



# JOHN GREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DUBLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lorianne R. Ventura, Ed.D.  
Principal

July 28, 2017

Dear John Green Families,

We are gearing up for the 2017-2018 school year. I hope you and your family had an opportunity to enjoy a restful and rejuvenating summer with an opportunity to connect with family and friends while creating long lasting memories.

Here are some highlights from the 2016-2017 school year. These are a result of dedication, passion, hard work and collaboration of our staff, families and community.

- We reviewed and assessed safety practices, processes and disaster preparedness. We participated in our first ever, full disaster drill and it was a huge success.
- We began reviewing district and school-wide processes and procedures and started the path of coming into alignment with these.
- Instructionally
  - We began our implementation of Next Generation Science Standards across the district and within the school. We celebrated science through a school-wide engineering challenge and transitioned from a Science Fair to an Engineering Fair. Our students proved themselves as amazing engineers. Students impressively used the practices of science and engineering by asking questions, developing and using models, planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, and evaluating and communicating information.
  - Our students continued to articulate themselves creatively, efficiently and proficiently in areas of writing as we continued implementation of Writers Workshop.
  - We focused on Mathematical Discourse and students articulated their understanding of mathematics through discussion, problem solving and transference of knowledge and skills.
- Our Leadership Team worked diligently analyzing, discussing and resolving areas of concern around campus as well as focusing on instruction through the lens of *Visible Learning*.
- Our RTI Team focused on maximizing support for student learning and social success.
- We came together as a community to support our students, each other and families through the loss of one of our colleagues.
- We completed our tenth year of education at John Green Elementary school. There is a lot to be proud of and many staff and families remember the day the school opened.
- What are some other highlights professional and personal that you can think of?

Please join me in welcoming the following new staff members:

- Ms. Halai Akbari – Instructional Assistant
- Ms. Deborah Johnson – DK-2 SDC/SAI (Specialized Academic Instruction)
- Ms. Erin Karlin – Speech and Language Pathologist (0.2)
- Ms. Susana Sandoval – Speech and Language Pathologist
- Ms. Ashley Sylva – Grade 3
- Physical Education, TBD
- Instructional Assistant, TBD

On Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> is our Fall Check-In Day. At Fall Check-In families are going to submit registration forms, receive their student's classroom assignment, meet members of the Parent-Faculty Club (PFC), order spirit-wear and reconnect with families that you may not have seen all summer.

Check-in Times are as follows:



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Grades 4 and 5:	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Grades 2 and 3:	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Kindergarten and Grade 1:	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
All Grades:	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Please be sure to print and bring the **Summary Page** printed from the Parent Portal as well as the **Student Emergency Health Form**. One per student.

**Our first day of school is Monday, August 14th.** School begins at 8:25 A.M. for grades 1 through 5 and 8:35 A.M. for the Kindergarten classes. Our Parent-Faculty Club (PFC) is sponsoring a Welcome Back Coffee for parents from 8:30 AM – 9:40 AM in the MPR. Please join us in the MPR to enjoy some refreshments and meet new families and or reconnect with other families. Kindergarten families, please join us after your morning program in your student's classroom.

Student safety is of the utmost importance. During the first week of school there is more traffic than normal. Please take special care when dropping off or picking up your student. **Parking/Drop Off Area Reminders:** Park your car in appropriately marked areas only. There are limited Visitor spots in the parking lot. Please park along Antone or Bridgepointe. **The driveway in front of the school is for drop off and pick up only.** Please do not leave your car unattended when dropping off or picking up your student. To drop off or pick up in the loading areas, your car should be against the curb. It is unsafe to load or unload away from the curb. Please drop your student off at the front of the school only.

## Below is a list of upcoming events

Fall Check-in	Tuesday, August 8 <sup>th</sup>
Kindergarten Picnic (Ted Fairfield Park)	Saturday, August 12 <sup>th</sup>
First Day of School/Welcome Back Coffee	Monday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>
Kindergarten and Grade 1 Back-to-School Night	Thursday, August 17 <sup>th</sup>
PFC Meeting	Wednesday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Grades 1 - 5 Back-to-School Night	Thursday, August 24 <sup>th</sup>
Labor Day - No School	Monday, September 4 <sup>th</sup>
School Site Council	Wednesday, September 6 <sup>th</sup>

Please see our bell schedule below. It has important information on Collaboration days, shorts days and minimum days.

In addition, you will find my welcome back letter students. If you have an opportunity to, please share it with them.

Once again, I want to officially welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year at John Green Elementary School. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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## GREEN ELEMENTARY BELL SCHEDULE 2017-2018

**The first day of school is MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017**

### KINDERGARTEN

Monday–Friday: ALL Kindergarteners 8:35 – 12:26  
Focus Groups: 12:26 – 1:26

Kindergarten Recess  
10:10 – 10:40 a.m.  
10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

### GRADES 1-5

August 14 through August 18  
All Grades 1-5 = \*\*\*8:25 – 2:00

**Schedule beginning August 21, 2017**

Monday and Tuesday: \*\*\*8:25 – 2:00  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: \*\*\*8:25 – 3:00

\*\*\*A warning bell will ring at 8:20. At this time, students will line up in their assigned classroom lines.

*Any students not in line or the classroom when the 8:25 bell rings, will be counted as tardy.*

#### Morning Recess:

Grades 4-5: 9:45 – 10:00  
Grades 2-3: 10:00 – 10:15  
Grades 1-2: 10:15 – 10:30

#### Lunch Recess:

Grades 4-5: 11:20 – 12:00  
Grades 2-3: 12:00 – 12:40  
Grade 1: 12:40 – 1:20

### MINIMUM DAYS

All Kinder: 8:35-12:26  
All Grades 1-5: 8:25-12:30

October 27, 2017  
October 31, 2017  
December 21, 2017  
February 16, 2018  
March 30, 2018  
May 31, 2018  
June 1, 2018

### COLLABORATION DAYS

ALL Kindergarten: 8:35-12:26  
ALL Grades 1-5: 8:25-2:00

August 23 and 30, 2017  
September 13, 20 and 27, 2017  
October 11 and 18, 2017  
November 1 and 29, 2017  
December 6 and 13, 2017  
January 10 and 31, 2018  
February 14 and 28, 2018  
March 7 and 21, 2018  
April 11 and 25, 2018  
May 9 and 23, 2018

### EARLY RELEASE DAYS

*(Only applies to Elementary Schools in DUSD)*

ALL Kindergarten: 8:35-12:26  
ALL Grades 1-5: 8:25-2:00

August 16-17-18, 2017  
November 15-16, 2017  
May 30, 2018



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Dear John Green Gators,

I hope you are enjoying your summer with family and friends. I also hope you are enjoying exciting adventures whether you stayed close to home or traveled far away.

My family and I had a wonderful summer. During my summer vacation, my family and I experienced some great adventures. We traveled throughout California and Nevada, spent time at the beach, riding bikes, hiking, attending Major and Minor League baseball games, camping and much more. Some of our favorite experiences included spending several days in Coronado at the beach. We saw dolphins, lots of crabs and other marine life. There were several John Green Families that I saw during my travels...in Tahoe, San Diego, at the zoo and beach. It was fun to see all you during summer. This picture is of Aimee and Tyler when we were at the beach. Where are some special places you went this summer? Did you run in to any friends in unexpected places?



We also spent time traveling throughout northern CA for baseball (Tyler) and softball (Aimee) tournaments. Since Memorial Day, we have participated in fourteen tournaments between baseball and softball. Aimee and Tyler really enjoy playing their sport. I am so proud of them and their teammates for all of their dedication, passion and perseverance. Their teamwork, communication and collaboration made a difference on and off of the field. What are some activities you participated in this summer? Are there examples where you, a family member or special friend showed dedication, passion and or perseverance? I am also very proud of the parents, extended families and siblings of all of the players. We all showed up with great attitudes and cheered on our teams.

If you remember last year at this time, we got a new puppy. Buster a sixteen (16) pound Rottweiler. Can you believe this? He weighs over one-hundred (100) pounds. He still acts like a big baby. He tries to sit on our laps. He loves playing fetch and hiding his bones in my garden. Buster really loves playing in the water and can be found splashing around the pool. This picture is of Buster and Daisy last week. She is a bossy big sister and he is an annoying little brother. Pretty silly when he is almost ninety pounds larger. When no one is watching, they play nicely, cuddle and share toys.



I am looking forward to hearing about your summer as well. If you have an opportunity to write me a little note, draw me a picture or send me a postcard to share something fun you did this summer, I would love to hear about it. You can mail your letter to me, you can email it or have one of your parents or guardians email it to me or you can drop it by my office.

I cannot wait to start the school year. This year is going to be a fabulous year as we celebrate "Ten Years of Excellence." Can you believe John Green Elementary School just completed its tenth year? What are some memories you have from your time at John Green? What are examples of excellence you have experienced or seen your friends, classmates, and teachers experience over the time you have been here?

Thank you to those of you who have been stopping by and visiting and I am looking forward to seeing you all in the next few weeks and of course on the first day of school.

Fondly,  
Dr. Ventura