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Family Handbook 2023 – 2024

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Old River Elementary
"California Distinguished School"

Honest Words, Honest Actions, Honest Day's Work

Welcome to Old River Elementary!

I am honored to be the principal of a school where a genuine love for children and high expectations are a priority. The staff at Old River Elementary School is committed to offering a challenging and supportive school program for all of our transitional kindergarten through sixth grade students. Our goal is to provide each child with the essential knowledge and skills they will need for success, while at the same time encouraging creativity, curiosity, and desires to be life-long learners.

We acknowledge that parents are their child's first and best teacher. Because nobody knows a child better than the parent, they play a critical role in the success of our students. Information such as understanding the child's unique needs, talents, and interests can be provided to teachers to increase the child's success. Teachers will see each child as a member of the class and watch as they interact with peers, face the challenge of new learning, ask questions, and solve problems. A working partnership between parents and teachers is crucial to ensure that each child's time at Old River Elementary School is encouraging and rewarding.

The following pages of the student handbook are filled with important information regarding school policy and procedures at Old River Elementary School. By reviewing each page together as a family, it will help your child to clearly understand what is expected of them as a student and what they can expect of us as a staff. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions about our programs, rules, or district policies. We believe that open and clear communication between school and home is vital to the success of your child's academic development at Old River Elementary School.

In closing, we have made a strong commitment to create a positive and safe environment for learning so all students are provided the best opportunity to succeed in school. We look forward to working with you and your child. For more information, please check the district website at www.pbvusd.k12.ca.us.

Mrs. Kathy Josephson
Principal

GENERAL INFORMATION

ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WRANGLERS

To further learning; teachers and parents will encourage, support and expect each child to:

- Evidence good work and study habits
- Ask clarifying questions to push thinking
- Participant in academic conversations with peers appropriately
- Organize thinking and resources
- Take advantage of study time provided during the school day
- Take home materials and information needed to complete homework
- Return all work completed and double checked to the teacher on time
- Make up learning missed during any absence

ACCIDENTS and SAFETY

If a significant accident or injury occurs at school, children are given first aid and every effort is made to contact the parent for instructions. Consequently, it is **very important that changes in telephone numbers and addresses be reported to the school promptly**. In the event that the parent cannot be reached, we will call the person named on the emergency card to act on your behalf.

Out of concern for your child's security and safety during the school day and as per California Ed. Code 32211 and 44810, it is required that any visitor check in with the front office **before** entering the school grounds. For more details see section titled, *Access to School by Visitors*.

We urge all children to use crosswalks and sidewalks, where available, coming to and from school. Please help your child choose the safest route possible. For safety reasons, we have forbidden children from bringing skateboards, scooters, rollerblades, spiked shoes or any weapons, not limited to bats, knives etc...

ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL

For the safety of our Wranglers, thank you for obeying all parking and loading zone instructions including the designated handicapped spots. This can be a great opportunity for you to model patience and cooperation to the children in your car and your neighbors.

Arrival/Drop-off:

- The Old River campus opens and supervision begins at 8:05 AM. **We ask that no student be dropped off before 8:05 AM unless enrolled in the school's day care program.** Instruction will begin at 8:28 AM each morning and for this reason, students are required to be in their seats at this time. Students who arrive on or after are required to come through the office for a late pass.
- TK/K students enter at Gate 2 (off Campus Park Dr) in front of the kindergarten playground and other grades enter at Gate 4. Students in SDC enter at the back parking lot, Gates 7 or 8. If you are dropping off a TK/K and another student, your older Wrangler may enter with the younger child.
- Only students in 4th-6th grades may ride their bicycle to school. [Bicycle permits](#) will be available at the beginning of the school year.
- To avoid our very busy drive through, parents may drop off their children at Tevis Ranch Park in sight of the crossing guard for less than a 100 yard stroll to school.
- For safety reasons, students may be escorted onto campus by parent/guardian **ONLY** on the first day of school.

Dismissal/Pick-Up:

Primary Grades, TK-3 dismissal @ 2:50 (1:20 every Wednesday) will exit from:

- Transitional Kindergarten, **Gate 2** (off Campus Park Dr.)
- Kindergarten, **Gate 1, 2, or 3 based on teacher** (off Campus Park Dr.)
- Grade 1, **Gate 4** (by office)
- Grade 2, **Gate 5** (off Jameson)
- Grade 3, **Gate 2** (off Campus Park Dr.)
- All bus riders/daycare vans, **Gate 6**

Intermediate Grades, 4-6 at 3:20 (1:50 every Wednesday) will exit from:

- Grade 4 - **Gate 4** (by office)
- Grade 5 - **Gate 4** (by office)
- Grade 6 - **Gate 5** off Jameson side gate by cafeteria
- All bus riders/daycare vans, **Gate 6**

Dismissal Guidelines

Students are to report to bus or car pick-up zones as designated on campus after being dismissed from the classroom. For your child's safety, make sure that he/she walks home, rides the bus, or is picked up **promptly**. **After school supervision is not provided, unless they are enrolled in daycare. There are no provisions for primary students to wait on campus for older students and no supervision is available outside of the school gates.** While students are waiting for parent/guardian pickup, we ask that all students refrain from climbing, jumping on any school property. Students will be expected to ride their normal bus or be taken home by a parent/legal guardian or someone who is listed on the white emergency card. If a parent or guardian would like to add someone to the emergency card who was not added originally, please come to the office with your identification, and we would be happy to add that person. Thank you!

Parent/Guardian Pick-up

Keeping safety in mind, students shall be released during the school day to the custody of an adult only if:

1. The adult is the student's parent/legal guardian with a picture ID.
2. The adult has appropriate identification and the verified authorization of the student's parent/legal guardian with custody.
3. The adult is listed on the white enrollment card as an emergency contact or other.

***Be considerate, be safe for our Wranglers!**

***Do not leave your vehicle unattended at the curb.**

***Vehicles parked in red zones may be ticketed.**

ACCESS TO SCHOOL BY VISITORS or VOLUNTEERS

All visitors will enter through the front office and scan their ID using the Raptor Visitor Management system. Be prepared to show identification, and procure a visitor's badge whenever you arrive at school for either a scheduled visit or other business. If COVID Visitor Protocols are still in place and visitors will be indoors, they will be asked to show vaccination status (booster is encouraged but not required) OR proof of a negative test within one week (7 days) of arriving on campus and complete a self-certification form. A photo of the negative test result must be provided to or viewed by a school official upon arrival at a school site.

Parents/guardians are welcome to visit our campus and schedule a visit to their student's classroom (See the district's *Classroom Visitation Procedures* included at the end of this handbook.). We require that you call ahead to schedule this visit so as to maximize your time. If you drop in, you may find the class is at recess, at lunch, out of the room, or taking a test, etc.

Parents are able to eat lunch and attend any special events without calling ahead. We ask that after having lunch with your child, you do not go to another part of the campus. It is our intention to minimize interruptions to the classroom, and thereby, protect instructional time.

At Old River, we encourage parent volunteers in the classroom and Parent Club. Volunteers, guided by the teacher, provide much needed and appreciated extra support for students. We greatly appreciate your participation in your child's education! Your teacher will reach out and begin to schedule volunteers after school begins.

ATTENDANCE

We ask your support in seeing that your child attends school each day. Any absence from school places a hardship on the student and hinders learning. By law, an absence may be excused only for the following reasons:

- Student personal illness
 - Quarantine under the direction of the county or city health officer
 - Medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic appointments
 - Funeral attendance, one day in CA, three days outside CA
- If your child is absent from school for **ANY** reason, please call the office at 661-664-7009 by 9:00 a.m. to report the absence and the cause. If you are unable to call, please send a note to the **school office** regarding the absence. You may also leave a voice mail message before or after school hours, please state your child's name, date of absence, teacher, and reason for the absence.
 - If your child is absent for **three or more days**, and you would like to request homework, please call the school office in the morning or send a ParentSquare message to the teacher. Please allow the teacher 24 hours to compile the work. Homework may be picked up in the office after 3:00 PM for primary and 3:15 PM for intermediate as necessary.
 - California Law not only requires children to attend school, but to *be on time every day*. Absence for school for three or more days per year for unexcused reasons will result in a child being declared truant. Truant students are reported to the School Attendance Review Board and/or appropriate agencies such as Child Protective Services. Our district contracts with Attention to Attendance. This computer service very strictly monitors attendance.

AWARDS

As a staff, we look for additional ways to motivate students in their learning involvement and social skills. Students in grades 4–6 have the opportunity to earn a school letter by participating in various school activities. Points are cumulative from the fourth grade and are given for such activities as scholastic achievement, music, athletics, and student government. Point totals are calculated by teachers at the end of each quarter and awards are given out at the end of the year assembly.

BEHAVIOR STANDARDS

Old River Elementary uses a set of school-wide rules based on district standards. Please refer to the [PBVUSD pamphlet](#).

At Old River Elementary, we actively teach our school-wide behavior expectations to all students (see Matrix below). Teachers will continue to personalize procedures and routines in their classrooms. We focus on being positive and restorative in all situations. We work diligently in three areas of effective discipline:

- Reflective: The student should be reflecting & gaining insight into their behavior.
- Restorative: The student should have an opportunity to repair the relationships or items that were damaged.
- Instructional: The student should gain specific knowledge and practice skills that will help them in the future.

All students are encouraged *to choose to follow our school rules inside the classrooms and on the playground, while riding the school bus, on field trips, and when participating in after school sports.* The biggest payoff to our Wranglers is a *safe, learning focused environment.*

Old River Elementary Positive Behavior Matrix



A Wrangler will always remember their **BOOTS**



Expectations	B Be Responsible	O Operate safely	O Own your actions	T Take Initiative	S Show Respect
 Cafeteria	* Clean up after yourself * Throw food and trash away	* Remain seated until excused * Walk at all times * Eat your own food	* If you drop something, pick it up	* If you see something on the floor pick it up	* Talk quietly * Follow adult's directions
 Hallways	* Keep hallways clean and clear * Walk in line	* Walk on the right facing forward * Use sidewalks only	* Follow the rules even when no one else is around	* Remind other students how to walk in the hallways	* Use Quiet voices * Keep hands and feet to yourself
 Playground	* Be a good sport * Line up when the bell rings	* Use playground equipment properly * Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself * Walk on blacktop	* Apologize if you do something wrong, even if it was an accident * Respectfully accept consequences	* Return playground equipment * Report unsafe and unkind actions * Include others	* Use kind words to solve problems * Use appropriate language * Take turns
 Bathrooms	* Flush toilet * Keep bathrooms clean * Turn off water	* Walk at all times * Keep both feet on the floor (off toilet and stalls) * Wash hands with soap	* Use assigned restrooms * If your drop something, pick it up and throw it away	* If there are too many people inside, wait outside until someone comes out	* Respect privacy * Use a quiet voice * Get in, get out
 Classrooms	* Listen and follow directions the first time * Take care of materials	* Walk in class * Push in your chair * Chair legs on the ground	* Actively participate * Accept consequences respectfully	* Ask for help * Complete all work * Help classmates	* Voices off when it's not your turn * Raise hand * Hands, feet, and objects to yourself

BIKE SAFETY

Students at Old River Elementary in grades 4 – 6 are allowed to ride their bicycle to school with a valid [bicycle permit](#) signed by parent and student, these are available in the office. Bicycles may not be ridden on campus or on the sidewalks adjacent to the school. Bicycle riders should park their bicycles in the rack and lock them securely. By law, bike riders must wear an approved helmet at all times when riding. Students are to be responsible for the care and storage of their helmets. Students should keep in mind that riding a bicycle to school is a privilege. A student who does not wear a helmet or fails to use good judgment when riding a bicycle may lose the privilege to ride a bicycle to school. For safety reasons, we have forbidden children from bringing skateboards, scooters, or rollerblades on campus.

BIRTHDAYS

Teachers may celebrate students' birthdays in the classroom, **although parties are not held.** Due to potential allergies, treats or other birthday food items are not allowed. **We do not** allow flowers or balloon bouquets to be delivered to the office or classroom as they can be easily ruined and generally become a distraction.

In place of bringing birthday treats on campus, here are some alternatives.

- Send an individual gift for all students in the classroom that could include items such as pencils, crayons, erasers, individually wrapped healthy snacks, or stickers. Please let the teacher know you will bring individual gifts and what is in them in advance so the teacher may let the office staff know.
- Donate a book to the Old River Library in honor of your student's birthday.
- Make a donation to your student's teacher of a book or item she or he needs in the classroom in honor of your student's birthday.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Students residing in some parts of our attendance area are provided bus transportation to and from school. For safety reasons, we have bus riding rules that our students must follow. Students who do not adhere to the rules may receive a bus referral or may be refused transportation for a period of time. A complete set of the bus riding rules have been included in the [Parent Information Booklet](#) distributed by the Panama-Buena Vista Union School District office. Students are also expected to behave appropriately while traveling to and from the bus stop and while waiting for the bus. If a child needs to take another way/mode of transportation home, please send the teacher/office a note stating that they will not ride the bus but will ride home with the named adult. Old River students should:

- Arrive at the stop five minutes before the scheduled pick up time
- Board and exit the bus only at their designated stops
- Wait at the stop in an orderly manner
- Respect other people's property

CAFETERIA PROGRAM

Breakfast and lunch will remain **free** to enrolled students due to the California legislature passing the Free School Meals for All Act, 2021. We ask that you complete the Education Benefit form when it is provided that supports this process. Monthly menus will be sent home with each child. Breakfast is served from 8:05 to 8:25 a.m. No breakfasts will be served after 8:25 a.m. so that students have time to eat and can get to class on time. Hot lunches are provided (milk included). Additional milk may be purchased for 50 cents. Adult lunches may be purchased for \$4.50 and must be paid. The adult pricing is also for children who are not enrolled in the district.

Students must take a minimum of 3 of the items offered to be eligible for free (reimbursable) meals.

- For example, a student could take a fruit, a vegetable, and a milk to complement their lunch from home, and it would be free, but they can't take only milk without being charged 50¢.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Out of concern for your child's security and safety during the school day and as per California Ed. Code 32211 and 44810, it is required that any visitor check in with the front office **before** entering the school grounds. Be prepared to show a photo ID. Visitors are required to wear a provided identification badge while on campus.

To further your child's security and proper identification of adults on campus, gates will be closed during instruction.

- School activity hours are 8:05 a.m. – Grade specific dismissal period (See Dismissal from School)
- Regular school office hours are 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday
- Parent/Staff conferences should be scheduled in advance during non-instructional time.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Please refer to our [district handbook](#) and policy acknowledgment permission form. Students may carry cell phones and smart watches (ie. Apple watches) but are not allowed to display/activate or use them on campus during the instructional day, 8:05 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. unless specifically permitted by a staff member. Violation of this rule may result in the confiscation of the device and search for messages, images, etc.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure the electronically signaling device is secured and in his/her backpack during the instructional day. Students who violate the rules and regulations concerning the use of electronic signaling devices are subject to disciplinary action. The district and/or school is not responsible for retrieval, replacement, or any charges incurred as a result of a lost, stolen or damaged device.

CLASS PLACEMENT

Class lists are carefully developed each summer for the following year by the teachers and the principal. We attempt to form balanced classes considering the number of boys and girls, academic levels, etc. Careful thought is given to the placement of each child and to the composition of the class. Class lists are generally posted on the Monday before school begins.

Regrettably, it is not possible to place each student with the teacher of his/her parents' choice or the same teacher an older child had. Prior to the creation of classes, parents will be invited to share characteristics of a teacher their student would find success. Final determination of class placements will be made by the Principal.

CLASSROOM PARTIES

Class parties are planned by the teacher and will be held at predetermined times. Birthday parties are not held, but they will be celebrated in the classroom. (see Birthdays).

CLASSROOM STANDARDS

Wranglers will enter in an orderly manner. They will be seated, attentive, and ready to learn. Rules of courtesy to teachers and classmates will be followed at all times. Students will meet each teacher's standards concerning class procedures such as: sharpening pencils, getting needed materials, staying in seats, etc. Wrangler students share the responsibility for keeping the classroom neat and organized.

COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS and SCHOOL

Good communication between parents and the teacher is an important part of your child's education. **Should you desire a conference with your child's teacher, please email him/her directly, message via ParentSquare, or call the school office.** The teacher will contact you to set up the date and time for the conference.

To ensure a strong communication link to our families, most notices from the office will be sent via [ParentSquare](#) and in some cases printed on tan paper. Information in your child's backpack, etc., on this color paper will be of particular importance to you as a parent. Please check your child's backpack daily.

[ParentVue](#) is the program we use to communicate your student's assignment's grades. First thru sixth grade teachers enter assignments approximately every two weeks so you may stay apprised of students work completion. Progress reports are sent home by the same grade levels in the middle of each grading period.

DRESS CODE

Pupils attending the schools of the Panama-Buena Vista Union School District are expected to wear clothing that is appropriate for the promotion of an effective educational program. It is not the intent of the District to oppose the rights of students regarding dress, but rather to assure the rights of all students are considered and upheld. It is the responsibility of the school to provide an atmosphere where all children will be able to learn. It is the responsibility of the students and their parents to help create and maintain this atmosphere.

Conditions of dress and appearance are:

1. Excessively large trousers, pants, and overalls may not be worn. All trousers and pants must be worn at the waist. Belt ends may not hang down. Overalls must be worn with straps on the shoulders, not hanging loose.
2. Commercial lettering or printing will be allowed on shirts and sweatshirts as long as it is appropriate for school. No clothing may be personalized other than with a given name. Jackets, backpacks, binders, etc. may bear the name of the owner in printed block letters. Any personalized printing or writing on clothing, backpacks, binders etc., is not acceptable, nor is writing on the hands or other parts of the body.
3. Pants, shorts, or skirts with holes or heavy fraying above the knee are not acceptable.
4. Clothing that is excessively revealing is unacceptable. This includes:
 - Backless halter tops or dresses; tube tops; tops cut low at armpits or neckline.
 - Clothing that shows bare midriffs
 - Shorts and skirts the length of which are shorter than mid-thigh.
 - Clothing that is transparent or revealing
5. Suggestive clothing or objects may not be worn which are libelous, obscene, or depict illegal or gang-related activity. This includes buttons, arm bands, shirts, insignias, etc. Clothing with crude or vulgar printing or pictures depicting tobacco, drugs, alcoholic beverages or clothing that is sexually suggestive or disruptive is not acceptable.
6. Shoes must be worn at all times.
 - Students may be restricted to wear footwear that has a strap or are completely enclosed. During Physical Education (P.E.), Intramurals, or other designated physical activity, athletic shoes or completely enclosed shoes should be worn unless arrangements have been made.
7. Cosmetics to the face and hair that distract from the educational process are unacceptable.

The Board and administration reserve the right to declare any mode of dress, in their estimation, inhibits the education process or threatens the safety and protection of all students as unacceptable. If students are dressed in an unacceptable manner, parents will be notified and corrective measures must be taken before the student will be allowed to return to class.

The principal, staff, students and parent/guardian at each school may establish reasonable dress and grooming regulations for times when students are engaged in extracurricular or other special school activities.

Gang-Related Apparel

At individual schools that have a dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel at school or school activities the principal, staff and parents/guardians participating in the development of the school safety plan shall define “gang-related apparel” and shall limit this definition to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment if it were worn or displayed on a school campus. (E.C. 32282)

Because gang-related symbols are constantly changing, definitions of gang-related apparel shall be reviewed at least once each semester and updated whenever related information is received.

EMERGENCIES/ DISASTERS/ EVACUATIONS

In the event of serious accidents or injuries at school, students are given first aid and every effort is made to contact the parents immediately. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that we have *current home, work, cell and emergency contact telephone numbers*. We ask that parents complete it, in pencil, and return by the indicated date. Please contact us immediately if there is a need to update this information.

Contingency plans and supplies are in place to deal with any emergency or disaster situation that may arise. Students regularly participate in fire and earthquake drills. In the event of a major disaster, students will be held at school in a safe location until they are picked up by parents or other designated adults.

If there is a need to evacuate the students from this campus, they will be transported to a site designated and publicized by the Panama-Buena Vista District Office. Students would be chaperoned and remain at that site until being picked up by a parent or other designated adults.

FOOD AND CANDY

Old River focuses on healthy eating for our students. For this reason, we limit the treats and candy brought on campus (see Birthdays). Teachers have multiple identified days for approved parties. On these days, parents are able to bring treats on these days. Students are not allowed to share their food with other students. Gum is not allowed on school grounds.

FIELD TRIPS

Teachers occasionally arrange field trips that are intended to extend and enhance the curriculum. You will be advised in advance of field trips. Your written permission will be required before your child will be allowed to participate. You are encouraged to return permission slips promptly as district policy will not allow us to accept verbal consent or for the student to attend without your written permission.

FOG DELAYS

In the event of fog, you are advised to refer to local radio, television, and web sites for information on fog delays. Local stations will broadcast the names of districts on a fog delay. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL TO REQUEST FOG DELAY INFORMATION.** If it is announced that there will be a two-hour transportation delay for the Panama-Buena Vista School District, this would include Old River School. Buses run exactly two hours later than usual. However, if you transport your child to school, or allow them to walk, he/she may report to their class at 8:05 AM. Appropriate activities will be provided until the majority of students arrive.

HOME TEACHING or INDEPENDENT STUDY GUIDELINES

Parents may request a **home teacher** if it has been determined by a physician that the student will be out of school for a period of three weeks or longer. A signed note from the physician is required before a home teacher can be assigned. Home instruction is limited to five hours per week.

Students in grades TK through eighth grade who will be absent 5 to 14 days are eligible for **Independent Study**. Students with an IEP will require authorization through the IEP process. Parents should request Independent Study at least 5 days prior to the absence, except in the case of an emergency. Students will not be dropped for absences with a completed Independent Study Agreement.

HOMEWORK

Homework offers a valuable opportunity for teachers to meet the individual educational needs of your child. Assignments vary by grade level and from class to class according to the interest, skills, and maturity level of the child.

As a parent you can:

- Designate a regular study time on those days that homework is given
- Provide a quiet place for study
- Monitor daily assignments and dialogue with the teacher throughout the year
- Give help and encouragement when needed
- Minimize interruptions from family, friends, and various media

HONOR ROLL AND PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Students in grades 4–6 are eligible for the Honor Roll. To qualify for the Honor Roll, a student must obtain a “B” (3.0) average in all academic subjects for the quarter. A grade below “C” or “S” in any subject will prevent a student from being on the Honor Roll regardless of the overall average. Receiving two or more “Needs Improvement” marks will also disqualify a student from the Honor Roll regardless of the grade average.

Principal’s List recognition will be given to those students whose grades in the academic subjects are all either “A” or “A-”.

LOST AND FOUND/STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Students should never trade or exchange items on campus. Money is not allowed to exchange hands between students while on campus. Students should only bring money to school for school related activities and events.

Inquiries regarding lost items may be made by our students during recesses and during the dismissal period after school. A “Lost & Found” rack is maintained for articles of clothing. The box is usually located in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR). **To avoid confusion, coats, sweaters, hats, lunch boxes, helmets, etc., should be clearly marked with a student’s first and last name.**

Students, not the school, are responsible for items they bring to school. Personal items such as toys or any other item of significant value, should not be brought to school. Items that are not claimed by the end of each semester will be donated to relief agencies.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

State laws and district policies govern the taking of medication by students while at school. Before we can administer any medication (prescription and/or non-prescription), we must have completed forms on file that will give us specific instructions regarding your child’s medication. The forms must be signed by both the parent and prescribing physician. Please request the forms from the front office.

STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SELF MEDICATE. This includes headache remedies, cough drops, throat lozenges, and the like. However harmless these items may seem, they are still subject to the same procedures as above. MEDICATIONS ARE TO BE DELIVERED TO THE OFFICE BY THE PARENT WHERE THEY WILL BE COUNTED AND VERIFIED.

MUSIC

Vocal and instrumental music is an integral part of our curriculum. In the primary grades, music is taught by the classroom teacher and may, on occasion, be supplemented by the vocal music specialist. Students in grades five and six may also participate in our instrumental program. Qualifying students will receive information regarding instrumental music after school begins.

PARENT CLUB

We have a very active service club at Old River Elementary...The P.O.S.S.E. They will sponsor several fundraisers and other activities during the school year. All funds that are generated remain here at Old River and will directly benefit our students. If you would like to become actively involved in the P.O.S.S.E., call or text this year's President Laurel Carney @ 661-699-0207.

P.R.E.P. Wednesdays

The Panama-Buena Vista Union School District has established PLC or professional learning communities, that will be held to provide time for regular, ongoing professional development in an effort to examine student assessment data, utilize assessment data to plan instruction, allow time for training on new programs and curricula, provide in-service for teachers on instructional strategies, and focus on school improvement.

To that end, the last 1.5 hours of each Wednesday is scheduled for completing the work explained above. TK – 6th grade students are released 1.5 hours early on those days. The number of instructional minutes have not changed as we added minutes to the other instructional days. Thank you for planning ahead for prompt pick-up, etc. on these days.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be sent home in the following months: October, January, March, and June. Grades TK–6 will also have conferences at the end of the first grading period. TK- Kindergarten students will receive a report card at the end of the first semester.

SOCIAL MEDIA MONITORING (E.C. section 49073.6)

The district intends to and will collect data from pupils' social media, and may use such data in disciplinary actions involving students and/or district employees. The information gathered and/or maintained will pertain directly to school or student safety. Pupils and their parents/guardians may inspect this information and request correction or deletion. The information will be deleted within one year of the pupil reaching the age of 18 or within one year of the pupil no longer being enrolled in the district, whichever comes first. The social media records of a pupil may be inspected by the pupil or the pupil's parent/guardian and corrections or deletion of the information may be requested. Requests to inspect a pupil's collected social media information, or to correct or delete the information, may be made to the principal or other

site administrator who, within five school days, shall make the records available for inspection or respond to the request for correction or deletion of the information. Students 17 and their parents/guardians also may have a district-level hearing to appeal the decision not to change or delete records.

SPEECH

Some children have speech difficulties (faulty articulation, stuttering, and voice disorders) that require special help. Students who appear to have speech disorders will be screened by our speech therapist and possibly placed into speech therapy. You will be contacted if your child is a candidate for speech services, as your permission is required before therapy can begin.

SPORTS PROGRAMS

Panama-Buena Vista Union School District provides an after school sports program. Competition is between teams from various schools. The program is limited to qualifying students in grades five and six. Participation in Spring track is open to qualifying students in grades 4-6. Information regarding this program will be distributed by the coaches after school begins. **Students may be removed from any sports team at the discretion of the site principal. Poor grades, poor attendance, and disciplinary actions such as multiple behavior reports or suspensions are potential reasons for this action.**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Council is a program in which participants learn leadership/service skills and the elements of the democratic process by discussing issues and ideas that come before them. The Student Council is made up of elected officers and representatives from each of the intermediate classes. Each class will be able to appoint one student representative. The elected officers are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Safety, and Historian.

STUDENT STUDY TEAM

Our school is fortunate to have staff that has trained and volunteers time to cooperatively meet, brainstorm, and facilitate student success by collaborating with parents on an ongoing basis. The parents and faculty are encouraged to partner in this forum to address academic and behavioral concerns.

WRANGLER DAY

In order to promote and maintain school spirit and community, typically the last Friday of each month is designated Wrangler Day. All Wranglers are encouraged to wear our school colors of denim blue and red, school logo apparel, and/or western style clothing.

WRANGLER OF THE MONTH

Students from each classroom are chosen as Wrangler of the Month. Staff selection of those learners is based on achievement, effort, improvement, and evidence of living the Wrangler Motto for students...*"Honest Words, Honest Actions, and an Honest Day's Work."*

2023 - 2024 YEAR LONG CALENDAR

August 16	First Day of School
September 4	Labor Day Holiday
September 6	Back to School Night - 1-hour Early Dismissal
October 3	School Photos
October 20	End of the 1st quarter
Week of October 30	Report Cards Go Home
October 30 - November 3	Elementary Conferences w/ 1 hour Early Dismissal
November 10	Veterans Day Holiday
November 17	2-hour Early Dismissal
November 20	Autumn Recess Begins
November 27	Instruction Resumes
December 22	2-hour Early Dismissal
December 25	Winter Recess Begins
January 8	Instruction Resumes
January 15	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 12	End of second quarter/first semester
January 19	Report cards go home
February 12	Lincoln's Birthday *Observed
February 19	Presidents' Day *Observed
March 15	End of 3rd quarter
March 22	Report cards go home
March 22	2-hour Early Dismissal
March 25-29	Spring Recess
April 2	Instruction Resumes
April-May	SBAC Testing Window

May 16	Open House 1-hour Early Dismissal
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday
May 30	Last Day of Instruction & report cards sent home 3-hour Early Dismissal (students only)

Old River Elementary
Teacher Schedule 2023-2024

<u>TK</u>	<u>Kindergarten</u>	<u>1st and 2nd Grades</u>
8:05-8:28 Duty Begins	8:05-8:28 Duty Begins	8:05-8:28 Duty Begins
8:28-9:40 Instruction	8:28-9:25 Instruction	8:28-9:40 Instruction
9:40-9:55 Recess	9:25-9:40 Recess	9:40-9:55 Recess
9:55-11:20 Instruction	9:40-11:00 Instruction	9:55-11:35 Instruction
11:20-12:10 Lunch	11:00-11:50 Lunch	11:35-12:25 Lunch
12:10-2:50 Instruction	11:50-2:50 Instruction	12:25-2:50 Instruction
2:50 Dismissal	2:50 Dismissal	2:50 Dismissal
3:35 Duty Ends	3:35 Duty Ends	3:35 Duty Ends
<u>3rd Grade</u>	<u>4th Grade</u>	<u>5th and 6th Grade</u>
8:05-8:28 Duty Begins	8:05-8:28 Duty Begins	8:05-8:28 Duty Begins
8:28-10:00 Instruction	8:28-10:10 Instruction	8:28-10:25 Instruction
10:00-10:15 Recess	10:00-10:15 Recess	10:20-10:35 Recess
10:15-12:10 Instruction	10:15-12:10 Instruction	10:35-12:45 Instruction
12:10-1:00 Lunch	12:10-1:08 Lunch	12:45-1:43 Lunch
1:00-2:50 Instruction	1:08-3:20 Instruction	1:43-3:20 Instruction
2:50 Dismissal	3:20 Dismissal	3:20 Dismissal
3:35 Duty Ends	3:35 Duty Ends	3:35 Duty Ends

CLASSROOM VISITATION PROCEDURES
(Observation of Instructional Program by Parents)
From Adopted District Administrative Procedures

Who May Visit: The right to observe a child's instructional program during classroom time resides solely with a child's parent, legal guardian, or foster parent and does not extend to grandparents, other interested close relatives, or caregivers as defined in Family Code Sections 6550-6552. A grandparent, close relative, or caregiver may schedule a classroom visit if a parent has provided written permission and the classroom teacher consents. Visits by grandparents, close relatives, or caregivers must be scheduled through the Principal rather than the classroom teacher.

Scheduling: Visits shall be scheduled by the classroom teacher for a time and date convenient to both the parent and the teacher. The parental observation date shall be within a reasonable time frame following the initial request. A request for a specific date must be made no less than 48 hours in advance.

Frequency and Duration: To minimize interruptions and distractions during valuable classroom time, parental classroom observations are limited to two visits per month per related student with a maximum duration of one hour per visit. If there is a need for more parental observation, additional visits may be scheduled through the Principal.

Parental Conduct During Classroom Visitation: Parents may enter and exit the classroom only once during each visit. Parents shall remain in the back of the classroom and may not interact with students or the teacher unless the interaction is initiated by the classroom teacher. Unnecessary noise and/or movement must be kept to a minimum.

The classroom teacher may direct a parent to leave the room if the parent's presence or conduct unduly interferes with the instructional program, and the parent must leave the classroom if directed to do so. Any concerns or complaints may be addressed directly to the classroom teacher after regular school hours or to the Principal.

Violation of Classroom Visitation Rules: A violation of the classroom visitation rules may be resolved by the classroom teacher through counseling of the offending parent privately. If this form of correction is not effective, the Principal may, as necessary, temporarily preclude a parent from visiting his/her child's classroom during regular school hours for a period of time not to exceed 14 continuous days.

When a parent has been precluded by the Principal from visiting his/her child's classroom, the parent may appeal the decision to the District's Assistant Superintendent in charge of Educational Services who will investigate and consider the matter in a timely fashion.

Notification of Classroom Visitation Procedures: Parents shall receive notification of classroom visitation procedures. The notification used should be substantially as follows:

"Parents are encouraged to visit their child's classroom and observe the instructional program. Visits must be scheduled directly with the classroom teacher and, generally, at least 48 hours in advance.

"Distractions and interruptions seriously impair the educational process. To minimize distractions during valuable classroom time, parental visits are limited to twice per month for a maximum of one hour per visit. Additional visits may be schedule through the Principal if more observation time is needed.

"While visiting, parents are generally required to remain quiet and in the back of the room in order to minimize the classroom interruption which a visitor's presence typically causes.

"Copies of the school's classroom observation procedures are available upon request."

REFERENCES:

Education Code Sections 32212, 35160, 49091.10, 51101
PBVUSD Board Policy 1250