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Principal' Message

Dear Oleander Families,
I want to begin this newsletter by introducing myself. My name is Craig Baker and I have been given the honor of becoming the new principal of Oleander Elementary School. This is my fifteenth year with the Fontana Unified School District. Previously, I served as a teacher at Randall Pepper Elementary School, a teacher and assistant principal at Date Elementary School, the assistant principal at Citrus Elementary School and principal of Chaparral Elementary School.

I am originally from the state of Pennsylvania. I moved to Fontana in 1996 to work with the students, parents and educators of this great city of ours.

When I am not at work, I spend a significant portion of my time trying to keep up with my three year old son John, newborn daughter Allie and spending time with my wife Doris.

In the coming days, you will receive a list of future school meeting dates. These meetings are your opportunity to get involved at school. I encourage you to attend as many of these meetings as possible as this is your opportunity to learn more about what is happening at the school site, learn how you can get involved and to provide input on how to enhance the educational program at our school.

If you have any questions feel free to stop by my office to meet with me or give me a call at (909) 357-5700.

Craig J. Baker
Principal



Attendance

Having good attendance is vital to student success in school. It is important for your student to be in school everyday on time. When a student attends school every day on time, they receive high quality instruction and good work habits are instilled in them which will have a positive impact on them when they enter the work force after graduation.

It is just as important for your child to remain in school during the entire school day. We ask that you keep this in mind as you plan your visits to the doctor and any other event which requires that you pull your student out of school.

If a student is absent or tardy three times, the parent or guardian will receive a SART 1 letter through the mail. The SART 1 letter advises the parent of the dates their student was either absent or tardy and the potential consequences if the attendance does not improve. If a student is absent or tardy three more times, the parent or guardian will receive a SART 2 letter through the mail. This letter states the dates missed and the potential consequences if attendance does not improve. If a student is either absent or tardy three more days, the parent or guardian will meet with the principal to discuss the attendance.

Every staff member at Oleander wants to see every student that attends our school reach their full potential. Having excellent attendance is one of the easiest ways to help your student be more successful.



Regular Day Arrival and Dismissal Times

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| 8:15-8:38 | Students on Campus/ Breakfast Served |
| 8:38 | Students in grades 1-5 Line Up |
| 8:35 | A..M. Kindergarten Instruction begins |
| 11:15 | P..M. Kindergarten Instruction begins |
| 12:32 | A..M. Kindergarten Instruction ends |
| 3:07 | P..M. Kindergarten Instruction ends |
| 3:13 | Grade 1 -5 Instruction ends |

Minimum Day Arrival and Dismissal Times

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| 8:15-8:38 | Students on Campus/ Breakfast Served |
| 8:38 | Students in grades 1-5 Line Up |
| 8:35 | A..M. Kindergarten Instruction begins |
| 11:45 | P..M. Kindergarten Instruction begins |
| 12:32 | A..M. Kindergarten Instruction ends |
| 12:50 | Grades 1-5 Instruction ends |
| 3:07 | P..M. Kindergarten Instruction ends |

***Every Tuesday is a Minimum Day

***Parent Conference Week will be the week of November 1st.

November 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 are all Minimum Days

Please have your child picked up by 12:50 on the Minimum Days

Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be August 12, 2010. Teachers will be discussing homework policies, attendance and other important information. Hope to see you there.



Mr. Baker's Joke of the Month

Q: What did the chewing gum say to the shoe?

A: I'm stuck on you.

Healthy Tips

Would it surprise you that children who eat regularly with their families tend to have healthier eating patterns compared with those who do not eat regularly with their families? Eating meals together gives you a chance to help your child develop a healthy attitude toward food. It also enables you to serve as a healthy eating role model, ensure that your kids are eating nutritious foods, introduce your family to new foods, establish a regular schedule and keep in touch with family members. Here are some time tips on making the most of family meals.

- Offer a variety of choices from all food groups.
- Turn off the television and radio.
- Let the answering machine pick up calls.
- Discuss positive events of the day or upcoming family activities.

Children learn important lessons and skills during dinner, including viewing food as nourishment for active and healthy bodies. Establishing positive eating habits in childhood years help children build skills that can last a lifetime.

Student's Name: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

I have read this July/August 2010 Newsletter! Parent Signature _____
If you have any questions please call 357-5700.