



WOODCREST NEWS

A Newsletter of Woodcrest Elementary School

September 2019



Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! We are excited to reach new goals this year and see our students continue in their leadership journey. Our mission statement declares that “Woodcrest Elementary is creating compassionate and conscientious leaders and learners, every person, every day.” Every student, every employee is seen as a leader and a learner and is encouraged to develop their skills whether in academics, social settings, instruction, or other areas.

One of our goals is to maintain clear communication with families and to provide you with many opportunities to be involved and engaged with our school community. You can stay informed through our website (woodcrest.riversideunified.org), our Facebook page, Class Dojo, Peachjar, and School Messenger phone calls and emails. To ensure that you don't miss out on important information, please make sure you have a current email address and phone number on file with the office. See the article on the back of this newsletter for information about signing up for the RUSD Parent Portal.

Keeping Traffic Flowing Safely

In order to improve traffic flow and maintain student safety, please follow these dismissal procedures.



- ◆ Parents who walk onto campus to pick up their students and walk them off campus (to a parked car or to their house) wait for their students in the Parent Waiting Area by the flagpole and the benches around the tree directly in front of the school office. First grade students will be able to see their parents in that waiting area from behind the fence where they wait with their teachers.
- ◆ Second through sixth grade students will exit the middle gate and walk over to meet their parents in the Parent Waiting Area. Students who don't see their parents in the waiting area will sit down on the grass and wait for their parents to walk over to get them.
- ◆ Students whose parents are driving through the loading and unloading zone (yellow curb) will wait along the outside of the fence. They will be watching for their car to arrive and will be ready to get in as soon as it pulls up. Staff members along the sidewalk will assist by asking drivers which students they are picking up and radioing over to the student waiting area to have students sent to the car if the student is not already walking toward the car.
- ◆ TK and K students are still dismissed from the MPR. If you are leaving your car to go get your TK/K student, please park in a marked parking spot in our lot or park on the street near school. The yellow zone is for loading and unloading quickly to keep traffic moving in off of Washington.
- ◆ Please do not ask your child to cross Washington or Krameria anywhere except at a crosswalk. It is extremely dangerous as well as illegal. Let's model safe pedestrian practices for all our students.

Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe and being good traffic neighbors in our community.

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Each new school year brings opportunities for academic growth and growth in all areas of development. Although children must be knowledgeable when they graduate, they must also be healthy, engaged, responsible, and caring people.

Leader in Me provides Woodcrest with the vision and language to lead the school in a way that addresses all areas of development. As each child discovers and develops his or her unique gifts and talents, they are given opportunities to lead. As leaders, they become active, engaged partners in their own education and their self-confidence, responsibility, and initiative grows. The children quickly understand the benefits of different gifts and talents; they learn to listen to new ideas, work together to achieve results, and motivate one another to be the best.

Watch for information about Parent and Family workshops this year that will provide you with the skills and tools needed to support the 7 Habits of the Leader in Me at home. You may also enjoy having a copy of the book, [The 7 Habits of Happy Kids](#), which uses stories in a picture book to help students understand and apply each of the habits in everyday situations.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Our PTA is actively involved in providing our students with enriching activities, experiences, and events! Through their fundraising and volunteer efforts, they make it possible for our students to go on field trips, bring fun and educational assemblies to school, expand the technology available in class, and more! Please consider joining this wonderful group of parents and teachers. Each membership is only \$7 for the year.



You can join the PTA and find out more about it at the PTA website,



(Like us on Facebook at:
[Facebook.com/WoodcrestRUSD](https://www.facebook.com/WoodcrestRUSD))

Parent Portal

In order to best serve our parent community, the school district provides a "Parent Portal" where you can access your child's school information. Through this portal, you can view your child's attendance and current teacher, correct or update your address and contact information, and more!



To get to the RUSD Parent Portal, simply click on the link in the picture above or go to the Parent tab at riversideunified.org and click on Aeries Web Parent Portal. You will get to a point in the process where you are asked for a verification code. Just call the school office at 951-776-4122 for this code. For security reasons, it is unique to each individual student. Our office staff will be happy to assist you with this.

If you need help with this process, or have limited computer access at home, please come to the school office where we will be happy to provide you with access to a computer and assistance in signing up.

Coming Events

- Sept. 2 Labor Day Holiday
- Sept. 4 PTA Volunteer Tea, 8:30 in the MPR
- Sept. 5 "Family Dine Out" Restaurant Night @ Panda Express (all day)
- Sept. 10 Noche Familiar, 5:30-7:30 pm, MPR
- Sept. 12 School Picture Day!
- Sept. 16 PTA Meeting, 3:00 in the MPR
- Sept. 19 Boosterthon Fun Run Fundraiser Kick Off
- Sept. 21 RUSD Family Engagement Summit @ Poly High School, 8:00-1:30
- Sept. 27 PTA Movie Night @ 7:00 pm



Check out our school website at
<http://woodcrest.riversideunified.org/>