



**CALEB GREENWOOD**  
An International Baccalaureate World School

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Dear Caleb Greenwood Families,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year at Caleb Greenwood! I am looking forward to welcoming you back to school on August 29, but in the meantime, want to share some information with you to help prepare your family as you return to school-year routines.

**NEW PHONE NUMBER: 916-395-4515**

Thanks to an upgraded phone system, we have a new school phone number. The old number will phase out September 1, so please save and begin using this one now.

**BELL SCHEDULE**

**Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays**

Kinder: 8:00am-11:30am

1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades: 8:00am-2:12pm

**Thursdays (including the first day of school)**

Kinder: 8:00am-11:30am

1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades: 8:00am-1:12pm

**UPCOMING DATES**

*Kindergarten Back to School Picnic – Tuesday, August 20, 5pm-7pm*

Meet other kinder families for an evening play date at Glenn Hall Park. Bring your own picnic dinner.

*Garden & Grounds Clean-Up – Wednesday, August 21, 6pm-8pm*

All are welcome. Please bring gloves, weeders, wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes and wear closed-toe shoes.

*Kindergarten Meet & Greet – Thursday, August 22, 4pm-6pm*

Meet your kinder teacher, learn about the first day of school and visit your classroom.

*Class Lists Posted – Tuesday, August 27 @5pm*

Class lists will be posted at the front entrance by 5pm. School staff will not be on site.

*First Day of School – Thursday, August 29, 8:00am-1:12pm*

*PTSO Boohoo/Yahoo Coffee – Thursday, August 29, 8am-9am*

After you drop your child(ren) off for the first day of school, commiserate or celebrate with other parents and our PTSO Board with coffee and breakfast treats.

*Back to School Night – Wednesday, September 11, 5:30pm-7pm*

Parents only, please join us to find out about the 2019-20 school year, learn how to get involved, and hear from your child's teacher about this year's Program of Inquiry, events, class expectations and communication.

*GATE Parent Night – Wednesday, September 25, 5:30pm-6:30pm*

Parents of students identified as eligible for Gifted and Talented Education are encouraged to join us for a meeting with District GATE Coordinator, Kari Hanson-Smith, and Mrs. Hanson to discuss options and how IB supports the needs of our gifted learners.

When attending events and viewing class lists, please know that our staff takes great measures each spring to build balanced classes that allow teachers to maximize student learning and meet individual needs. This is a careful and thoughtful process that has already been completed, so please understand that I am unable to consider individual requests for class changes. It is important to us that every child has a positive, challenging and meaningful experience at Caleb Greenwood. Please know that if, at any time, you have concerns or questions about your child's education, the teachers and I will always make time to talk with you.

### **STAFFING CHANGES**

At the close of last year, we were anxiously awaiting news about whether two of our new-to-Caleb teachers, Ms. Kristi Hiatt and Mr. Sam Prowell, would be able to return to us this year. They're back and ready to go! Mr. Prowell is joining Ms. Hiatt (now Ms. Setzer) in fifth grade, along with Mrs. Deana Mafua who has moved up from third grade. Ms. Brittne Bond is moving from kindergarten to first grade and Ms. Kirsten Noel is moving from fifth grade to third grade. Ms. Daria Young is continuing as our office manager until Ms. Rosie Carrillo returns from medical leave.

### **IB PYP UPDATE**

Late last spring, we were reauthorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization as an IB PYP World School for another five-year cycle. We received incredible accolades about our program, staff and community and worked with the evaluation team to begin to envision the future of our program. Thanks to their feedback and that of our students, staff and parents, we have a wealth of ideas about how to continue to grow our program. Will be spending this year collecting and evaluating the feedback, reflecting on and refining our program of inquiry and planning for the future. Stay tuned!

### **VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

This is a great time to stop by and get a jumpstart on your volunteer paperwork. Remember that even with cleared fingerprints, you are required to submit a volunteer packet to the front office every year to be eligible to volunteer on campus and to chaperone or drive on field trips. Submitting this early will make it possible for you to volunteer in the classroom sooner. If you are hoping to go on field trips with your child this year, you also must have your fingerprints processed (only one time) which takes 6 to 8 weeks, so stop by soon to get the paperwork and information you need to make this happen. The office is open 8am-4pm, Monday through Friday.

### **FAMILY MENTOR PROGRAM**

If you are a new family to Caleb Greenwood or just looking to get the lay of the land, PTSO has a program just for you! Contact PTSO President, Nicole Purcell at [CalebGreenwoodPTSO@gmail.com](mailto:CalebGreenwoodPTSO@gmail.com) to get matched up with another Caleb Greenwood family to help guide you through the new school year.

Lastly, please take a few more minutes to review the attached school year calendar and bell schedules, classroom supply lists and Wellness Policy.

Getting a full night's sleep each night, eating a nutritious breakfast daily, limiting screen time, arriving at school on time everyday and having needed supplies are critical factors in how your child is able to learn for the entire school day. Please do your best to begin the summer-to-school transition early so we have rested and prepared students on the first important days of school and throughout the year. I look forward to working with you all this year and am eager to see our students as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year!

Warmly,  
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