



Monthly Newsletter:

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

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2021-2022 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 an 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.

As the school year begins, I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school and helping our students and families adjust to a more normal school year. The past year has been challenging for everyone. As we begin the new year, one of our main priorities will be to ensure our students feel safe, happy, and cared for in school. We will also continue our focus on campus cleaning and sanitizing to protect the health of our students, families, and staff. We will also continue to focus on communicating with parents, because we believe that communication and working together is the best way to support student growth and academic achievement. Please check ParentSquare for the Anthony Pride Monthly E-Newsletter.

Electronic resources:

- The Anthony Pride Monthly Parent E-Newsletter – sent each month via ParentSquare
- School website: GGUSD.us / select Anthony Elementary School

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

School News

2021/2022 SCHOOL SCHEDULE

OFFICE HOURS 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Kindergarten through Sixth Grade Schedule Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	8:10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
EVERY WEDNESDAY 8:10 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.	8:10 a.m. - 1:40 p.m.
Parent-Conference Minimum Day Schedule 8:10 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.	8:10 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.
Last Day of School 8:10 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	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.

Campus Safety

The safety of our students, families, and staff is our first priority at Anthony. During the Covid-19 pandemic we have worked to follow all State and Orange County Department of Public Health Guidelines and will continue to do so. Nothing is more important than the safety of our school community. We will continue our rigorous cleaning and sanitizing protocols. Social distancing will be required during breakfast and lunch service, and

students will sanitize each time they enter and leave the classrooms. If you have any questions regarding our cleaning, sanitizing, and safety protocols, please call the school office.

Mask Guidelines

The current guidelines require all students to wear a mask while indoors. Masks may be removed when outside during recess, lunch, and during arrival and dismissal.

If Your Child is Sick

Please keep your child home from school if they have any symptoms that include: cough, runny nose/congestion, fever, headache, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, and/or loss of taste/smell. Call the office to advise of the absence.

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, guardian, or doctor 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. on Wednesdays).** A closed campus does not mean that you are not welcome at Anthony Elementary School. Please contact the school office for information about visiting the campus. Please note, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all visitors must be vaccinated and wear a mask. In addition, all visitors 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!

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.*

Annual Information



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.*

Anthony School Handbook:

Please support your child by reviewing and discussing the contents of the handbook. Our goal is to create a safe environment for ALL students here at Anthony Elementary. ***The Anthony School Handbook*** will be discussed with students during the first week of school and is available for parent review on the Parent Portal. Please discuss the ***Anthony School Handbook*** with your child.

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 and lunch are free to all students this year thanks to a State grant. Please note that breakfast is served daily 7:40-8:00 a.m.

Students that do not wish to eat the school provided lunch may bring a lunch from home. **Parents wishing to drop off lunch for their child** must go to the front office. Please clearly write your child's name on his/her lunch and let them know to retrieve it before lunch. ***Please drop off lunches by 10:50 to ensure your child receives their lunch.***

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 contact the school office by phone or email by Friday, September 3rd. I hope many of you will consider participating. The committees will meet three to four times a year at 8:30 am on Fridays.

FRIDAY FLAG DECK:

To ensure the safety for all students, our Friday Flag Deck assemblies will be closed to parents as we begin the school year. We always love having our parents attend Friday Flag Deck; however, with the rise in community Covid-19 cases, we are taking extra safety precautions. Please know that once the situation improves, we will reopen for parents to attend our Friday Flag Decks.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

8/25 - 6:00-7:00 pm Back-to-School Night

9/3 - 8:30 am PTO Meeting

9/6 - Labor Day Holiday - No School

GGUSD VISION STATEMENT:

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

GGUSD MISSION STATEMENT:

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

2021/2022 SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

During the school closure, office hours will be 7:30-4:00 by appointment due to limited staff. Please call (714) 663-6104 for assistance

TK/KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SIXTH GRADE SCHEDULE:

Grade level instructional schedules are posted on Parent Square.

COMING SOON AT ANTHONY SCHOOL:

9/3 - 8:30 PTO Meeting

9/6 - Labor Day Holiday - No School

9/28 - Picture Day

10/8 - Progress Reports Sent Home

10/25-29 - Red Ribbon Week