

Dear Witter Families:

I want to warmly welcome you to the 2026-2027 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 student's 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 9 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 2026-2027 school year are:

- Build a culture of collaboration
- Continue to improve academic achievement through AVID and early literacy
- 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, as well as having 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.

I am looking forward to working with you to meet our school goals for the 2026-2027 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.

From the district: The Education Center, Service Center, and Welcome Center are closed to the public from June 29 through July 10, 2026. Our summer school programs will continue to be underway. Please know that families who need to communicate with staff who are working in the summer programs will still be able to reach out to the specific school site where the program is located to get support.

While we are closed, families may continue to enroll online. If families have questions, please email registration@natomasunified.org. Staff will respond to emails after reopening to the public on July 13, 2026. If this is an urgent matter or emergency, please contact the District's after-hours Constituent and Customer Services line at (916) 561-5253

Important dates/times and information:

- **Our school office will open August 4, 2026 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 28th, Tuesday, August 4th, and Monday, August 10th.
- Elementary class assignments will be finalized and available through Infinite Campus (IC) no later than August 7 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 13** (Here is a [link](#) to the 26-27 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 dismiss at 1:38 pm**
- **Back to School Night - August 18, 5:30-7pm**
- **WRE 26/27 [Bell Schedule](#).**

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 a strong and successful educational partnership.

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Respectfully,
Erik Jones
Principal