# PAINTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Hello Soaring Eagle students and families of Painter Elementary School,

For those of you I have yet to be acquainted with, I am Mr. Manluco, your school principal. I am extremely excited to continue the work and develop the foundation that our team built upon last year in supporting the return to school with our Painter community for our Standard English Program and the Vietnamese Immersion Program. Last year was a year of learning with our new normal, while expanding programs such as after school sports, strategic intervention, dance, STEM opportunities with Science from Scientists and Challenge Island, and in developing interactive virtual and streetside performances within the restrictions of COVID19 protocol.

I am looking forward to kicking off another year with you all and I will do my best to make sure that your needs and priorities come first. It is my intent to commit to the priorities of the school plan that our School Site Council of teachers, staff, parents, and community members developed last spring. With that plan, we will continue to address the needs of all Painter community members, focus on quality instructional practices, and ensure a commitment to community safety to face the challenges of our era.

This year will be my 16th year as a K-12 educator. My work experience includes teaching 6th grade to 12th grade, adult school, teaching graduate university courses for science teachers, and consulting local tech companies on their own instructional design and training programs. Additionally, I have a proud history of coaching full season middle school and high school wrestling at the Division A level of the Blossom Valley Athletic League (BVAL). This upcoming year, I continue my learning as your principal and doctoral candidate in the Doctor of Education program at Santa Clara University. My research interests center around English language learning and primary household language development to improve outcomes for multigenerational immigrant families in STEM learning.

As an administrator, I have supported many programs including the AVID college prep elective, MESA (Math Engineering and Science Achievement), year-round athletics, PBL (Project Based Learning), STEAM focused on science learning, and PBIS (Positive Behavior Supports and Intervention) among many other roles. It is my hope to continue to use this experience to collaborate and engage with all staff and community to enhance the excellent programs here at Painter in collaboration with our amazing teaching staff!

I look forward to continuing the work to serve your children this 2022-2023 school year. I will be updating our back to school site here in the coming weeks to keep you updated for the first day of school.

Thank you,

Joseph Manluco

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### **CLASS ASSIGNMENTS**

Due to continual school enrollments, classroom assignments will be posted in the Main Office window beginning Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Classroom assignments will not be changed before the first day of school without a compelling reason.

**Alum Rock Union Elementary School District** 

#### **STUDENT HOURS**

**Orientations: Thursday** Aug 11, 2022 at 5 pm - *pay attention to the website and Zoom for details!* Classes will begin **Tuesday, August 16, 2021**. The school day schedule is as follows. Note that TK & Kinder have expanded to a full day model for this school year.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY:		
GRADE	STARTING TIME	DISMISSAL TIME
TK & Kinder full day	8:20 a.m.	1:35 p.m.
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:20 a.m.	2:20 p.m.
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:20 a.m.	2:40 p.m.
THURSDAY:		
GRADE	STARTING TIME	DISMISSAL TIME
TK & Kinder	8:20 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:20 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:20 a.m.	1:25 p.m.

Children should arrive at school **NO EARLIER THAN 8:00 A.M**. There is no supervision on the playground until 8:08 am.

#### DISMISSAL

Students are to go home after dismissal. Teachers will notify parents in a timely fashion if it is advisable for a child to remain after school.

#### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (Think Together)

Painter will continue to have a comprehensive after school program for students in grades TK through 5<sup>th</sup>, run by the Think Together program. The program is available for 125 students daily until 6 p.m. It will start on the first day of school. If you would like to place your student on the waiting list, sign-ups will be ongoing. Call the office for more information.

#### SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School uniforms are to be worn every day with the exception of occasional "Spirit" days. The uniform consists of a white or burgundy polo shirt (with a collar and 2 or more buttons) and **blue** pants or knee-length walking shorts. Jeans are not acceptable. Pants and shorts may be one size larger than the actual size of the student.

Girls may also wear a **blue** pleated skirt or **blue** jumper and a white blouse (with a collar and buttoned front). Skirts should be no shorter than knee length. Pants, shorts and skirts are worn at the waist.

Polo shirts and blouses are worn tucked in. Students are encouraged to wear a plain dark jacket (no logos). Cardigan sweaters in navy or maroon may be worn as part of the uniform.

Accessories include:

- \* black belt
- \* white, brown or black shoes fully enclosed with same color shoelaces
- \* white or black socks (regular, knee-high or tights)

Eagle pride t-shirts can be worn on spirit Fridays. Shoes with wheels should never be worn to school. If students are found with wheeled shoes, the wheels will be confiscated and will need to be picked up by a parent from the principal.

#### BACKPACKS

Students in TKindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades *may not* need to bring backpacks to school. Folders can be used to transport important papers and homework. Teachers will provide more explicit guidance as the year commences.

#### **EMERGENCY CARD**

The "Emergency Card" is our primary means of communication with you. They will go home with students on the first day of school. Please see that the card is filled in correctly and completely. It must always be current. If your contact information changes during the year, it is imperative that you update the emergency card. This is our most efficient and effective means of reaching you in an emergency. A disaster emergency card will also be sent home. The teachers keep this in the classroom and the students wear it in case of a major disaster and evacuation. This tells us who is allowed to pick the child up in case of an emergency.

#### **BREAKFAST/LUNCH**

All Painter students continue to qualify for universal meals this year. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at **no cost**. Families will not need to complete lunch applications this year. Breakfast will be served in the classroom.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

It is important that students come to school on a daily basis. Students with regular attendance do better in school. Also, the State provides funding for your child's education based upon his/her attendance. In order to report your child's absence, please call our school at **928-8400**. You may also choose to send a note to the office upon the child's return to school. The note must contain the child's full name, class, all dates of absences and the reason for the absence.

Please schedule doctor's appointments or shopping trips after school. If a doctor or dental appointment is necessary during school time, please allow your child to be absent for the designated appointment time only, then return to school.

Parents of students with three or more absences and/or tardies will receive letters of truancy. Excessive absences (7+) will require a meeting with the principal and completion of an attendance contract.

#### **TARDIES**

We encourage promptness in order to develop good work habits at an early age and to avoid interruption in your child's instructional program. Students arriving at school **after 8:30 a.m.** need to go to the main office for a late pass so attendance can be updated.

#### **RELEASE OF STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

Students will be released only to parents/guardians or the adults named on the Emergency Card. This ensures the safety of your child. Please come to the main office to sign your child out. This is discouraged and should only be done when absolutely necessary.

#### **DISCIPLINE PLAN**

All students can behave appropriately in class. No student shall stop a teacher from teaching or interfere with any other student from learning. All students are expected to behave appropriately and to respect the learning environment.

#### PUPIL PROGRESS REPORTS

There will be three Progress Reports issued during the course of the school year for grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten students will receive two Progress Reports for the year. During the Fall, parent-teacher conference days will be scheduled for grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>. Parents may request a conference with their child's teacher anytime during the school year. Kindergarten conferences will be held in January.

#### **MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

A permission slip from your child's doctor **MUST** be on file in the nurse's office before a child may take medication at school. **All** medication must be brought to the office. The child will come to the nurse's office to take medication. This ensures the safety of all children. Children should never carry their own medications at school.

#### **IMMUNIZATION**

Immunization laws will be strictly enforced. Current immunization records must be on file at the school for each child. All new or transferred students must present a written immunization record before starting school. If immunizations are not current a child may be excluded from school until they are updated.

#### **TEXTBOOKS and TECHNOLOGY**

Students will be issued textbooks and technology free of charge. These materials are adopted on a multiyear basis, so it is essential that students treat them with care. Parents are legally responsible to pay for any lost, damaged or defaced books. Report cards will be held for unpaid textbook and/or library bills.

#### PARENT VOLUNTEERING UPDATE!

We will return to parent volunteering this year with more details to come. Any parent interested in our volunteering opportunities should inquire with the office and be prepared to complete the district screening process inclusive of fingerprinting and background checks.