



July 29, 2011

Dear CMP-Elk Grove Families:

We hope you are enjoying your summer and have been able to spend some special time with family and friends. We are so excited about the new families and staff joining our campus this year, as well as our wonderful returning families and staff. The 2011-2012 school year is going to be amazing!

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

- Student classroom assignments will be posted in the office on Thursday, August 4th
- Mark your calendars for our *Open House* on **Tuesday, August 16, 2011, from 3:00-5:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity to “meet and greet” your child’s teachers, as well as visit the classrooms before the first day of school. Please join us for this school-wide event.
- Just a reminder, the first day of the 2011-2012 school year is **Wednesday, August 17, 2011.** 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.*)

Amethyst Classroom (6 th)	5:00 – 6:00 on 8/24	Aquamarine Classroom (1/2/3)	5:30 – 6:30 on 8/25
Diamond Classroom (K)	5:00 – 6:00 on 8/18	Emerald Classroom (4/5)	5:30 – 6:30 on 8/24
Garnet Classroom (1/2/3)	5:00 – 6:00 on 8/18	Jade Classroom (7/8)	5:00 – 6:00 on 8/23
Onyx Classroom (4/5)	5:30 – 6:30 on 8/24	Quartz Classroom (1/2)	5:30 – 6:30 on 8/25
Peridot Classroom (1/2/3)	5:00 – 6:00 on 8/24	Ruby Classroom (4/5)	5:30 – 6:30 on 8/24
Sapphire Classroom (K)	5:00 – 6:00 on 8/18	Topaz Classroom (1/2/3)	5:00 – 6:00 on 8/23
Turquoise Classroom (1/2/3)	5:00 – 6:00 on 8/18		

- 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.)

- 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. Enclosed is a Club M information flyer.
- **Attention parents of 7th & 8th grade students:** Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) booster shots are now required by law (AB 354) for students in grades 7-12. **Please provide written proof to the school office that your son or daughter has received this immunization prior to the first day of school.**
- 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 have several projects that are underway and could use additional help! **WE ARE OFFERING DOUBLE PARENT HOURS FOR VOLUNTEERING TO REMOVE SAND FROM THE PLAY STRUCTURE AREA AND SPREAD THE NEW MATERIAL IN THE BOX.** Please call the office if you would like to work on these two projects. Please bring shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows. We need to complete this particular project by the beginning of the second week in August.
- As a reminder, your student is expected to be in dress code starting the first day of school (please reference the CMP-EG web page for appropriate dress code attire). **PLEASE NOTE: SWEAT PANTS, JEANS, AND LEGGINGS ARE NOT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE ATTIRE.** Our dress code also states that **all shoes should fasten securely to the foot and allow for both indoor and outdoor activity.** Students will begin having PE on the first day of school. Please save heels, flip-flops, backless shoes, fancy boot/shoes for home use.
- Don't forget to pack your student an appropriate snack and lunch as the CMP-EG campus does not have a lunch program.
- Please find an enclosed blank copy of the Emergency Information Form. If there has been ANY CHANGE in your telephone (cell/home/work), work, address, medical, or custodial information, please submit an updated Emergency Information Form to the office *before* the first day of school.
- Please go to our website, www.cacmp.org, for the following information:
 - Classroom Supply Lists
 - 2011-2012 School Calendar

All of the staff are very excited about the new school year and, again, we look forward to seeing you at our **Open House on Tuesday, August 16th** and on the **first day of school Wednesday, August 17th**. 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,


Kathleen Merz, Principal

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