



# Cedar Grove Elementary

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Dear Cedar Grove Families,

Welcome back! Hope everyone had a fabulous summer. As principal of Cedar Grove, I am looking forward to working as a community to build on our school culture that fosters student learning, collaboration, and parent involvement.

Cedar Grove is committed to life-long learning. Throughout the summer, our dedicated educators have participated in many professional development opportunities focused on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills, Career and College Readiness, and Project Based Learning. We are looking forward to implementing our new knowledge and supporting the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in our students every day. We support a community that values the importance of these skills, where we communicate, collaborate, think critically, and are both innovative and creative.

Cedar Grove is proud to be involved in many projects that support our theme, ***“Developing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners.”***

- **PROJECT CORNERSTONE** is a countywide collaborative program working to mobilize our entire community to develop strategies for building relationships and assets with our children.
- **ABC READERS** is a special parent volunteer program where parents have the opportunity to actively participate in their child’s classroom by reading books that have a strong positive self-image theme. We encourage you to sign up and volunteer for this amazing program.

I’m looking forward to working together and on behalf of the dedicated Cedar Grove staff, I welcome you to an amazing 2014-2015 year ahead. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call our office after August 13 at (408) 270-4958.

Please review the information on the reverse side of this page for some beginning of the school year reminders. I am excited to see everyone!

Sincerely,

Lea Peery  
Principal

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# BEGINNING OF THE YEAR REMINDERS

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2014

All students in grades 1-6 begin at 8:29 a.m. and are dismissed at 2:35 p.m. daily except on Thursdays, which are minimum days, unless otherwise noted. The minimum day dismissal is at 1:17 p.m.

**The first minimum day will be Thursday, August 28, 2014.**

Kindergarten schedule:

Morning 8:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

Afternoon 11:50 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

- **PRINCIPAL & PTA COFFEE - AUGUST 20 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Cougar Café. At this time, we will share all of the 2014-2015 school year plans and how we can work together to embrace the opportunities of this new and exciting year.
- **TRANSITIONAL & KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION** We will have a special Kindergarten Orientation for our new incoming TK's and Kindergarteners and their parents/guardians on Tuesday, August 19 at 1:00 p.m. in our café. Our Kindergarten team will preview the upcoming year and introduce classroom expectations.
- **COMMUNICATION** Communication between home and school is essential. By reading the newsletter, parents and students can stay informed on what is happening at Cedar Grove as well as upcoming events. The newsletter can be viewed on our website and copies are also available in the front office. This year we will be formally transitioning to the Parent Portal system to collect emergency contact information and communication preferences. Please take a few minutes to review and update your emergency information. If you have not already created an account, your personalized login and password information will be mailed to you by August 6, 2014. On Tuesday, August 19, at 5:00 p.m. your child's classroom assignment will be posted in the Parent Portal under "My Schedule" icon in the left hand navigation box. Visit our website at [www.cge.schoolloop.com](http://www.cge.schoolloop.com) for other important school news. Classes will be posted on Tuesday, August 19 after 5:00 p.m. Due to increased enrollment, we are anticipating class adjustments during the first two weeks of school.
- **SAFETY** Please help us maintain a safe environment for all students at Cedar Grove by driving slowly in the parking lot. Please use all available spaces in the parking lot and never park at the yellow/red curb. **When picking up students you must wait in your vehicle at the yellow curb; do not leave your car unattended (even to just run to a classroom).** We ask that you park in a valid parking space or outside on the street if you need to leave your vehicle.
- **PARENT WAITING AREA** In order to ensure the safety of all students, Cedar Grove is a closed campus. Please wait in the designated Parent Waiting Areas during drop-off and dismissal. Your child will walk to meet you there. If you would like to enter campus, please sign in at the front office and get a visitor's pass.
- **SUPERVISION** Morning supervision begins at 8:10 a.m. every day. *Students should not enter the campus until supervision begins. Once again this is not safe, so please arrange for them to arrive at 8:10 a.m. and not before this time.*
- **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT** Back to School Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17 from 5:45-7:30 p.m. More information will be sent home with your child during the first week of school.
- **OFFICE HOURS** The school office will reopen on Wednesday, August 13 at 8:00 a.m. and we will begin taking new registrations at that time.

August 13 - 15 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

August 18 - 23 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.