

September 2025

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Together, We Grow at Coronado Elementary



A Note from the Principal

Dear Coronado Families,

Thank you for a wonderful start to the school year! We are excited to have our smiling students back in the building – their energy and enthusiasm truly brighten our halls.

As we settle into our routines, please continue to use extra caution during arrival and dismissal times to ensure everyone's safety. We also encourage students to keep bringing their water bottles so they can stay hydrated throughout the day.

We have just started the School Marathon and look forward to seeing you all out there, getting laps in as well!

Thank you for your continued support.

Tyler Burnett
Coronado Elementary Principal

Nurse

Welcome Back to School!

A few reminders to get this school year off on the right track:

- All medicines, prescription and over the counter, including cough drops for your child need to be kept in the nurse's office and the correct paperwork must be completed prior to it being used.
- Please let me know of any major health concerns or changes for your child.
- If your child is ill, please let the office know by 9:00 a.m. If you are unsure whether you should send your child to school, I'm happy to visit with you and help make that decision.
- If your child has a fever over 100, diarrhea, or is vomiting, please keep them home until they are symptom free for 24 hours off of medicine. This goes a long way in keeping everyone healthy! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about the health and safety of your child. Let's have a great year!

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Nurse Jessica

Grade 1

Be on the lookout for an email from sign-up genius to sign up for October conferences, one per student.

If you have multiple students, please make sure you look at that date and time before you sign up.

We look forward to meeting with you.

-Grade 1 Teachers

Grade 4

Grade 4 had brown paper bag presentations.

All students brought in items that were special to them to help us get to know them better. We saw some really neat items like sports medals, pet pictures, and even salt rocks!



Science

Hello! My name is Tracy Musselwhite, and I am the Science/Critical Thinking teacher. We've had a fantastic start to the school year, and I'm excited for all the hands-on, fun learning ahead! Here's a look at what students have been exploring so far:

- Kindergarten students have been learning about what science is and challenged themselves with teamwork activities. They will soon begin studying color and the five senses.
- Grade 1 students kicked off the year with a colorful "potion-mixing" experiment and are moving into learning about animals and their traits.
- Grade 2 students discovered the "magic of black" through a color experiment and will now study animals and the many different kinds that exist.
- Grade 3 students experimented with color and M&Ms and are beginning to learn about inherited traits and variation.
- Grade 4 students are diving into the human body—specifically muscles, eyes, and the brain.
- Grade 5 students began with a molecule experiment using milk, dish soap, and food coloring and are now exploring animals and ecosystems.
- FLC 1–4 students have been busy learning about color and what it means to be a scientist.





Art Corner

Welcome back Coronado students! It's so fun to see students walking into the art room, excited to be back and ready to create their masterpieces.

Grade 1 students are new to the art room this year. They will begin by learning what a self-portrait is and drawing a picture of themselves having fun in the sun. Lines & shapes will be used in the process.

Grader 2 and 3 will learn about artist Wayne Thiebaud. They will use chalk pastels to draw a gumball machine. Shadows and highlights will be used to create value in their drawings.

Grade 4 will be introduced to pop artist Roy Lichtenstein. They will learn how to do block lettering, as well as, onomatopoeia words and Ben-Day dots in their artwork.

Grade 5 will learn what it takes to be a graphic artist. All art elements will be used as they include a candy logo to design a unique, one-of-a-kind shoe.

Music

Hello everyone,

Please take time to read the newsletter and fill out the Triple C Choir signup form. This is a new form and must be filled out by all that wish to attend. The form that was sent out in May of last year won't work. Please fill out the new form. There will be no late additions to choir.

Newsletter Link:



Looking forward to working with you all this year!

Matthew Schwan

Suggestions for Easing Separation Anxiety

When children are getting ready for their first few weeks of school, many of them are excited. However, some students also experience a little anxiety when it comes to starting a new school year and separating from their parents or caregivers.

Children pick up cues about how to act from you. If you are positive, calm, and optimistic about your child going to school, then your child will know that school is a safe, fun place to be. To minimize separation anxiety, keep some of the following ideas in mind:

When it comes to drop off time:

- Resist the urge to sneak away without saying goodbye.
- When you get to school, keep it short, and stay calm. Hug your child, and say, "I love you. I know you'll have a great day. I'll pick you up after school. Good-bye." Smile and walk away. It is helpful to tell your child ahead of time what you will do and say that morning, so they are prepared.
- When it is time to go, do not hesitate when you leave, as this has the potential to prolong the period of anxiety for your child. The more you drag out the good-bye, the more painful it will be, and the longer it will take your child to get adjusted to leaving you.
- If your child is upset, leave them with a teacher or staff member who is trained in techniques for supporting them through their anxiety once you are gone. Have confidence that the teachers know how to handle the situation.
- Children will pick up on your slightest bit of anxiety and will wonder why you are concerned. It is incredibly important to prepare yourself, in addition to preparing your child. Practice what you will say to your child and how you will stay calm. If you feel like you are going to cry, do your best to hold it together until you are out of your child's sight.

For children experiencing tears and anxiety at drop off time, consider if it's a general problem of anxiety at school or more the case of difficulty separating from Mom or Dad? If separation from one parent is the problem, then consider making short term arrangements for the other parent to assume drop off responsibility. A short period with an alternative drop-off person can work to break the anxiety cycle for some children.

If your child says that he/she doesn't want to go because he/she will miss you, respond by saying, "I will miss you, too, but I'm really excited about everything you will get to do in school. I can't wait to hear all about it when you come home." Remain calm, optimistic, and positive about school.

Allow your child to take a small family photo to school with them. Or let them pick something special from you to keep with them for the day. You can read the picture book *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn and make your own "kissing hand" for your child.

Help your child to make connections with other children by inviting children that your child enjoys spending time with to play out-of-school hours.

Children need to attend school regularly in order to have the opportunity to form the relationships necessary to help them overcome their separation anxiety. While it might seem easier to keep them home on occasion, this may also extend the amount of time a child takes to settle into the new environment.

Shirley Luce,
School Counselor

Need Health Coverage? Our School Social Workers Can Help!

Did you know our school social workers can now assist families with Presumptive Eligibility (PE) enrollment? PE provides temporary Medicaid coverage for children and pregnant individuals who appear to be eligible, giving access to important health services while the full application is being processed.

If your family is in need of health coverage or you're unsure where to start, our social workers are here to help guide you through the process. It's quick, confidential, and can make a big difference in ensuring your child stays healthy and supported.

To learn more or to schedule an appointment, please contact your school's social worker directly.

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Greatness Grows When You're Here!

Our district is launching a district wide attendance campaign to reinforce the importance of school attendance and to support families in helping every student achieve their personal best.

Did you know that missing just 2 days a month for any reason, whether excused, unexcused, or due to suspension, can add up to a student being chronically absent? Chronic absence (missing 10% or more of the school year) can cause students to fall behind academically and feel disconnected from school.

As partners in your child's education, we encourage you to help build strong attendance habits by setting consistent routines, scheduling appointments outside of school hours when possible, and avoiding vacations or trips when school is in session.

If your child will be absent, please communicate with the school, and don't hesitate to reach out to our school counselor or social worker if you have any concerns. They are here to support you and your student.

Together, we can help all students grow and succeed because greatness truly grows when you're here!



Steps to Success: Communicating with Your Child's School

We strive to be the best place to learn. The only way we can improve is to know about concerns so we are able to address them. Here are some tips for communicating with your child's school when concerns arise.

The fastest way to a positive result is to start with the people closest to the situation in the school. Talk with the teacher or coach about your questions and concerns before going to the principal.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to reach out to teachers and school staff by:

- Calling the school's phone number. Because they are teaching, you often will need to leave a message for your child's teacher or coach.
- Emailing the teacher or coach directly. All teacher emails are available on our school website.

We want to be responsive to parents' questions and requests for information. Our staff will respond to your call or email as soon as possible, in most cases within two school days.

If you have had a conversation with your child's teacher and the principal and are still needing assistance, the director of elementary or secondary programs will be able to provide additional support.

We are excited for this new school year and look forward to partnering with you to support a great school experience for your student.

Screen Your Student for Symptoms of Illness

It is important to screen your student for illness every day before coming to school. Keep your student at home if sick with any illness. By making sure students are healthy when they come to school, we all can help prevent illnesses that disrupt learning.

Thank you for your support!

Title I Schools Annual Notice

As part of our commitment to transparency and providing the best education for your children, we want to remind you of your rights under Title I.

You can request information about the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher and any instructional aides who work with your child. This includes their certification, college degrees, and other qualifications. We aim to keep open communication and ensure you feel confident in the education your child receives.

If you have any questions or would like to request this information, please contact our office.

September Calendar

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1 - Labor Day/No School

2 - PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.

5 - 2:30 p.m. Rock Rally



7 - 3 p.m. Marathon Family Day at South High School Track

15 - 6 p.m. Marathon Family Night at Jerry Ivey

16 - Site Council 11:30 a.m.

Contact Us

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 School Website

 District Website

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