

Dear Witter Families:

I want to warmly welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year. I hope you and your family have enjoyed your summer and had the opportunity to have some quality family time. Witter Ranch's top priority for this school year is the social emotional well-being and academic growth of our students. Our staff is ready to provide a well rounded education using whole group and small group instruction with interventions to support your students academic and social growth this year.

Witter Ranch school is looking for parents to be involved in our school community and education plans. Please consider joining our Parent Teacher Association (PTA), School Site Council (SSC), and English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) where we review and evaluate school improvement programs and focus on the school budget to meet the needs of our students.

We encourage all families to download the ParentSquare app in the Apple or Google Play store as soon as possible to be able to access all the features and benefits. This is the primary form of communication between teachers and families. One feature that we are extremely excited about is that it translates staff messages into 125+ languages. Families can choose the language of their preference to receive and send messages with school and district staff. Please visit the NUSD [website](#) that has a page dedicated to all things ParentSquare including how to access it, training, how-to-guides, frequently asked questions, multiple videos, handouts, printed documents, and more. Please be sure to sign up! **While ParentSquare will be used for communications, student's class assignments/schedules, grades and attendance information will continue to be shared via Infinite Campus so we encourage parents to keep the IC Portal to have access to those two items. See information below on how to access Infinite Campus. Download the app for [ParentSquare](#) to receive important information from our teachers, school, and district.**

I am excited to enter the new school year with a collaborative focus. We are jumping into year 8 of implementation of the AVID program as we continue to prepare our students to achieve at high levels and to be college and career ready. All of our classroom teachers and support staff will use AVID teaching strategies, with a focus on literacy, to enhance the learning environment and increase student engagement. The following link will provide you more information on AVID: <https://www.avid.org/AVID-effect>

Our school goals for the 2025-2026 school year are:

- Build a culture of collaboration
- Continue to improve academic achievement through AVID
- Intervention for all students with a focus on literacy
- Implementation of a school-wide positive behavior system.

Success in school starts with attending school every day, on time. Students who have regular school attendance have higher levels of achievement and self-esteem. They also have more opportunity to develop positive relationships with staff and other students. They also have higher rates of being college and career ready. Our school-wide goal is to have a 95% attendance rate.

Our LEAP Academy after school program is paid for by state funds to provide enrichment and learning opportunities after the regular school day for students in grades TK-6, Monday - Friday until 6 PM. Students participating in the LEAP Academy will engage in art, athletics, cooking, science, technology, and also receive additional academic support. While there are guidelines that we must follow that includes priority enrollment for scholars who meet certain criteria, we will open enroll additional students pending space availability. Space is limited, so complete the [registration](#) as soon as possible if your family is interested. After completing the registration, families will be notified of their student's enrollment status.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to help your child and the teachers of Witter on working to meet our school goals for 2025-2026 school year. The year ahead is going to be a great one! The list below outlines important information to help you begin the school year.

Important dates/times and information:

- **Our school office will open August 4, 2025 at 1 pm.** Please check the school website [WRE Website](#) or call the school 916-567-5620 for specific hours.
- Summer Enrollment Nights at our site are from 5 pm-7 pm on Tuesday, July 29th, Wednesday, August 5th, and Monday, August 11th.
- Elementary class assignments will be finalized and available through Infinite Campus (IC) no later than August 8 by 4pm. Class assignments will no longer be posted at the school site.
 - If you do not have an IC account set up yet, you can find instructions on how to do that by going to these [Parent Instructions](#). When it asks for your activation key, enter the number provided.
 - If you have already set up an account, but do not remember your login information, you can click "forgot password" to retrieve your password. For more help: Visit natomasunified.org/icportal; contact your school; or email icportal@natomasunified.org.
- **First day of school Thursday, August 14** (Here is a [link](#) to the 25-26 school year's calendar.)
- **Grades 1-6, start at 7:45 am and dismiss at 1:55 pm**
- **Kindergarten and TK start at 7:45 am and dismisses at 1:38 pm**

- **Back to School Night - August 21, 5:30-7pm**
- **WRE 25/26 [Bell Schedule](#).**
- The district Welcome Center and the District Office will be closed to the public from Friday, June 27th, to Friday, July 11th, and on June 19th, in observation of Juneteenth. As a reminder, the Welcome Center is a one-stop shop for families to enroll in NUSD schools, obtain immunizations and physicals, and access a variety of resources to support their students. Welcome Center hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Please contact our Constituent and Customer Services at customerservice@natomasunified.org or (916) 561-5253 for emergencies and urgent matters.

Please feel free to visit or call us anytime, (916) 567-5620 or you can find information on the [Digital Backpack](#). From all of us at Witter Ranch School, we look forward to our successful educational partnership.



Respectfully,
Erik Jones
Principal