

# Louisiana Schnell Schnell

2871 Schnell School Road  
Placerville, Ca. 95667  
[www.pusdk8.us/schnell](http://www.pusdk8.us/schnell)

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. The end of summer is near and we are excited to start a new school year. Our Schnell staff is very busy making all the necessary preparations to begin a wonderful school year.

I would like to highlight some important topics and coming events:

**Kindergarten Camp** will be held on August 8 & 9. If you have an incoming Kindergarten student you will receive a postcard reminder of the day your child will be expected to attend.

**Kindergarten Round Up** will be held on August 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. for all incoming Kindergarten students and their parents.

**Class Assignment** lists will be posted outside the office at 4pm on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**First Day of School** - For the rest of our students, school begins at 8:55 on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. A reminder that "Before School Supervision" begins at 8:30 a.m. If you need to have your child at school prior to 8:30 a.m. or after our 3:10 p.m. dismissal time, they will need to be enrolled in our Extended Day program. You may contact them at 295-2298.

**First Week of School** - If you need to talk to a teacher, please make an before/after school appointment. It is very helpful if you send a written note to the teacher if there are special instructions or a situation your child's teacher needs to know about.

## **School hours**

8:30 – Campus open for students

8:55 – Class **starts for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

9:00 – Class **starts for PreK – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade**

3:10 – Class **school wide dismissal**

**Transportation** - The Placerville Transportation Department may be phoned at 626-7636. The schedule of bus stops or routes will be posted at school on the side of Building 1.

**Pickup by Personal Vehicles** - At 3:10 p.m., Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade students are excused to the pick up area (sidewalk by the parking lot) to await their ride home.

Please instruct your child(ren) to watch for you and be ready to get in the car as quickly as possible. There are yard supervisors and teachers on hand to help. If you are parked in the loading zone for a prolonged time, please move to a parking space so that the cars behind you can get their students. The line gets very long; often out to Schnell School Road, which is a safety concern for traffic. Also, for safety reasons, we do not allow students to wait along the roadside. All students are to meet their rides in the supervised pickup area. Help remind your child(ren) of the necessity for safety while they wait for and approach your vehicle.

**A Drop Off / Pick Up Map will be available in the first day packet. Following these procedures will help keep drivers, walkers and bus riders as safe as possible.**

**Buses** - At approximately 3:05 pm, the school buses arrive at the pickup area. Please have written instructions for your child's teacher if their bus route has changed since last year. Kindergarten Roundup will help first time riders and their parents determine routes and buses.

**Dress Code** – The district adopted dress code is outlined in the student handbook. In general students' clothing should be age appropriate and suitable to a learning environment. Shoes should be appropriate for physical activity. Sandals may be worn but need to have back straps. Hair should be of a natural color.

**Breakfast & Lunch** - The cost of a breakfast is \$1.50, lunch is \$2.75 and milk is \$.35. Students may purchase breakfast and lunch daily or you may put money on their account. You can set up an online account through our website or send money in with your child. Free and Reduced Meal applications and Transportation applications have been sent home in a district mailing and should be returned to the District Office as soon as you have them completed, preferably before school begins. Your confidential application will be sent to our Director of Food Services and Transportation for processing. If you have a question about the meal program you may contact Teresa Susmill at 622-6634 after August 1st. **We encourage everyone to apply for the meal program whether you intend to use it or not. Our school receives funding on all eligible students.** These funds help our staff enhance the learning programs for all children here at Schnell.

**Forms** - The first week of school will mean many, many forms coming home for parents and guardians to read through. Some of them will need to be completed and returned as soon as possible. For instance, the student emergency information form is a high priority and needs to be returned to your child's teacher. This form is of utmost importance and should be updated with any changes to address or phone numbers you may have during the year. Please complete the entire form and **sign at the bottom**. A student handbook will be given to every student. This handbook will have important information that you will need to refer to during the school year. **It also has an acknowledgement sheet for you to sign and return.**

**Attendance** - The school encourages prompt and regular attendance so your child's learning can proceed smoothly. The only excused tardy or absence is for medical, dental or bereavement reason. A written note or a voice mail message stating the date and reason for the absence is required and appreciated by teachers and the office staff. **The school is funded for only those days your child is actually in school; even if the absence is excused.** Educationally and financially, it is important for your child to be in school and on time every day possible.

**Discipline Policy** - Our teachers and staff members continually address appropriate behavior for the school setting. During the first month of school I visit every classroom to review our school rules. Our policy basically boils down to: **"Hands, feet and other objects to yourself," be kind, be safe, do your best.** Children will occasionally make mistakes despite the efforts of kind and loving homes and schools. We believe that mistakes are part of the learning and growing process. Of course with mistakes come consequences and an understanding that we must continually strive to be respectful, responsible, caring and kind. By working together and being mutually supportive, parents and the school staff can help students improve school behavior and get the most from the educational opportunities offered. Teachers and/or the principal will contact parents whose child persistently demonstrates unacceptable behaviors to seek your help. Please take time at home to review this information and discuss it with your child.

Our **Back to School Night** is scheduled for **Thursday, August 25th**. A schedule for each grade level will be sent home with your child. You will receive important information about what you and your child can expect in the coming months. Your child's teacher(s) will be outlining the grade level program, expectations for individuals and the group, curriculum and grade level standards as well as supply lists. We aim for 100% attendance at Back to School Night. Mark your calendars now for this important event.

I look forward to meeting you if you are new to Schnell and working with all of you in the coming year. The outstanding support that we receive from our families is a significant, necessary and welcome resource for us and historically has played a large part in the success of Schnell School. See you very soon!

Sincerely,

*Patrick Paturel*

Patrick Paturel, Principal