



# Margaret Landell Elementary School

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## **Landell Weekly Communication**

August 7-8, 2025

### *Principal's Message*

We are excited to welcome our students back to school this week, Thursday, August 7, 2025, for the start of the 2025/26 school year! We can't wait to see our hallways filled with smiling faces and the energy of a new year ahead. Please review the reminders below to help ensure a smooth first day. Let's make this year the best one yet!

### [Welcome Back Video](#)

### *Information*

#### **Tk/k Meet and Greet- Wednesday, August 6**

- Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten teachers will be holding a meeting and greet for tk and k students only on Wednesday, August 6 between 11:00-12:00



### Supply Donation Raffle

- A big congratulations to our lucky raffle winners, Eileen and Camilla! They were each surprised with a backpack bursting with school supplies to help them start the year organized, prepared, and ready to shine.
- Thank you to all who generously donated—your support truly helps our school run smoothly and makes a difference for every student!

### First Day of School and School Times- Thursday, August 7

- Our breakfast gate will open at 7:45 a.m. for students who will be eating breakfast.
- Our main gate and back field gates will open at 8:00 a.m.
- **School begins promptly at 8:15 a.m.**
- Parents will be allowed on campus for the *first day of school only*. Beginning Friday, only students will be allowed on campus. Landell is a closed campus and all non-students must be signed in through the front office to come on campus when students are present.
- Every Thursday-*including the first day of school*- is EARLY RELEASE.

### Student release times are as follows:

- tk/k: 1:10 p.m.
- Grades 1-3: 1:15 p.m.
- Grades 4-6: 1:20 p.m.

## Regular release time will resume on Friday as follows:

- Tk/k: 2:40 p.m.
- Grades 1-3: 2:45 p.m.
- Grades 4-6: 2:50 p.m.

## Parking lot etiquette

- Please drive slowly and carefully through the parking lot.
- Landell Staff will be in the parking lot wearing yellow vests to provide assistance. **Please remember that we must work together to ensure all students are safe during arrival and dismissal at school.**
- Parents who are dropping off students at the curb, **must stay in their cars.** Students will enter/exit the vehicle on their own. This is to expedite the car line and ensure students are safe. If you wish to walk your student to the gate, please park in a marked space or park in the nearby neighborhood.
- **The back parking lot is reserved for staff parking only.**
- When leaving the parking lot, you must turn right onto Denni Street. **Left turns are not permitted and are dangerous.**

## Medications

- Students requiring medications must have a *Request for Medication Form* signed by the doctor and turned into the health office. **We are unable to administer medications without the doctor signed form.** Per state protocols, a new medication form must be submitted for all student medications, even if we held medications for the previous year.
- *Please note: students should not keep medications with them or in their backpack, this includes; cough drops, inhalers, cough lollipops, or any over the counter medications.*

## Absences

- If your child will be absent, please contact the school absence line. Call 714-220-6960 ext. 1. Leave your child's Last name, first name, teacher, reason for absence, and who is calling. Please spell your child's last name for clarity.

## Every Friday is Spirit Day!

- All students are encouraged to wear their Landell spirit wear or purple to school **EVERY FRIDAY** to join in the school spirit.
- PTA will be keeping the logo wear store open throughout the year. Please visit the [la.landell.org](http://la.landell.org) website for more information.
- **Spirit shirts will be sold in the main office Monday-Wednesday, August 4-6 between 7:30-4:00. EXACT CASH ONLY, while supplies last.**

## Items left at home/Lunch

- Students are encouraged to be responsible. This includes remembering items needed for instruction, Chromebook, homework, lunch, water bottles, and other items. We understand that sometimes these items may be left at home. To avoid interruptions during class time, any items dropped off for students will remain in the front office. **We will email the teacher to let them know about the item and the student will be able to pick it up during recess or lunch. Item pick up is NOT guaranteed and in some cases, the item may not get picked up during school time.** When that happens, students are able to come in the office after school or the next morning to pick up their item.

- Lunches being dropped off should be a last resort and not a common occurrence. Students forgetting lunch are able to take a cafeteria lunch provided at no cost this year.

### **School Breakfast and Lunch**

- Breakfast and lunch are free for all students for the 202/26 school year.

### ***Future Dates to Remember***

#### **Back to school night: Thursday, August 21, 2025- 5:45-7:00p.m.**

- 5:45-6:00: Principal message and teacher introduction in MPR
- 6:00-6:25: Classroom Session 1
- 6:30-6:55: Classroom Session 2

Thank you,

***Vanessa Freedman***

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