



Bethune TK-8 School

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Hello Parents and Guardians,

I am so happy to Welcome Back all our students, parents, and community to Bethune UTK-8. I hope you had a wonderful summer break and are ready for our 2023-2024 school year! I am so excited to begin my second year at Bethune UTK-8. Go Wildcats! The Bethune staff is working hard to prepare for the first day of school, on **Monday, August 21, 2023**.

I am looking forward to meeting our returning and new students at Bethune! Our goal at Bethune is to build a partnership with the community and create a safe and nurturing environment for all our students. In order to do this, we must focus on their social-emotional, as well as their academic needs. It is essential that our students feel valued, safe, and treated with respect. It is essential that parents work collaboratively with the Bethune school staff to better support their child/children.

I will have a New Parent Orientation on Friday August 18th from 1:00-2:00 pm. However, ALL parents are welcome to attend this orientation. The focus will be on Parent information on our school process, procedure and routines. Please note, students will not be able to visit classrooms at this time. On Friday, August 18th, at 1:00 pm we will post the elementary class assignments outside the auditorium windows. From 1:00-2:30 pm middle school students can pick up their schedules at the front of the red gate entrance of the school. Staff will be there to assist.

NOTE: At this time we will not be making any changes to class allocations or schedules. Thank you!

On Thursday, August 17, 2023, we will have a short meeting with **UTK and Kindergarten parents from 1:00 to 1:30 pm in the auditorium**, with the principal and the classroom teachers.

Here is some general information:

School timetable 2023-2024:

Regular Daily Schedule			
Grade	Line Up	Start	End
UTK - K	7:55 am	8:00 am	2:15 pm
Grade 1st - 5th	7:55 am	8:00 am	2:20 pm
Grade 6th - 8th	7:55 am	8:00 am	2:49 pm

Modified Day Schedule			
Grade	Line Up	Start	End
UTK - K	7:55 am	8:00 am	12:10 pm
Grade 1st - 5th	7:55 am	8:00 am	12:15 pm
Grade 6th - 8th	7:55 am	8:00 am	12:50 pm

UTK-KINDER parents the first week of school August 21-25, will be modified days. Please note this is only for UTK-Kinder students. UTK-Kinder students may not wait at school for their older siblings, they will need to pick up at 12:10 pm daily during the first week of school.

Pick Up and Drop Off of students.

GRADES 1-8 CAR pick/drop off: Drop off and pick will be at GATE A (Benjamin-Holt Road gate). This has not changed from last year. If you are driving, please ensure that you are in line (safely following road rules and laws). This area is not a parking zone, it is only for pick up and drop off. We want to ensure that all students and parents are safe. PLEASE do not drop off students in the middle of the road or jump ahead of other cars. Additionally, ensure that you are not parking in any red zones or where orange cones have been placed.

GRADE 1-8 Walking: As last year, students will be dropped off at GATE A (Benjamin-Holt Road gate). Please ensure that you and your child use the crosswalk when crossing the street.

UTK-Kinder: UTK and Kinder students will use the GATE in the school parking lot. Please ensure you are lined up and following and respecting the line as we support students getting in and out of the cars.

Office Hours and Contacts:

7:30-3:00 pm daily.

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As per the SDUSD health and safety protocols, masks are not mandated but optional when entering the school campus. We are asking all visitors to sign in at the office if you are on campus for a meeting or volunteering. If you or your child are feeling unwell and/or have flu-like symptoms, we ask families to keep their child at home. We want to maintain the highest standards of safety for all our staff, students, parents, and community. Let's keep each other safe!

I am looking forward to a wonderful 2023-2024 school year and working in partnership with you.

Warm Regards,

Elena De La Rosa
Principal