

Steele Elementary August 2023 Newsletter

Principal Corner

Welcome to the new school year! August is a time for building relationships, setting expectations, learning and practicing routines, and engaging our students in their academic work. Students will be focusing on how to be SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE at school, our PBIS core values.

Steele will be focusing on our Character Traits if the Month. August being Safety. Our first Student of the Month Awards will go to students who showed outstanding Safety in the month of August. Our assembly will also include a presentation for the 5th grade class. Join us Friday, September 1st at 8am for our first Student of the Month Assembly.

I want to invite our families to volunteer as a way to build a strong school community and a stronger educational experience for your child. Please contact Selina Heald our New Student & Family Support Liaison if you are interested in volunteering. Email Selina. Heald@tusd1.org or phone 731-6822

We would also like to invite you to join our Site Council and Family Engagement Teams. Site Council and Family Engagement are a commitment of one meeting per Quarter, this is a very valuable place to share your ideas and feedback on the work we are doing at Steele.

If your are interested in joining our Site Council please email Ms. Zittlosen Brianna.Zittlosen@tusd1.org.

If your are interested in joining our Family Engagement Team please email Selina. Heald@tusd1.org

TUSD has a revised Code of Conduct please take a moment to review: https://tusd1-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/r/personal/jessica_harris_tusd1_org/Documents/Desktop/student-code-of-conduct-202307-en.pdf?csf=1&web=1&e=lcZzyl

Please reach out if you have any question about how the new Code of Conduct impacts our elementary students and our Steele community.

Jessica.Harris@tusd1.org or 731-6800

I look forward to an amazing year at Steele!

Upcoming Events and Holidays

Wednesday, August 2nd 5-6pm—Meet the Teacher

Thursday, August 3rd 1st Day of School

Saturday, August 19th 9-10am Pancakes with Parents

Tuesday, August 22nd 5:30-7:00: Title 1 Parent Meeting /Code of Conduct Presentation Open House

Wednesday, August 23rd— TUSD Professional Learning Day—No School

Friday, September 1st 8am Student of the Month Assembly & 5th grade performance

Monday, September 4th Labor Day—No School

September 20-22nd Parent Teacher Conferences, 11am dismissal

October 6th 1st Quarter Grading Day— No School

October 9-13th Fall Break No School

News You Can Use!

Fall Conferences

Make sure to schedule a **Family Fall Conferences** with your child's teacher to connect regarding their academic and social emotional development.

Drop off/Pick Up Safety

Please remember to follow the drop off and pick up protocols in place.

Students may be dropped off at **7:15am**.

Parents wanting to drop and go use the Sarnoff drive through and do not have students exit your cars until they have reached the loading zone by the adults. If you would like to walk your child in, you may park in the Kenyon lot and walk your child to the doors or inside.

Please DO NOT use the Kenyon parking lot as a drop off spot OR the handicap spot on the east end of the lot for a drop off spot.

Student & Family Support Liaison

New this year is our full time Student and Family Support Liaison Ms. Selina Heald. Her role will be to build strong connections between school and families, connect families to resources and help Steele build a well rounded experiences for our students at Steele. Email Selina. Heald@tusd1.org or phone 731-6822

Notes From the Counselor

We are excited to two announce that we have two Counselor at Steele. Ms. Emily McDuffie and Ms. Donna Lambert. This year they will be working with students in weekly counseling class lessons, small groups to learn and practice social and emotional skills, and individually as needed. During August we are focusing on the character trait of the month, **Safety** while we continued to learn and practice the **Zones Of Regulation** that we use to understand our emotions. If you have any questions or are looking for extra resources for your child, you can be in touch with them via e-mail Donna.Lambert@tusd1.org phone 731-6848 Emily.McDuffie@tusd1.org phone 731-6847



Zones of Regulation Resources:

<https://birdspeech.weebly.com/the-zones-of-regulation.html>

Notes From the Health Office

The best mitigation against the spread of colds and viruses is keeping your child home when they are sick. Please make sure to call the office when your child if your child out of school.



Frequent handwashing and students and staff staying home when sick, are the mitigation efforts we work on at school.