



**HERON SCHOOL**  
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Dear Heron Families,

This is Principal Stephanie Schulzkump, and I am excited to welcome each of you to the 2026-2027 school year! At Heron TK-8 School, we adopt the Responsive Classroom Model and a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) academic focus, emphasizing social, emotional, and academic growth in these disciplines. We are excited to continue our ART program, which includes Art 1 and Advanced Art in middle school, as well as art units of study in grades TK–6, providing creative opportunities for all our students. Additionally, we will continue our literacy writing focus using explicit Step-Up-To-Writing strategies in TK-8. Our comprehensive literacy approach incorporates aligned instructional strategies addressing all five pillars of reading through systematic phonics, vocabulary development, fluency building, and comprehension instruction across subject areas.

Families will receive notification through Infinite Campus about their child's teacher assignment and middle school student schedules. If you do not have an Infinite Campus account, you can find instructions on how to set one up by following the [Parent Instructions provided](#). Every effort has been made to create classes that are strategic to students' needs and as balanced as possible. **Please understand that requests for class changes will not be considered once the class lists have been finalized.**

Summer enrollment nights will be held on July 28th, August 4th, and August 10th from 5:00–7:00 PM at the enrollment center. For additional assistance, the NUSD Welcome Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM–4:30 PM, though please note it will be closed June 19th in observance of Juneteenth, as well as June 26th through July 10th.

All school and district information will be provided using ParentSquare. We encourage all families to download the app from the Apple or Google Play Store as soon as possible. For emergencies and urgent matters, please contact our Constituent and Customer Services at [customerservice@natomasunified.org](mailto:customerservice@natomasunified.org) or (916) 561-5253.

Student attendance is crucial for success. Students who have regular school attendance have higher levels of achievement and self-esteem. Therefore, our attendance goal is 95%. The Heron community is stronger together. **Be Here. Every Day. All Day.** Middle school starts at 8:05 AM, and TK-6th grade starts at 8:15 AM.

**The first day of school is August 13.** Important upcoming dates include:

- Heron School Office opens to the public on August 3rd. Call the school office for hours.
- Heron "Back to School Kick Off Social" is Friday, August 7th, from 4 pm- 6 pm in the Heron Quad
- TK and Kindergarten Back to School Night: Monday, August 10th at 5:45 PM in the MPR, moving to classrooms no later than 6:00 PM
- Back to School Night for 1st-8th Grade: Wednesday, August 26th, from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- Here is a [link](#) to the 26-27 school year's calendar.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Schulzkump".

Stephanie Schulzkump, Heron Principal