



# Principal Chat

Friday, August 21, 2026



# Introductions



**Principal  
Shana Riehl**



**Assistant Principal  
Dr. Kelly Mack**

# What You Will Learn Today!



Introductions

Cougar Pride

Cumberland Focus Areas

Schedules

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Communication

Partner with us



# Cougar Pride

*Be Respectful*

*Be Responsible*

*Make Good Choices*





# Cumberland Focus Areas



# The Sunnyvale Promise

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





# Focus to Support Our WHY



Every system we build, every lesson we design, and every resource we deploy is guided by a single question: **How does this serve our learners?**



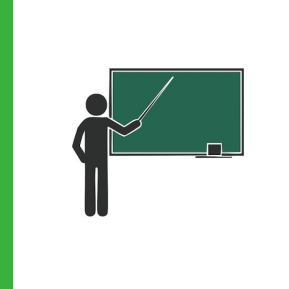
## Clear Expectations for Learning

Build school-wide awareness  
around clear learning targets  
and success criteria.



## Literacy Exploration & Growth

Explore and experiment with  
our new K-5 ELA/ELD  
curriculum.



## Excellence in the Classroom

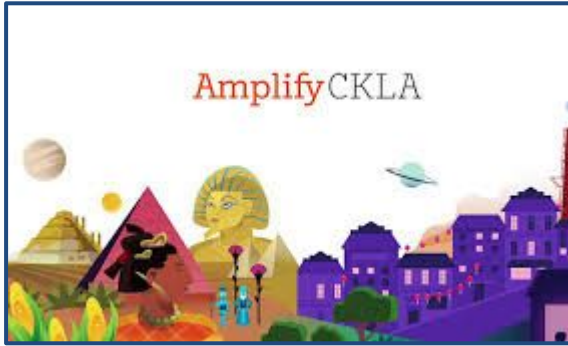
Take a deep dive into  
high-quality Tier 1 instruction  
in every classroom.



## Targeted Support & Acceleration

Refine our MTSS and  
intervention frameworks.

# Amplify.



**English Language Arts (ELA)**  
Core Knowledge Language Arts  
(CKLA)



**Spanish Language Arts (SLA)**  
Caminos



**English Language Development (ELD)**  
Language Studio

# Instructional Tools

## Curricula



NEW! CKLA Amplify Curriculum  
Illustrative Math (K-5)  
TCI-Social Science  
Mystery Science  
Second Step (SEL K-5)  
Handwriting Without Tears (K-5)

# Bell Schedule

## Good To Know

8:00 am Gates are unlocked and outside supervision begins

8:13 am Teachers walk to the line to pick up students

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

All TK - 3rd grade students are dismissed at 12:45 pm on Fridays

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

\*TLD Days 9/8/2026, 10/20/2026, 11/3/2026, 1/12/2027, 2/9/2027  
3/9/2027, 4/6/2027, 5/11/2027

Conference Week is October 5-9, 2026. All grades are dismissed at 11:35 am.



## Cumberland Cougar Daily Schedule 2026-2027 School Year



8:15  
2:25  
2:30

School begins  
Dismissal, K/TK (TK - 11:35 am: 8/17 to 9/4)  
Dismissal, Grades 1 - 5

EVERY FRIDAY: 12:45 PM - DISMISSAL for Grades TK-3

### RECESS SCHEDULE

| Time        | Primary Playground                 | Upper Playground   |
|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 10:00-10:20 | Kinder & 1st<br>TK (TK Playground) | 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th |

### LUNCH SCHEDULE

| Time                        | Grade Level    |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 11:20 - 12:00<br>Eat / Play | 3rd, 4th & 5th |
| 12:00-12:40<br>Eat / Play   | K, 1st & 2nd   |
| 12:00-12:40<br>Play / Eat   | TK             |

### TEACHER LEARNING DAY: 12:45 PM DISMISSAL - ALL STUDENTS (TK-5)

|              |              |             |              |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Sept 8, 2026 | Oct 20, 2026 | Nov 3, 2026 | Jan 12, 2027 |
| Feb 9, 2027  | Mar 9, 2027  | Apr 6, 2027 | May 11, 2027 |

### CONFERENCE WEEK: 11:35 am DISMISSAL - ALL STUDENTS (TK-5)

|                         |                                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mon, Oct 5 - Fri, Oct 9 | 11:35 am dismissal for all students |
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### TK INFORMATION:

|                  |                                                            |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aug 17 to Sept 4 | Daily schedule (M-F): 8:15am to 11:35am                    |
| Sept 9 - Jun 9   | TK full days: 8:15am-2:25pm<br>(12:45 PM Friday dismissal) |
| Apr 5 - 9        | Spring Conference Week                                     |

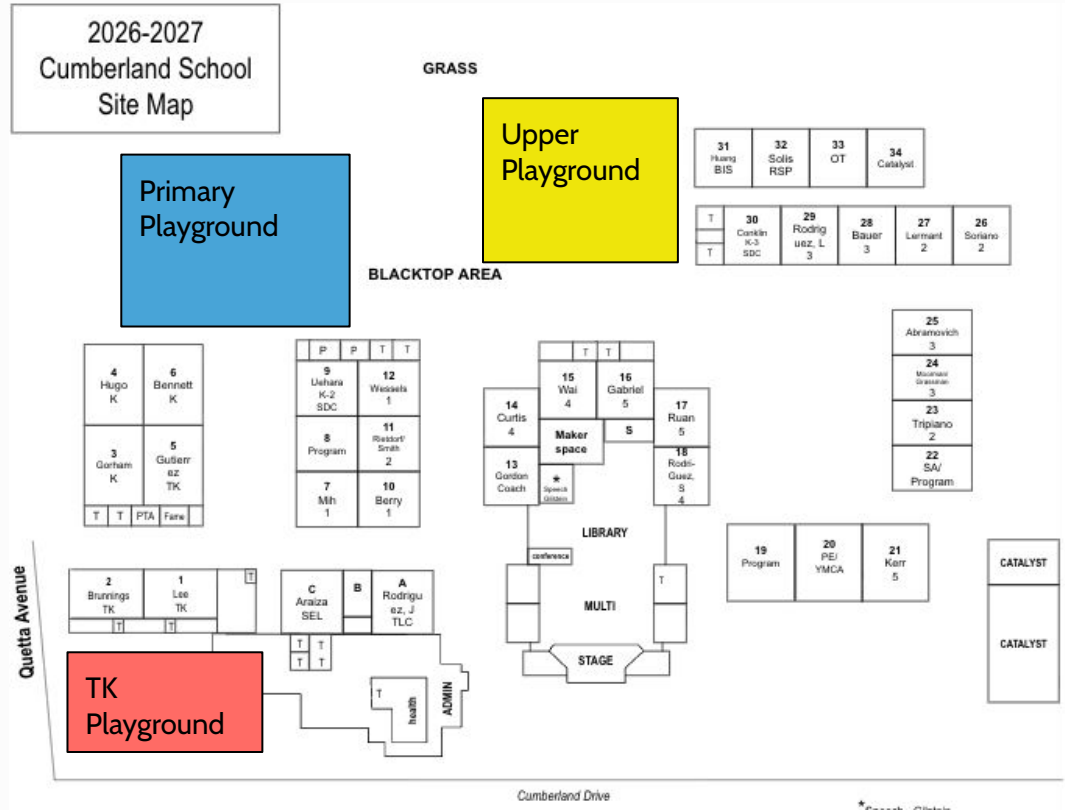
### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, June 9th - 11:35am dismissal

# Morning Recess

**ALL STUDENTS**  
**10:00 – 10:20 am**

- **TK plays on the TK playground**
  - **snacks from the cafeteria are delivered to the playground**
- **K-1 play on the primary side**
- **2-5 play on the upper side**
  - **K-5 students go to the cafeteria to pick up a snack.**



# New Lunch Schedules

- **K-5 Students have 20 minutes to eat followed by 20 minutes to play**
- **K, 1st & 3rd graders eat in the cafeteria**
  - **Students sit with their class**
- **2nd, 4th & 5th grade eat in the quad area**
  - **Students can choose where to sit**
- **TK will eat lunch in the cafeteria beginning on September 9, 2026**
  - **TK students will have 20 minutes to play followed by 20 minutes to eat**



Reporting

Absences



**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.**

Call: (408) 522-8255

Email: [cumberlandfrontoffice@sesd.org](mailto:cumberlandfrontoffice@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. Brett and be placed on Supervised Attendance.
- After the 5th unexcused absence the family may be referred to the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB)



ParentSquare

# What is ParentSquare?

- We will continue using ParentSquare as our unified communication platform this school year.
- ParentSquare allows us to better connect with families through one streamlined system, making it easier to share important updates, messages, reminders, and announcements.
- Please make sure you are connected and have access to ParentSquare.

# 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  
Cumberland Elementary School through ParentSquare!

# Cumberland Partners

## **Groups that enhance our overall experience**

- 1. PTA**
- 2. Sunnyvale Education Foundation**
- 3. Bay Ed Fund**
- 4. YMCA**
- 5. Pacific Clinics**

# Family Voices

**Your voice, perspectives, and support are invaluable to our shared success.**

**Volunteering**

**Principal Chats**

**ELAC - English Learners Advisory Committee @ 8:15 am: 9/16, 11/18, 2/3 and 4/21**

**SSC - School Site Council**

**PTA - Parent Teacher Association**

**Informal Meetings - Principal, Teachers, Support Team**

# 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

Join the PTA

<https://jointotem.com/ca/sunnyvale/cumberland-elementary-pta/join/register>

Email: [volunteer@cumberlandpta.org](mailto:volunteer@cumberlandpta.org)

Explore the volunteer guide to discover opportunities that fit your schedule

<https://cumberlandpta.org/volunteer/>

# Dates to Remember

- Friday, August 28 - PTA Back to School Picnic
- Tuesday, September 1 - Back to School Night
- Monday, September 7 - Labor Day (No School)
- Week of October 5-9, - Conference Week (Student dismissal at 11:35am)



# Questions?

You can also email us:  
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