



July 30, 2010

Dear CMP-Elk Grove Families:

We hope you are enjoying your summer and are able to spend special time with family and friends. We are all excited about the new families and staff joining our campus this year and our wonderful returning families and staff. The 2010-2011 school year is going to be spectacular!

We have a few things we want to share with you before the start of the school year.

1. Mark your calendars for our Open House on Friday, August 20th, from 4-6 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet your child's teachers and visit the classrooms before the first day of school. Please join us for this school-wide event.
2. Just a reminder, the first day of the 2010-2011 school year is **Monday, August 23rd**. This is a full day of school. Back-to-School Nights are scheduled as follows: (Please make arrangements for childcare as this is a parent/teacher event.)

4 th -5 th	Emerald, Rm. 5	8/26	5:30	2 nd -3 rd	Garnet, P-1	8/26	5:00
K	Diamond, Rm. 6	8/25	5:00	2 nd -3 rd	Aquamarine, P-2	8/30	5:00
4 th -5 th	Ruby, Rm. 7	8/26	5:30	1 st -2 nd	Topaz, P-3	8/25	5:00
6 th	Amethyst, Rm. 8	8/26	5:30	K-1 st	Sapphire, P-4	8/25	5:00
4 th -5 th	Onyx, Rm. 9	8/26	5:30	7 th -8 th	Middle School	8/30	5:30

3. The 7th Habits of Highly Effective Parent Volunteers Workshop will be held immediately following the Kindergarten Back-to-School Night on August 25th (approx. 6:15 p.m. in Portable 2-Aquamarine). **This workshop is required if you plan to volunteer in the classroom and/or participate on field trips.**
4. For those families using Club M, we will continue to use Classroom 10 in the mornings and the Elk Grove Congregational Church in the afternoons. It is required that you sign your child in and out daily in the Club M Sign-In and Out Book. In the afternoon you may park at the Church and pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall.
5. If you want to get a jump start on your parent hours this year, please give us a call. We are looking for volunteers to help spruce up the campus before the first day of school. We purchased several yards of sand and gravel for the playground and garden areas. **WE ARE OFFERING DOUBLE PARENT HOURS FOR VOLUNTEERING TO SHOVEL AND RAKE THE SAND AND GRAVEL. Please call the office if you would like to work on these two projects. Please bring shovels, rakes and wheel barrows. We need to complete these projects prior to the start of school.**
6. Student classroom assignments will be posted in the office on Tuesday, August 10th.

7. As a reminder, your student is expected to be in dress code starting the first day of school (please reference the CMP website for appropriate dress code attire). **PLEASE NOTE: SWEAT PANTS AND LEGGINGS ARE NOT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE ATTIRE.**
8. For those 2nd through 8th grade students who took the STAR test this past May, results are enclosed.
9. **PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY IF THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN YOUR EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM.**

The staff and I are excited about the new school year, and we look forward to seeing you at our **Open House on Friday, August 20th** and on the **first day of school Monday, August 23rd.**

Please let us know if you have any questions and we look forward to welcoming all of you as we start the new school year.

Sincerely,


Mickey Slankowski, Principal


Kathleen Merz, Educational Specialist

* Please go to our website www.cacmp.org for the following:

- Classroom Supply Lists
- 2010-2011 School Calendar

Staggered Class Schedule

In order to alleviate congestion and increase safety in our parking lot, we are continuing a staggered school schedule this year. The following chart shows the start and end times for each class.

Grade	Start Time	Dismissal
K	8:15	1:45
1st-3rd	8:15	2:45
4th-6th	8:30	3:00
Middle School	8:30	3:15

Students arriving more than 5 minutes before class MUST report to Club M. If you have students with different start times, you may drop all your students off at the earliest arrival time and siblings may be in Club M at no charge.

At pick up time, you have a 15 minute window to pick up your student(s) before they are sent to Club M. If you have students dismissed at different times, you may pick up all your students at the latest dismissal time. Siblings dismissed earlier may wait in Club M at no charge, with the exception of Kindergarten. Kindergartners will be charged for Club M because they are released an hour prior to the next dismissal. (Please see Club Montessori Contract, Kindergarten Supplement.)