lot is reserved for PreK/TK/kindergarten and 1st grade parents to **park and escort** their children to class. Please follow the directions of the staff assisting in the parking lot.

Parking Lot B: (In front of the school office/drop off and parking) This parking lot has 2 lanes for dropping off and picking up your students. Please watch the staff on duty and follow their directions. It is very important that we keep the flow of traffic moving. During drop off, please have your student ready to get out of the car as soon as you pull up to the curb. If your students are not out on time after school, we will ask you to drive around and get back in line for the pickup or park and wait. You may also park in the lot and walk across to pick up your student.

If you park across the street, be courteous to our neighbors. You will need to walk across the street to the school to pick up your student. We will NOT allow students to walk across Spring Grove Road without a parent.

Our staff is eager for the year to start and to have students back on campus. We know that the new guidelines will take some getting used to, but together we can do it.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on August 13th.

Sincerely,

Jenny Bernosky, Superintendent/Principal

Every day, every child, whatever it takes!