

SHIP'S LOG

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



I hope this newsletter finds everyone relaxed, refreshed, and most importantly, ready for a new school year. For some of you this means only a change in grade, for others it means a new school, or even a new home in a new town. Parents, this newsletter will give you all the information you need for your child to begin the school year. The dates and times for schedule pick up, school picture information, and parent meetings are listed below.

THIS WILL BE THE ONLY NEWSLETTER THAT WE MAIL HOME. All other newsletter will be posted on our website at www.anchorbay.misd.net and will be updated approximately every six weeks. You may also pick up a copy in the office at anytime. If you have any questions, please never hesitate to call the school. My staff is more than happy to help you. Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

IMPORTEATE DATES

- 8/26 Schedule Pick-up and Walk thru
8:00 – 3:00
School Pictures 8:00 – 3:00
- 8/27 Schedule Pick-up and Walk thru
4:00 – 7:00
School Pictures 4:00 – 7:00
- 8/27 New Parent Orientation
Auditorium – 7:00
- 9/08 First Day of School
½ day for students - 7:55-11:25
- 9/16 Curriculum Night
Parents only – 6:15 – 8:00

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school is September 8. This will be a half day for students; dismissal is at 11:25

START AND END TIMES

7:55 – 2:52 FULL DAY
7:55 – 11:25 HALF DAY

NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

There will be a new parent orientation on August 27 @ 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. This orientation is for parents who are new to our building. PARENTS ONLY PLEASE.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Your child's school picture will be taken when they pick up their class schedule on Aug. 26 or 27. All students will need to have their picture taken even if they do not purchase a portrait package. This photo is used for the school yearbook and school I.D. The cost of the school picture packet DOES NOT include a school yearbook. Yearbooks are provided by a different company and they are sold in the spring. If you are unable to pick your child's schedule up on August 25 or 26, they will have their picture taken on picture re-take day, to be scheduled in Sept/Oct.

CURRICULUM NIGHT

On September 16th you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers. You may pick up a copy of your child's schedule and the evening's agenda at 6:15 p.m., with the program beginning at 6:30 p.m. We ask that you be on time so that you may experience the complete program. **THIS IS NOT A PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE**, but an opportunity to meet the teachers to discuss classroom rules and curriculum. Space is limited so we are requesting that parents only attend this meeting.

DRESS CODE

Guidelines shall prohibit student dress or grooming practices which:

- Present a hazard to the health or safety to himself/herself or to others in the school
- Interfere with schoolwork, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program
- Cause excessive wear or damage to school property
- Prevent the student from achieving his/her educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement

A few examples of inappropriate attire include:

- Bare midriff or backless tops (you should not be able to see belly buttons or any skin on your stomach or back)
- Short shorts, short skirts
- Profane, negative or obscene writing or pictures
- Shirts or jeans with cuts or holes
- Hats (no head cover), sunglasses
- Coats or jackets designed for outerwear
- Tank tops or transparent tops (shirts must have sleeves completely covering the outside point of the shoulders). No low cut or revealing dress or tops revealing cleavage.
- Clothing that has reference to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, gangs, or illegal activities may not be worn
- Clothing of appropriate size and worn in proper locations – no sagging of the pants. Pants should not drag on the floor; a belt is recommended. Cuffs should be no wider than 8 inches
- Wallet chains, spiked jewelry, or other dangerous accessories.
- Visible tattoos, excessive writing on the skin (no face painting)
- Shoes, sandals, or boots must be worn at all times
- Breakaway clothing, snap pants, pajamas

Student dress and grooming should be clean and in good taste.

MAGAZINE SALE

This is our major fundraiser for the school year. Please help support our school and encourage your child to participate. Additional information to follow.

STUDENT HANDBOOKS

At the beginning of the year, all students will receive a black handbook. There is a parent signature page for you to sign stating that you have read and reviewed this handbook with your child. Please have your child return this signature page to his/her homeroom teacher.

BACKPACKS/BOOK BAGS

Backpacks with metal frames or wheels are not allowed. They do not fit in our school lockers and all backpacks must be kept in a locker during the school day. Every student will be assigned their own locker.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks will be issued during the first week of school. Students are asked to look through their assigned books for any damage and initial the condition of the book. This prevents your child from being fined for previous damage to the book when it is collected at the end of the semester/year. **PARENTS: IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED YOU CHECK THE CONDITION OF EACH BOOK.**

DROP OFF/PICK UP

If you drive your child to or from school you will need to drive to the back of the school building and use the drop off/pick up loop. Your help with this is appreciated. **DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF AT THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING. THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING IS FOR BUS DROP OFF ONLY.**

BUS INFORMATION

Bus schedules will be printed in the Bay Voice prior to the first week of school. It is very important your child knows their bus number, where the bus will pick them up in the morning, and where the bus will drop them off in the afternoon. All students have been told how important it is to ride the bus to school on the first day. We have approximately 16 buses that service our 550 students. Without your child riding the morning bus, they have no way of knowing what bus to ride home in the afternoon. Students need to check their bus number when boarding in the morning.