

# TK Parent Orientation & Back to School Night

Teamwork makes  
the dream work!



Welcome  
to TK!

Where the  
adventure begins!

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# Our Daily Schedule

Our daily schedule includes:

- Opening – attendance, flag, calendar, weather, music and movement
- P.L.A.Y – (Playful Learning All Year) our pathway to increasing the learning, engagements, and independence of our students, particularly in our math and literacy centers.
- Choice Time – child-initiated play with a social emotional focus
- Learning Centers – small group learning with an academic focus of the day and fine motor skills development through:
  - Language Arts –phonemic awareness, literature, poetry, rhyming, letters, sounds,
  - Mathematics and Number Awareness – whole and small group instruction
  - Science: Life-Cycles, Weather, Earth Science, to name a few!
  - Social Science: Holidays, Presidents, Community, world history, and more!
- Snack and Recess Story Time – Read aloud stories
- P.E. – once each week (with P.E. teacher)
- Closing – remembering our learning for the day, passing out papers, good-byes





# Daily Attendance

Consistent attendance is essential for student success.

AM TK= 8:00 am - 11:21 am

PM TK = 11:24 am - 2:45 pm

On ALL EARLY days, the PM TK class will come from 8:00 am-11:21 am with the AM TK class.

Please have your child at school and on time each day.

If your child is going to be more than five minutes late, please stop by the office first and get a late slip.

If you need to take your child out of school early for the day, please stop by the office and sign him/her out at the office before coming to the classroom.

Please notify your child's teacher (in writing) if your child will be going home with someone else for the day.



\*TK does not participate in early release Thursdays.

# Student Absences



- When your child is absent, please call the office (916) 294-9110 to notify them.
- If you know you'll be out of town for 5 or more school days, we can arrange for Independent Study work to be sent home with your child. The minimum days missed must be 5 for Independent Study. Please notify the office and your child's teacher **AT LEAST 10 DAYS** in advance. Your child's teacher will prepare an Independent Study so your child will get credit for days absent. The principal will sign off on an Independent Study once your request is received and the teacher has prepared the work.

# Drop-off & Pick-Up

- Please park your car on the street or in the upper parking lot by the multipurpose room and walk your child to and from their classroom.
- Please direct your child to line up on the line in front of his/her classroom and wait respectfully for the teacher to welcome them.
- We kindly ask for parents to wait behind the black wrought iron fence while waiting for teachers to welcome and/or dismiss students from class.
- At dismissal, please look for your child to come to the door. Teachers will make eye contact with adults to make sure you see your child coming out of the classroom.
- For safety and in consideration of others, please make sure children are not running up and down the dirt hills or the stairs before and after class. Thank you.

\*Please allow plenty of extra time and patience for parking, especially with construction.



# Drop-off & Pick-Up Continued



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# What to Bring



\*We encourage your child to be more independent as the year progresses to be responsible for their belongings.

- Each day, students need to bring the following:
- Backpacks are useful for T-K! If you plan to purchase a new one, please make sure it can hold a 9x12 Wednesday Folder. For safety reasons, please do *not* send in a backpack with wheels.
  - Snack: Students will need to have a nutritious and easy-to-eat snack sent to school each day. Snack ideas include fruits/veggies, applesauce, yogurts, cheese and crackers, trail mix, etc.
    - Please send any utensils needed for your child to eat his/her snack (disposable spoons, etc.)
    - NO GUM OR CANDY AT ANYTIME – PLEASE.
    - If your child has ANY allergies, please see your child's teacher ASAP.
    - For the safety of all students, please do not send any nut products for snack until further notice.
  - Water Bottle filled with water only and labeled with your child's name on it.
  - Please leave all toys at home, unless it is your child's day for show and tell.



# Dress to learn



- It's fun to get crafty in TK, so remember that we paint, glue, and play **ACTIVELY** each day in whatever we're wearing to school.
- Tennis shoes are preferable footwear each day, for safety reasons. All shoes and sandals must be worn with socks, and sandals **MUST** have a strap around the heel. We never wear shoes with heels to school.
- Please label all coats, jackets, backpacks, and sweaters with your child's name. If it comes off their body, please label it.
- Encourage young ladies to wear "playground shorts" under dresses or skirts for active play and sitting on the carpet.
- Every Friday is Blanche Sprentz **SPIRIT DAY**. Students are encouraged to wear red, our school color, or a Blanche Sprentz t-shirt. Look for order forms to come home.

\*Wear **RED** on Fridays for Blanche Sprentz spirit days!

# Physical Education



\*Students will also get outside play/recess each day, weather permitting.

- Students will participate in P.E. for one half-hour session each week with our school's PE teacher (days to be determined).
- Please be sure your child wears clothing and shoes that are appropriate for P.E. on those days.
- **Water bottles** and **sunscreen** are important, especially while it is still hot at the beginning of the year.
- If health reasons require your child to be excused for a session, please send a note to the teacher that day.
- If your child will need extended time off from P.E., please send a doctor's note indicating the request.

# Restrooms



- Students need to be *independent* while using the bathroom.
- Please ensure that your child is able to undress, wipe, flush, dress, and wash their hands independently.
- Pull-ups are not allowed in TK.
- Restrooms are located inside our TK building.
- Students will be monitored in groups or individually to and from the restroom by a teacher or a certified adult.
- Accidents happen. Many children appreciate having a backup pair of clothes in their backpack for emergencies. Underwear, shorts/pants, socks are all appreciated.
- PLEASE HELP US BY MAKING SURE YOUR CHILD USES THE RESTROOM BEFORE COMING TO SCHOOL. Thank you!



# Birthdays



- We love celebrating your children turning 5!
- If you would like to send something special in to honor your child's birthday with his/her class, please consider a non-food treat (an eraser, stickers, or a cool pencil) or a whole-class treat that is individually prepackaged and NUT-FREE snack like fruit snacks, goldfish, rice crispy treats, etc.
- When sending in individual treats, please plan for 24 children.
- Birthday invitations for private parties are never distributed at school unless you plan on inviting the whole class. Thank you!



# Parent & Teacher Communication



Communication is KEY to the success of your children, and we love to keep you in the loop.

We are both on your child's team! Plan on the following for communication:

- EMAIL: We will use email as a primary source of getting information to you.
  - Monthly Newsletters
  - Shorter emails as needed
  - Please feel free to email us as well.
- CLASS DOJO APP: Please download the Class Dojo App. We will set up the class list and activate this communication tool soon.
- WEDNESDAY PAPERS: All school news and paperwork will come home on Wednesdays. Please read through all the papers and have your child return any forms as needed.
- Arrival and dismissal are typically very busy, so if you need to speak with us at school, pick up is preferred once all children have been dismissed.
- Blanche Sprentz PTO is on Facebook and Instagram. We recommend liking their page for reminders and information.

\*Hand written notes are also helpful if you send it in with your child.

# Class Donations

- We are ever so grateful for items you can contribute to our classrooms.
- If you'd like to donate something to our classroom, please see our Wish List items posted outside the classroom.
- We will occasionally email a WISH LIST or post-its near the front door indicating what we need for the classroom.
- Thank you in advance for your generosity and contribution. 😊





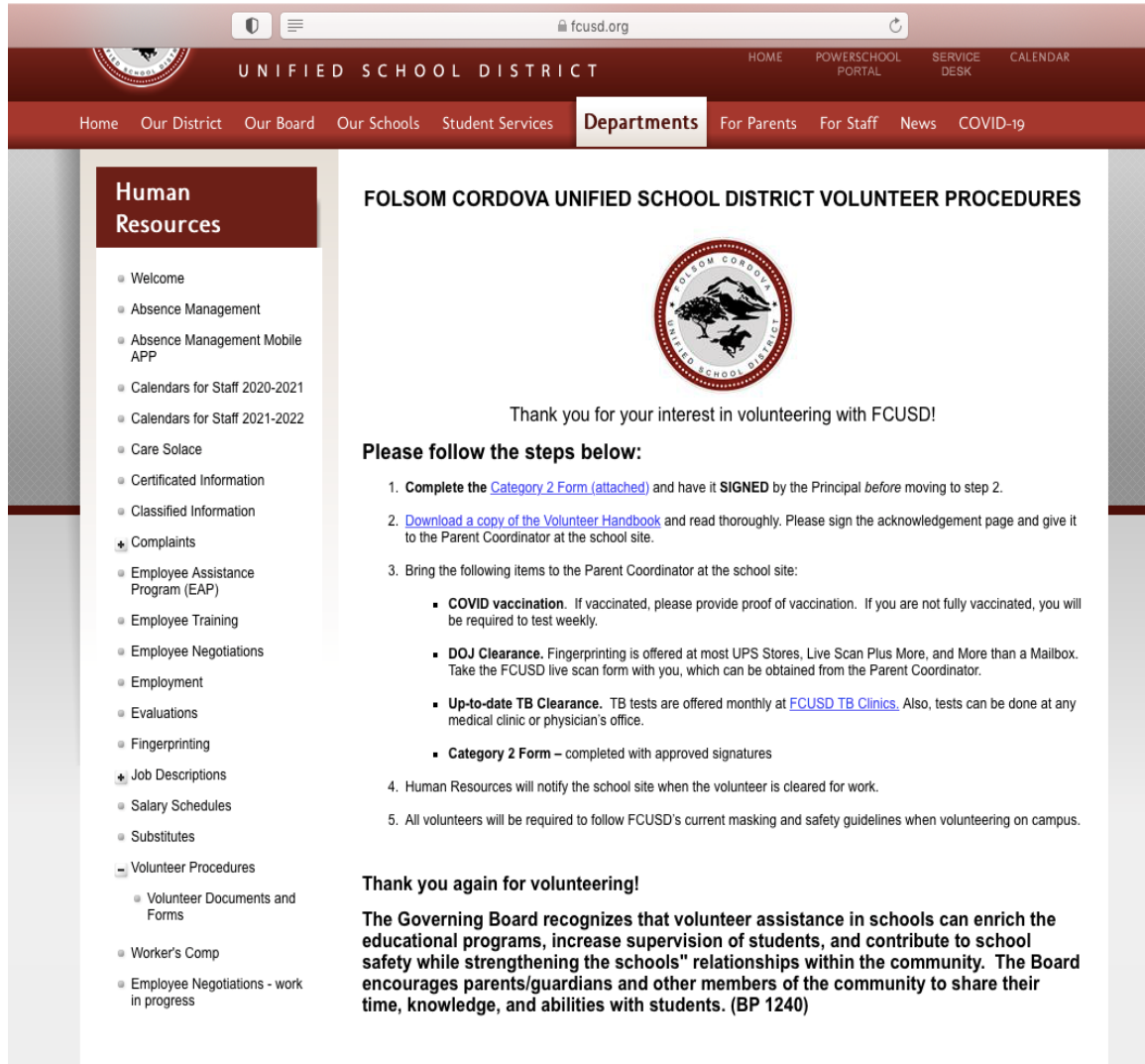
# Volunteers

- We *love* having parent/grandparent volunteers in the classroom!
- If you are able to volunteer a half hour once a week or every other week, even once a month, please contact our front office to complete your paperwork:
  - Completed packet
  - TB Test
  - Fingerprints
  - Current Covid Requirements
- We will also have some Volunteer Packets in our class on Monday at story time.
- If you are interested in being a Room Parent, please email your teacher.

Thank you in advance!



# Volunteers Continued



The screenshot shows the FCUSD website with the 'Departments' menu selected. The left sidebar lists 'Human Resources' with a sub-link for 'Volunteer Procedures'. The main content area is titled 'FOLSOM CORDOVA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT VOLUNTEER PROCEDURES' and includes the district seal, a thank-you message, and a list of steps for volunteering.


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**Human Resources**

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- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
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- Employee Negotiations
- Employment
- Evaluations
- Fingerprinting
- Job Descriptions
- Salary Schedules
- Substitutes
- Volunteer Procedures**
  - Volunteer Documents and Forms
- Worker's Comp
- Employee Negotiations - work in progress

**FOLSOM CORDOVA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT VOLUNTEER PROCEDURES**



Thank you for your interest in volunteering with FCUSD!

**Please follow the steps below:**

1. **Complete the [Category 2 Form \(attached\)](#)** and have it **SIGNED** by the Principal *before* moving to step 2.
2. **[Download a copy of the Volunteer Handbook](#)** and read thoroughly. Please sign the acknowledgement page and give it to the Parent Coordinator at the school site.
3. Bring the following items to the Parent Coordinator at the school site:
  - **COVID vaccination.** If vaccinated, please provide proof of vaccination. If you are not fully vaccinated, you will be required to test weekly.
  - **DOJ Clearance.** Fingerprinting is offered at most UPS Stores, Live Scan Plus More, and More than a Mailbox. Take the FCUSD live scan form with you, which can be obtained from the Parent Coordinator.
  - **Up-to-date TB Clearance.** TB tests are offered monthly at [FCUSD TB Clinics](#). Also, tests can be done at any medical clinic or physician's office.
  - **Category 2 Form** – completed with approved signatures
4. Human Resources will notify the school site when the volunteer is cleared for work.
5. All volunteers will be required to follow FCUSD's current masking and safety guidelines when volunteering on campus.

**Thank you again for volunteering!**

**The Governing Board recognizes that volunteer assistance in schools can enrich the educational programs, increase supervision of students, and contribute to school safety while strengthening the schools' relationships within the community. The Board encourages parents/guardians and other members of the community to share their time, knowledge, and abilities with students. (BP 1240)**

- The steps for volunteering are also listed on the districts website.
- Click on Departments, then Human Resources, and towards the bottom is a link labeled Volunteer Procedures.

# Health Office

- Nurse: Rhonda Franks, [rfranks@fcusd.org](mailto:rfranks@fcusd.org)
- Health Assistant: Sheila Ayers, [sayers@fcusd.org](mailto:sayers@fcusd.org)
- Vaccinations: All vaccinations must be current to start school in August
- Medications: Complete medication at school form. Prescription medications require a MD signature. Return form and medication in original container to health office.
- Oral Health: Form in registration packet, return form by May 2023.
- CHDP Physicals: Form in registration packet, return form upon completion of 5yo physical exam with MD.
- Mandated Screenings: Your child will have their hearing and vision screened in kindergarten. If you wish to waive these screenings, please notify the health office in writing.



Please keep the health office informed of any changes in health or medications.



# Behavior Expectations



- The first few weeks of school we focus on teaching, modeling, and working on good manners, listening skills, classroom routines and school rules. All students are expected to be polite, respectful, and kind to others.
- Every child has the right to learn in a comfortable and safe environment, and our expectations for all children reflect this belief.
- We utilize the GREEN/YELLOW/RED management system to help your children stay on track during the school day.
  - All students will start every school day with a green happy face.
  - A yellow thinking face is given if your child has needed a gentle reminder.
  - A red sad face is given if behavior continues after the reminder. This is intended to help your child stop the behavior and think about his/her actions. A red face may be followed up with a call, email or note home if the behavior is not corrected.
  - We always strive to give opportunities to change behavior and earn a green face back.

# Our Teaching Philosophy



A child's work is play. We try to enhance that play, but never replace it! Flexibility is built into our day so that we can capitalize on "teachable" moments.

- Learning how to learn and how to question are important during the preschool years.
- Transitional Kindergarteners learn by doing, playing, talking, listening, and modeling others.
- In our class we expose our young learners to all of these and more.

Lastly, please know that we feel honored to spend our days with your children and we do not take our job lightly. We will take excellent care of your child as we will have a wonderful year full of learning and fun together!

Please take some time to read through this again. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask/contact us.

Thank you for all you do to support our efforts to ensure a comfortable and safe environment for all Transitional Kindergarteners at Blanche Sprentz.



Here's to a  
wonderful year!

Aimee Peterson and  
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