

August 2017

Dear Romero-Cruz Elementary Students and Families:

On behalf of Lydia Romero-Cruz Elementary School staff, I would like to welcome you to the 2017/18 school year. As we begin a new school year, we are eager to provide authentic, meaningful learning experiences to all students, as we prepare them for a college or career of their choice. Our teachers and staff are committed to equip our young learners with the 21st Century skills necessary to experience success and be able to compete in a global economy.

As many of you know, our school has been relocated to the state-of-the-art Russ Ford building in the Spurgeon campus at 2701 W. Fifth Street in Santa Ana. I am delighted to inform you that our new facilities are ready and equipped to receive our students on the first day of instruction, Monday, August 14, 2017. To better serve our students and families during this transition, the District has committed to providing transportation to incoming fourth and fifth grade students who, for the next two years, would have been attending Romero-Cruz Elementary at its old location, 1512 W. Santa Ana Blvd. For your convenience, the bus schedule has been posted on our website at <https://www.sausd.us/romerocruz>.

This year, we are proud to announce the launching of our new dual-language immersion program beginning with extended-day Kindergarten and first grade classes. The program will grow each year, as students advance to the next grade level until reaching eight grade. The dual-language immersion program provides an additional educational choice for our students and families.

Our current fourth and fifth grade students will continue to participate in our regular academic program and second-year implementation of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Elementary. AVID Elementary philosophy, trainings, strategies, and resources are grounded in the idea that students can develop a growth mindset, and it is through the growth mindset that students succeed in fulfilling their dreams and goals. AVID Elementary provides an explicit focus on high expectations, academic rigor, and the development of a college-going school culture. AVID strategies improve the academic performance of all students based on the belief that academic rigor is both, expected and attainable. As we approach the beginning of the 2016/17 school year, we look forward to sharing with students and families the wealth of resources AVID Elementary has to offer.

As we get close to the beginning of the new school year, we ask that you please review the information below:

Regular Attendance

Public schools' research indicates that students who are committed to attending school regularly (daily) are more likely to experience success and reach their academic goals. Please make sure that your son/daughter attends school regularly and on time. In order to support our families with students attending various SAUSD schools, we will be serving breakfast daily from 7:30 – 8:20 AM. Please remember that breakfast and lunch are available to all SAUSD students at no cost.

Positive School Climate

Romero-Cruz Elementary students and staff are active participants in the Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Program. Everyone works together in creating and maintaining a safe, nurturing

learning environment. At the beginning of the school year, teachers will deliver explicit instruction/lessons to communicate schoolwide academic and behavioral expectations for all students.

School/Parent Partnership

Parent involvement is key to student success. At Romero-Cruz Elementary, we value and encourage parent participation in classroom activities, fieldtrips, school events, parent meetings, and parent classes and workshops offered through the year. Also, we invite all parents to become active members of our Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO). The role of the PTO is to support school-related activities and events designed to enhance the learning experience for all students (field trips, family night, student showcases and performances).

School Uniform

Students are required to wear the school uniform: solid red, white, or navy blue collared shirt and navy blue or kaki pants, shorts, skirt or jumper. Please note that leggings are not permitted and jeans are only allowed on Fridays along with Spirit wear.

School Day Schedules

Please review the information below regarding the first day of school and our bell schedules for the upcoming school year:

First Day of School - Monday, August 14, 2017

- Students may arrive to school as early as 7:30 AM
- Students using District transportation will be picked-up from Romero-Cruz’ old location at 7:50 AM and arrive to the Russ Ford building (the new location) at approximately 8:10 AM. Breakfast will be served until 8:25 AM
- Breakfast and lunch are available to all students at no cost
- School day begins at 8:25 AM for Kindergarten students and 8:30 AM for students in grades 1, 4, and 5
- Student dismissal time is 155 PM:20 PM for Kindergarten students, 2:46 PM for Grade 1 students, and 2:55 PM for students in grades 4 and 5

2017/18 Bell Schedule

Extended Day - Kindergarten

Regular Day		Modified Day	
8:25-10:10	All Students Instruction	8:25-10:10	All Students Instruction
10:10-10:30	Recess	10:10-10:30	Recess
10:30-11:35	All Students Instruction	10:30-11:35	All Students Instruction
11:35-12:20	Lunch	11:35-12:20	Lunch
12:20-1:55	All Students Instruction	12:20-1:31	All Students Instruction
1:55	Dismissal	1:31	Dismissal

Grade 1

Regular Day		Modified Day	
8:30-10:10	Instruction	8:30-10:10	Instruction
10:10-10:30	Recess	10:10-10:30	Recess
10:30-11:35	Instruction	10:30-11:35	Instruction
11:35-12:20	Lunch	11:35-12:20	Lunch
12:20-1:30	Instruction	12:20-1:31	Instruction
1:30-1:40	Recess	1:31	Dismissal
1:40-2:46	Instruction		
2:46	Dismissal		

Grade 4 and 5

Regular Day		Modified Day	
8:30-10:30	Instruction	8:30 -10:30	Instruction
10:30 -10:50	Recess	10:30-10:50	Recess
10:50-12:30	Instruction	10:50-12:00	Instruction
12:30-1:15	Lunch	12:00-12:45	Lunch
1:15-2:55	Instruction	12:45-1:50	Instruction
2:55	Dismissal	1:50	Dismissal

Class Rosters

Class rosters including teacher and room number will be posted on the school's entry gate on Friday, August 11, 2017 after 4:30 PM.

With the commitment of the Romero-Cruz Elementary staff and your participation, we can support and enhance learning for all students. Please contact us at 714/564-8000 with any questions you may have. We look forward to a successful 2017/18 school year.

Sincerely,

Erica Graves
Principal