

BACK TO SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



AUGUST DATES

08/10

FAMILY WORKDAY 10-1

08/12

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

08/13

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

5:30

08/15

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

5:30

STUDENT EVENTS

08/16- ASSEMBLY

08/23- ROTATIONS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to another exciting school year! My name is Karissa Feierabend, and I am the Director at Redwood Prep. I am so grateful to serve another year as Director. I appreciate our close-knit community, innovative spirit, exceptional students, families, and staff. For our new families joining us this year, welcome to the Wolf Pack. I am so excited to get to know you and your child(ren)!

As we embark on this new journey together, we want to reaffirm our commitment to fostering a nurturing and enriching learning environment that aligns with our core values:

- **Academic Excellence:** We strive to provide a curriculum that empowers students to reach their full potential.
- **Social Responsibility:** We cultivate responsible, compassionate, and engaged citizens who contribute positively to their community.
- **Shared Leadership:** We believe in the power of collaboration, encourage students to take ownership of their learning and development, and welcome parent participation and feedback.
- **Well-Rounded Child:** We support our students' holistic growth by offering various extracurricular activities, programs, and social-emotional instruction.
- **Community Involvement:** We foster strong partnerships with families and the community to create a supportive learning environment.

Grandparents in Action

Grandparents play an invaluable role in a child's life, and their involvement significantly enhances our school's environment. We are lucky to have a wonderful group of grandparents who volunteer their time in various ways. If you are a grandparent or know a grandparent interested in joining this fantastic group, please attend their first meeting on September 3rd at 9:00 AM in the CGT (multipurpose room). Please check in at the front office.

Parent Council

Parents are encouraged to attend Parent Council meetings on the first Thursday of the month. The first meeting will be on September 5th at 5:30, in person and on Zoom. Parent Council is a time for parents to give feedback, participate in the shared leadership process, and plan special events. I will send out more information as the meeting gets closer.

We eagerly await a fantastic year of learning, growth, and collaboration. Your partnership is not just important; it's essential to our success. Together, we can make this year memorable and successful.

Sincerely,

Karissa

SCHEDULE



BELL SCHEDULE

MONDAY-THURSDAY

TK: 8:00-1:00

K: 8:00-2:00

1ST-8TH: 8:00-3:15

FRIDAY- ALL

8:00-12:30

OFFICE HOURS

M-TH 7:30-4:00

FRIDAY- 7:30-1:00

INFO: SECRETARY@REDWOODPREP.ORG



AFTERSCHOOL

MONDAY-THURSDAY

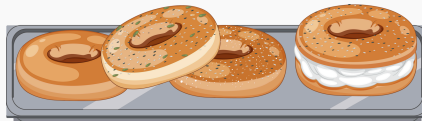
TK: 1:00-6:00

K: 2:00-6:00

1ST-6TH: 3:15-6:00

FRIDAY- 12:30-5:30

INFO: MHOLT@REDWOODPREP.ORG



BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

BREAKFAST: 7:15-7:50

MONDAY-THURSDAY LUNCH:

TK: 11:00

K-2: 11:30

3-5: 12:00

6-8: 12:30

TK AND K STUDENTS MAY BE WALKED INTO BREAKFAST BY THEIR PARENTS DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL.

*FRIDAY LUNCH- SEE YOUR CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER TO FIND OUT WHEN YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH IS.



DROP OFF AND PICK-UP



Drop Off

- Please remain in your car when you drop your kids off. We will greet you at the curb starting at 7:30.
- TK, K, and new students may be walked to class during the first week of school.

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Pick-Up

- Please remain in your car, and we will call the kids to meet you at the curb (1st-8th).
- Please be aware of student safety by following the crossing guard's directions, staying off your cell phone, and keeping the crosswalk clear.
- Parking is **not** permitted along Ross Hill Road.
- The church graciously lets us use their parking lot at pick-up, which is extremely helpful during dismissal. If you park at the church, please do not park in the red. **You must park in a parking space.** Please follow the rules so we can continue to use their parking area.

Thank you for following the guidelines and making drop-off and pick-up a streamlined process.

REMIN APP



Teachers will use Remind to communicate with families instead of personal devices. You can create an online Remind account or download the app. Be on the lookout for an invitation from your child's teacher!



ATTENDANCE Q AND A

Q: What is Average Daily Attendance (ADA), and why is it important?

A: ADA is how schools generate our revenue. When students do not attend school, we lose our ADA. Independent study is crucial because it allows the school to recoup our funding.

Q: What happens if a student is frequently absent or tardy?

A: Unexcused absences could trigger a SARB referral.

Education Code Section 48263—If any minor in any district of a county is a habitual truant, or is irregular in attendance at school, as defined in this article, or is habitually insubordinate or disorderly during attendance at school, the pupil may be referred to a School Attendance Review Board.

Q: Whom do I notify when my child will be absent?

A: Please call Becky in the front office. Becky will let the classroom teacher know.

Q: How do tardies impact students?

A: When students are late, they miss out on morning meetings, which are an important part of building classroom community. Being late is disruptive to the classroom environment and does not promote positive habits. The CA Ed Code states that a student missing 30 minutes of instruction three times in a school year is considered to be truant.

Q: Should our family go on vacation during the school year?

A: The school strongly suggests that family vacations are planned around breaks in instruction so that independent studies can be used for illness and emergencies. However, if you do plan a family vacation, please give the classroom teacher plenty of notice so they can adequately prepare an independent study packet.

Q: Why does regular attendance matter?

A: Research shows that students who attend regularly also achieve higher levels of achievement in reading, math, and general knowledge. Students who attend regularly also have lower dropout rates than students with irregular attendance. The bottom line is that regular attendance is best for student success. If you are facing barriers to regular attendance, please do not hesitate to reach out.