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ANTHONY ELEMENTARY SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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GGUSD VISION & MISSION

Vision:

"We are committed to preparing all students to be successful and responsible citizens who contribute and thrive in a diverse society."

Mission:

"To ensure student success, we will provide a rigorous and supportive academic experience that motivates all learners to meet high expectations."

SAVE THESE DATES:

September 7—8:30 a.m.
PTO Meeting

September 12—6:00 p.m.
Back-to-School Night

September 26 — 4:00-6:00
Skate Night

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! I am very excited to be returning to Anthony Elementary School as your principal, and I would like to welcome everyone back for another exciting year of learning. For those families new to Anthony, I wish you a very warm welcome! I hope each of you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer vacation.

As the school year begins, I am looking forward to building a relationship between home and school. Research shows that communicating and working together is the best way to support student growth and academic achievement. While we are sending home this first newsletter in paper format, in the future we will make an effort to be more efficient and communicate electronically. Please note the following electronic resources are available to ensure families receive timely school information:

- The Anthony Pride Monthly Parent E-Newsletter—sent each month via PeachJar.
- School website: GGUSD.us / select Anthony Elementary School
- Twitter@AnthonyBears—Follow us on Twitter for fun updates and photos
- PeachJar—Subscribe to PeachJar.com to receive school flyers direct to your email.

We have many fun and exciting activities planned for the year, so please be sure to utilize these important communication resources. You don't want to miss out on the fun! I invite you to participate in your child's education and look forward to working with you.

Mrs. Perez

Monthly Newsletter: I am pleased to introduce the Anthony Pride Newsletter. You will be receiving a newsletter every month electronically through PeachJar.com. If you have not already done so, please be sure to sign up for this important school communication tool.

2018/2019 SCHOOL SCHEDULE

OFFICE HOURS: 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Transitional Kindergarten through Sixth Grade Schedule:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

8:10 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

EVERY WEDNESDAY: 8:10 a.m.—1:40 p.m.

Parent-Conference Minimum Day Schedule:

8:10 a.m.—1:10 p.m.

Last Day of School 8:10 a.m.—12:20 p.m.

Morning Arrival: School begins at 8:10 for all students. Breakfast begins at 7:40 a.m. Playground supervision begins at 7:55 a.m. Students should not enter the grounds or be dropped off before that time unless they are having breakfast at school. Students arriving late must check in with the office for a tardy slip.

Anthony School Handbook:

Please support your child by discussing the district rules and policies with your child. Our goal is to create a safe environment for ALL students here at Anthony Elementary. The Anthony School Handbook will be distributed to students at our discipline assembly on August 30th for students to bring home and review with you.

DATA

CONFIRMATION & STUDENT FORMS:

For all returning students, please login to Parent Portal and complete the online data confirmation process by updating the required *Student Emergency and Information forms*. It is extremely important that every student has up-to-date emergency forms. These forms are used by the office in the event of illness or emergency. For students new to the district or if you have not yet signed up for a Parent Portal account, please contact the school office for assistance at (714) 663-6104.

Remember to update the office throughout the school year if any information on your child's emergency card changes. *Only those listed on the emergency card will be able to pick up your child. They must provide a photo I.D.*

PEACHJAR

Electronic Flyers by Peachjar:

Our school has launched a new communication tool called "Peachjar." School-approved flyers will now be sent to you electronically and posted on the school website. Simply click flyers you receive via email or click the Peachjar button on our homepage.

This "green" initiative will save our school tons of paper and reduce copy costs by thousands of dollars. On top of that, posting school flyers in this electronic backpack removes a significant administrative burden from teachers, office staff, and volunteers.

Attendance & Absence Verification

If your child is absent from school, please call the office at (714) 663-6104 on the morning of the absence. ***When returning from an absence, we ask that you, please, send a note from a parent or guardian stating the date and the reason for the absence if you did not call and report the absence.*** We ask parents to schedule medical appointments after school when possible. Children should not miss school unless absolutely necessary. We want our students to be successful learners and it is very important to be in school to achieve their full learning potential. Children who arrive to school after 8:10 need to go to the office to receive a tardy slip. Students who have a note from a court, doctor, or dentist will receive an **excused tardy**, if they bring the note to the office. Again, please, try and schedule appointments before and after school.

Closed Campus:

As a reminder, before, during and after school Anthony is a closed campus to provide a safe school environment and campus for our students. Our staff needs your assistance with creating a safe campus. We are asking that students be **dropped off at the designated "gate entrance" (by the Parking Lot) and enter the school grounds independently.** The Anthony staff is asking for parents and relatives to wait outside of the school entrance **before, during, and after school. The gate entrance will open at 7:55 and close at 8:10 a.m. for students to enter the school campus, and the gate will remain locked until dismissal at 2:30 p.m. (1:40 p.m. minimum days).** A closed campus does not mean that you are not welcome at Anthony Elementary School, but we are asking for ALL visitors to come through the office, sign-in, and get a badge **first** before entering the school campus. All visitors on campus are required to wear a visitor's badge. This will allow our teachers and staff to monitor who is coming and going more closely. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

FRIDAY FLAG DECK:

Families are invited to join us each and every Friday for our morning Flag Deck Ceremony at 8:10 a.m. Stop by and join us for coffee and tea! It's a great way to start the day!

Medications Taken at school:

If your child is required to take medication at school, a medication form, signed by your child's doctor, must be on file in the health office. *A new form must be completed each year.*

Parent Teacher Organization –PTO

Please become an active member of our PTO. The PTO is a group of parents that helps to provide special programs and events for your children, but it cannot function without the help of many parents. Please see the calendar for meeting times and dates. **We're counting on you!**

School Site Council:

Our school has two committees in which elected parents have the opportunity to work with the principal, teachers and school staff and provide input on how our school operates. The following committees involve writing, implementing, and evaluating our school's educational plan.

The *School Site Council* has the opportunity to develop the school budget and school plan in collaboration with school staff members. At least annually, the council must revise and recommend the plan, including proposed expenditures of all funds allocated to the school.

The English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) assist parents in becoming informed about the district's master plan, programs, and services for English learners. ELAC meetings are open to the public and all parents are encouraged to attend. The ELAC advises the School Site Council (SSC), the principal, and staff on topics relating to English learners.

If you are interested in serving on either or both of these committees, please fill out the attached nomination form (also available via PeachJar.com) by Friday, September 7th. I hope many of you will consider participating. The committees will meet three to four times a year at 8:30 am on Fridays.

Lunch Information:

A very important part of helping your child to be successful in school is making sure that he or she has a nutritious breakfast and lunch each day. Breakfast is sold daily for \$1.25 and lunch is \$2.00. To ensure your child has lunch money, please choose one of the following options to pay for lunch. Many parents prepay for meals, which will credit your child's meal account by sending a check, cash, or paying online at <https://family.titank12.com>. If you need to bring cash or check to the office, please do so by 9:00 am. *If paying by check, please include your child's name, account number, and room number on the check.* Make checks payable to Garden Grove Unified School District.

Free meals are provided for those children who qualify. *Please complete and return the Application for Free Meals if you think your family may qualify for the program.*

Applications are available online at GGUSD.US and on Parent Portal. *Please note that "new" students submitting an application will be charged the full meal price until an application is processed and approved. It takes approximately 10 school days to process and approve an application.*

Parents wishing to drop off lunch for their child may do so by placing the lunch on the cart located in the front office. Please clearly write your child's name on his/her lunch and let them know to retrieve it at recess or lunch. ***Please drop off lunches by 11:00 to ensure your child receives their lunch.***

COMING SOON AT ANTHONY SCHOOL:

October 5 — 8:30 a.m. PTO Meeting

October 9 — Picture Day

October 19 — Progress Reports Sent Home

October 22-26 — Red Ribbon Week

October 27 — 6:00-8:00 p.m. Movie Night

October 31 — 8:10 a.m. Costume Parade

