Theodore Judah Weekly Newsletter

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SCHEDULE

All students in **grades Kinder - 5** will begin at **8:15 AM** and be dismissed at **2:45 PM.**

*For the first two weeks of school, ***kindergarten and grades 1 and 2,*** will be on a **minimum-day schedule** so teachers may assess students. Teachers will work with parents to sign up for assessment times.

- **Dates:** August 9 - 23
- School begins at 8:15 AM
- School ends at 1:21 PM
- Thursday dismissal will be 1:15 PM

Every Thursday is a minimum day, students in **grades Kinder - 5** will be dismissed at **1:15 PM** to provide time for teachers to participate in common planning time.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH

FREE school meals for all students! All students, at every school, will be able to receive school breakfasts and lunches at no cost to their families. Breakfast will be served in the multi at 7:45 AM.

DROP OFF & PICK UP

CLICK HERE for more information on our parking lot and drop off/pick up procedures. We are encouraging more families to utilize the drop-off driveway. Thank you in advance for prioritizing the safety of our students, families, and staff. **Please review this information**.

*TK & Kindergarten families: your teacher should have communicated drop-off instructions.

TARDY POLICY

Beginning Monday, August 12, students will be considered tardy if they are not in their classroom at 8:15 AM. All tardy students must report to the office. The office will record tardies. When a student has a third recorded tardy, a letter will be sent home informing the parent of the tardies.
Excused tardies may include, but not be limited to, a medical appointment, a late bus, illness, or an unusual circumstance. A written statement is requested for an excused tardy. A parent running late is not an excused tardy.

DON'T FORGET TO JOIN THE PTO!

VOLUNTEER CLEARANCE

Interested in volunteering in your student's classroom or on field trips? You need to be a cleared Category 2 volunteer, which means that you have a negative tuberculosis (TB) test on file as well as a background check through the Department of Justice. Information about becoming a cleared volunteer and the volunteer application can be found here: volunteer clearance information

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Theodore Judah Elementary is now looking for parent volunteers for our school's Site Council. Do you have an interest in education and school programs? Would you like to share your opinion on how our school can best meet students' academic needs? If so, you're a great candidate for our School Site Council! School site council is a group composed of parents, teachers, and school staff. We review and update our school's yearly plan and make recommendations on how supplemental school funds could be spent. **The first meeting is on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 3pm in Room 1.** If you are interested in participating, email your name and contact information to Silia Blount (slblount@fcusd.org), or just plan to attend the meeting!

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

Dream Enrichment classes will start the week of September 9 and include Chess, Coding, Early Engineers, and Firefly Art. Families can sign up HERE.

Cool Robotics is coming to Theodore Judah for Grades 3-5! Classes begin September 6. Click here to register.

If you need assistance paying for an after-school enrichment opportunity, please email jgjohnson@fcusd.org.

(The afterschool enrichment opportunities above are not sponsored by Theodore Judah. Outside organizations provide them.)

Sincerely,

Dr. Jonathan Johnson, Principal

Important Dates:

August 22th	Back to School Night for grades **K - 2 and the 2/3 combo** 5:00 – 6:00 PM
August 26th	Site Council Meeting, 3 PM in Room 1
September 2nd	Labor Day Holiday - No School
September 16th	Picture Day- all students preschool-5th grade