

Welcome Chargers!



**CHERRY CHASE
ELEMENTARY**



Coffee with the Principal - August 2026

What will you learn today?

- Introductions
- PTA Announcements
- Charger Pride
- District Promise & Site Goals
- Instructional Tools
- Schedules
- Attendance
- General Procedures
- Weekly Charger Newsletter
- Parent Square
- Dates to Remember



Introductions



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Interim Principal
Allison Crawford



Interim Assistant Principal
Sarah Field



Allison Crawford - Interim Principal 2026-2027



Professional Background:

- Assistant Principal, Sunnyvale Middle School
- Assistant Principal, Gunderson High School
- Instructional Coach, Bernal Intermediate School
- Math & Leadership Teacher, Bernal Intermediate School
- K-6 Student Teaching and Early Literacy Support



Sarah Field - Interim Assistant Principal 2026-2027

Education: University of Portland, BA & Concordia University Irvine, MA Ed

Professional Background:

- Instructional Coach, Cherry Chase Elementary
- Principal, San José High School
- Assistant Principal, San José High School
- District Instructional Coach, San José Unified School District
- 9-12th Grade Special Education Teacher, Pioneer High School
- 6-8th Grade Special Education Teacher, Castellero Middle School
- Special Education Paraprofessional, Castellero Middle School



Welcome from the Cherry Chase Parent Teacher Association

Stephanie Holson
PTA President
president@cherrychasepta.org

PTA Mission



Some of What We Do

- Teacher grants for classroom supplies and innovative ideas
- Funding for hands on science program SimpliScience
- Field trip funding and chaperones
- School-wide community events
- Classroom volunteering
- Afterschool programs
- Yearbook
- Many other volunteering opportunities!

Two major fundraisers per year

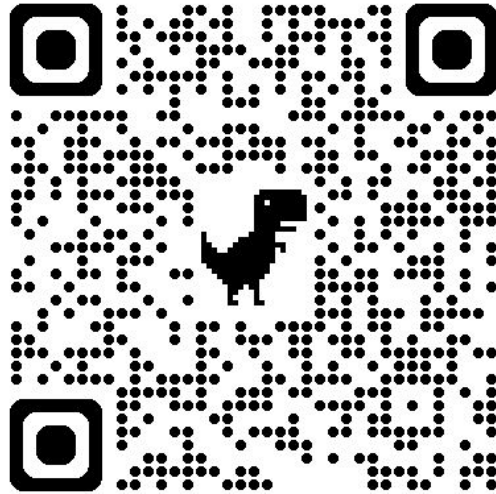
- November - Direct Appeal
- Friday, April 2 - Walk-A-Thon & Auction



PTA spends approx ~\$350/student

How to Get Involved

Become a PTA member. Just \$11/individual, \$17/family.



<https://cherrychasepta.org/how-to-join>

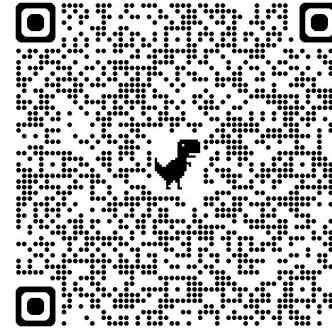
How to Get Involved

We are an all-volunteer organization!

Many ways to make a difference:

- With kids or adults
- At school or behind the scenes
- One time or year round

How to find out more



- Weekly eBlast email newsletter →
- Attend the Cherry Chase PTA Picnic and Resource Fair
 - Friday, Aug 21st from 5:30-7:30pm @ CC
- Visit our website: cherrychasepta.org
- Attend the PTA Association Meeting
 - Wed Sept 16, 7pm, online

YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!
THANK YOU!



The Sunnyvale Promise

Every student is known by **name**, **strength**, and **need**, ready to excel in high school and beyond, and to lead a life of joy and purpose.



Cherry Chase Shared Commitments for Instructional Excellence

- Plan and deliver lessons aligned with the SEDS Instructional Framework and adopted curriculum. (4.1, 4.2)
- Begin each lesson with clear learning and language objectives. (4.1)
- Use structured student talk and frequent checks for understanding throughout instruction. (2.2, 4.1, 4.2)
- Use data to adjust Tier 1 instruction and plan targeted support. (1.1, 2.1, 3.2, 4.3)

Instructional Tools

Core Curricula

Fountas & Pinnell Classroom (TK)

Really Great Reading (TK)

Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) (K-5)

Amplify Language Studio (K-5 dELD)

Illustrative Math (K-5)

TCI - Social Science (K-5)

Mystery Science (K-5)

Second Step (SEL K-5)

Schedules:

Bell Schedule

Cherry Chase Family Calendar



CHERRY CHASE ELEMENTARY 2026-2027 BELL SCHEDULE

Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

TK Drop Off	8:00-8:15 am
Class Time	8:15-9:30 am
Morning Snack & Recess	9:30-10:00 am
Class Time	10:00-11:10 am
Lunch Recess	11:10-11:30 am
Lunch	11:30-11:50 am
Class Time	11:50-2:25 pm
Dismissal (<i>Begins 9/9 Mon-Thrs</i>)	2:25 pm
Half Day Dismissal (8/17-9/8)	11:35 am
Early Dismissal (<i>Fridays and TLD*</i>)	12:45 pm

Kindergarten

Supervision Begins	8:00 am
Line Up Bell	8:12 am
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Lunch	11:55-12:15 pm
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Grade 1 and 2

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Lunch Recess	11:35-11:55 am
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Grade 3

Supervision Begins	8:00 am
Line Up Bell	8:12 am
Class Begins	8:15 am
Morning Snack & Recess	10:00-10:20 am
Lunch Recess	12:00-12:20 pm
Lunch	12:20-12:40 pm
Dismissal (<i>Monday-Thursday</i>)	2:30 pm
Early Dismissal (<i>Fridays and TLD*</i>)	12:45 pm

Grade 4 and 5

Supervision Begins	8:00 am
Line Up Bell	8:12 am
Class Begins	8:15 am
Morning Snack & Recess	10:00-10:20 am
Lunch Recess	12:00-12:20 pm
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Good To Know

8:00 am Gates are unlocked and outside supervision begins

8:12 am Teachers walk to the line to pick up students

8:15 am Class begins. Students arriving after 8:15 are tardy.

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All grades are dismissed early on Teacher Learning Days (TLD) at 12:45 pm

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TK Early Release Schedule (8/17/26 - 9/8/26)

8:00 am	TK Drop Off
8:15 am	Class Time
9:30-10:00 am	Morning Snack & Recess
11:35 am	Dismissal

**bagged lunch available upon request*

 8/17-9/8 TK Early Release Pick-up at 11:35am
(use side gate on Grape Ave. to enter campus)

TK Schedule (9/9/26 - 6/9/27)

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TK and Kinder - Starting the School Year Successfully

-  Early bedtime (ideally between 7-8pm)
-  Practice getting up in the morning before school starts
-  Practice opening and closing snack containers independently
-  Pack a change of clothes
-  Label everything
-  Eat breakfast (if unable to, please tell teacher in the morning during drop off)

TK Meet & Greet

Friday, 8/14 - 2:00-2:20pm

Teachers will communicate more details

TK & K Playdate

Saturday, 8/15 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Hosted by PTA

1st & 2nd Grade Schedule

Grade 1 and 2

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3rd Grade Schedule

Grade 3

Supervision Begins	8:00 am
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Class Begins	8:15 am
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Lunch	12:20-12:40 pm
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4th & 5th Grade Schedule

Grade 4 and 5

Supervision Begins	8:00 am
Line Up Bell	8:12 am
Class Begins	8:15 am
Morning Snack & Recess	10:00-10:20 am
Lunch Recess	12:00-12:20 pm
Lunch	12:20-12:40 pm
Dismissal (<i>Monday-Friday</i>)	2:30 pm
Early Dismissal (<i>TLD*</i>)	12:45 pm

Reporting an Absence

Your child needs to stay home if they are not feeling well and experiencing fever, diarrhea, or vomiting.

Please call/email the office to report any absence for any reason.

Cherry Chase Office 408-522-8241
CherryChaseFrontOffice@sesd.org

Attendance Policies for ALL Students

Unexcused Absences

- After 3 unexcused absences, the family will receive a truancy letter.
- After the 4th unexcused absence, the family will receive another letter, a meeting with Ms. Field and be placed on Supervised Attendance.
- After the 5th unexcused absence the family may be referred to the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB)

Enrollment / Attendance Information

All resident students who enroll at Cherry Chase MUST be seated in classrooms for the first three days of school. **On the fourth day, Thursday, August 20, 2026, we will drop any student who has not shown up by the Attendance Policy as cited in the Family Handbook.**

Please be aware that Short Term Independent Study is not granted until after September 15th*.

We look forward to seeing your children on Monday, August 17, 2026. Our gates will be open at 8:00 AM.

General Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

The following gates will be open every morning at 8:00am.

- Front of the school near the library
- Front of the school near the admin building
- Heatherstone Ave. and Grape Ave.
- Grape Ave. near the Kinderworld

Gates will be closed at 8:20am after drop-off and at 2:45pm after pick-up.

Gates will be open at 4 pm when Cherry Chase becomes a public park

The front driveway is only for school buses, staff, or ADA parking. It is CLOSED for pick-up and drop-off.

Parking is available on the neighborhood streets. Be a good neighbor by being mindful of driveways, school buses, and red zones.

For our walk-and-roll crew, please use sidewalks and ALWAYS use the

Lunch Grades K-5

Students have 20 minutes to play followed by 20 minutes to eat

Cafeteria will be open for lunch

Students will sit with their class

TK/Kindergarten Lunch

TK students will have recess in the TK area

Kindergarten students will have recess in the Kinderworld and eat in the cafeteria.

TK will eat lunch in the cafeteria beginning on September 9, 2026.

Students will eat with their class at a designated table in the Cafeteria.

Weekly Charger Newsletter

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August 7, 2026

#1 - Weekly Charger Newsletter

Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year!

A Note from Ms. Crawford

Dear Charger Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you enjoying summer and eagerly anticipating the start of the new school year. As the Interim Principal for the 2026-2027 school year, I am honored to have the opportunity to join such a dedicated and thriving school community, and I look forward to getting to know each of you in the months ahead! If you haven't had an opportunity to review my letter of introduction yet, you can find it linked below:

[Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year - Introduction Letter to Charger Families](#)



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I am also very pleased to share that **Sarah Field will be the Interim Assistant Principal** for the 2026-2027 school year. Sarah has served as the Instructional Coach for Cherry Chase for the past three years, and she is excited to continue the great work happening at our school!

Send weekly on
Fridays to
Cherry Chase
Families via
Parent Square.



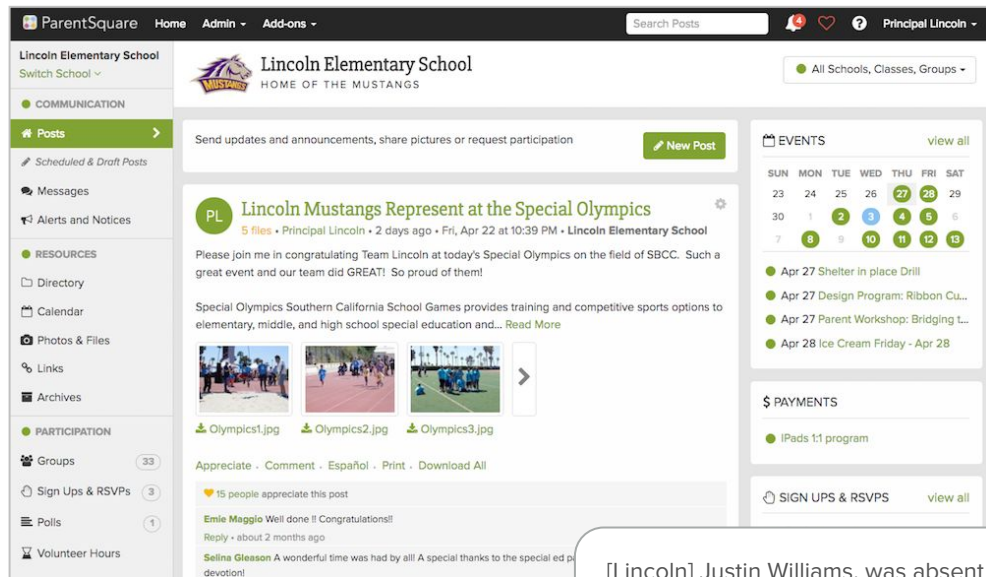
ParentSquare

Multiple Way to Communicate

Update Notification Settings in your account!

Text Notifications

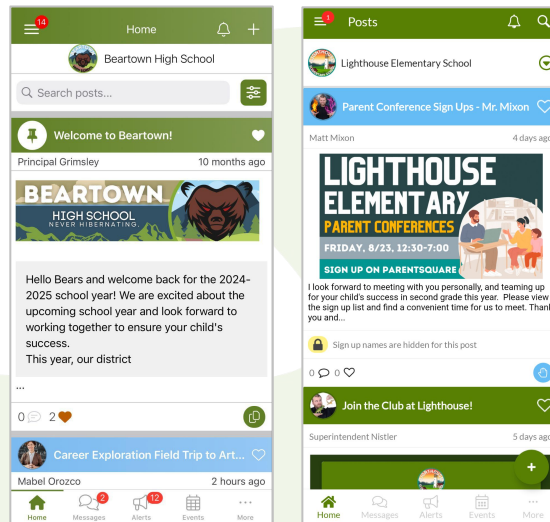
[Lincoln] First meeting this Friday <http://psqr.io/ANeCRTi6>



Mobile-Friendly and Familiar Website

[Lincoln] Justin Williams, was absent from 1st Period today, Oct 25. Call 555-622-3634 x 1011 or click <http://psqr.io/ZNeCYi2YH> to excuse.

Email and Push Notifications



Native iOS and Android Apps

www.parentsquare.com

Download the App



Android



iOS

Verify Account Information and Notification Settings

- Login to account (web or app)
- Verify contact information (email and cell phone)
- Update Notification Setting Preferences
 - Digest (6pm) or Instant
 - **Turn ON** text message

Thank you for staying connected with
Cherry Chase Elementary School through ParentSquare!

Dates to Remember

Monday, August 17

First Day of School

Monday, September 7

Labor Day- No School

Wednesday, September 9

Back to School Night

5:15-6:00 pm Grades TK-2

6:05-6:25 pm General Session (all grades)

6:30-7:15 pm Grades 3-5

September 9-10

Picture Day

October 5-9

Conference Week

Book Fair



PTA EVENTS: Dates to Remember

Saturday, Aug. 15 (10am-12pm)

TK/Kinder play date

Monday, Aug. 17

First Day of School

Friday, Aug. 21 (5:30-7:30pm)

Cherry Chase PTA Community Picnic &
Resource Fair

Add the PTA Calendar to your personal
calendar.



Coffee with the Principal Dates

August 11, 10:00 am
Incoming Families

August 17 8:30 am
Welcome Back

September 26, 8:45 am
What to Expect During Conference Week
Amplify CLKA (ELA / ELD Curriculum)



Note: Future dates are subject to change

October 23, 8:45 am
January 22, 8:45 am
March 19, 8:45 am

QUESTIONS ?