



R. D. White Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! I am honored to be the new principal of R. D. White Elementary School. Having been a part of the R. D. White Family for three years as the assistant principal has been one of the greatest times in my career, and I look forward to continuing the tradition of excellence in the coming years. This year marks my 19th year in the Glendale Unified School District.

Our theme this year is "*Learning Today for a Better Tomorrow.*" I will be sharing this theme with our students throughout the year, encouraging them to make every day exceptional as our future is created based on the choices we make every day.

R. D. White staff members and I are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. Therefore, a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. Together we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that she/he:

- Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready to learn
- Completes all classwork and homework assignments given by teachers
- Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of her/his school life
- Informs you if she/he needs additional support in any area or subject
- Knows that you expect her/him to succeed in school

Orientation:

Families new to R.D. White will be provided with a "New Family" orientation on **Friday, August 17, 2018 at 9:00am** in the auditorium. Families will be provided with basic information about R.D. White's procedures and programs. New Family orientation is specifically for 1st-5th grade families.

Kindergarten Orientation will take place on **Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 11:00am** in the auditorium. This is an opportunity for you and your child to meet your child's teacher and receive a brief overview about what to expect the first few days of kindergarten as well as learn more about R.D. White Elementary.

First day of school:

The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 22, 2018**. School will begin at **8:05am** for all students in kindergarten through 5th grade. Please plan to arrive early on the first day of school to avoid traffic. Class lists will be posted in various locations on the playground. Please refer to the attached map for class roster locations and classroom lines. During the first three days of school, we allow parents to join students on the playground and help them find their room numbers and designated line-up areas. This is a good way to help your child become familiar with the school. Beginning **Monday, August 27, 2018**, we ask that you drop off your children at the Everett or Geneva gates and not enter campus for safety reasons.

You are all invited to a "Welcome Back Coffee" on the first day of school, **Wednesday, August 22, 2018**. This will take place on the lunch benches immediately after the start of school, when students are in classrooms, and will be an opportunity to meet, greet, and visit with other R. D White parents. Parent leaders from R. D. White's PTA and Foundation will also be on hand to share information about programs and opportunities in which you can become involved. There are many ways you can participate in school. Volunteering to work in the classroom, chaperoning field trips, becoming a member of our PTA/Foundation, and assisting with extra-curricular activities are just a few things that you can do to make a difference.

Dismissal:

Students will be dismissed by grade level on the front lawn. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays: Kindergarten is dismissed at **1:10pm**; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades will be dismissed at **2:15pm**; 4th & 5th grades will be dismissed at **2:31pm**. Wednesdays are Banking days and students are dismissed earlier. On Wednesdays, Kindergarten will be dismissed at **1:10pm**, 1st-3rd grade will be dismissed at **1:15pm**, and 4th & 5th grade will be dismissed at **1:30pm**. Refer to the attached map for classroom dismissal locations. **The first day of school is on a Wednesday, a banking day!**

Please be sure to read the information regarding our morning drop off and after school pick up procedures. It is critical that you read and understand our process. We truly believe that the safety of our children is the responsibility of each one of us. In addition, consider joining us in the Mustang Valet on either Everett or Geneva Street. You can pick up a yellow safety vest from the pedestrian gate and help open car doors. The Mustang Valet is possible through parent volunteers. Drop off your children and join us on either Everett or Geneva Streets. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers that help make the Mustang Valet a success.

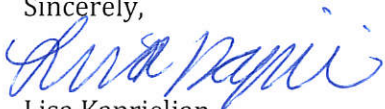
Additional Information:

- There is no school on Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.
- Back to School Night will be on Thursday, September 13, 2018. Thursday, September 13th is also a minimum day. Students in Kindergarten will be dismissed at 12:15. Students in 1st-5th grade will be dismissed at 12:25pm.
- Our PTA Welcome Back Family Picnic is scheduled for Friday, September 21st.
- Please reference our school website at www.rdwelementary.com for additional information. A parent handbook will not be sent home. All of the information from the parent handbook is available on the school website, along with our school calendar.
- Every Friday is spirit day. Students can show their school spirit by wearing their favorite R.D. White shirt or purple, our school color.
- Every Sunday evening you will receive an automated call, along with an email, with the week's events.
- If you would like to update your contact information, update emergency contacts, electronically sign Parent/Student handbook forms, then sign up for Parent Connection.
 - Go to parent.gusd.net (no www.) Click on the "Need Login Information" link if you have not logged in before.
 - An email with your temporary pin and temporary password will be generated.
 - Once logged in, click "Annual Student Information Update" in the top right corner.

I look forward to seeing you on August 22nd and throughout the school year.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer!

Sincerely,



Lisa Kaprielian
Principal