



Aug 18, 2021

Dear **Gator** Families,

I hope you all had an exciting summer. We are thrilled to welcome back students full time for the 2021-22 school year! Click [HERE](#) for the daily schedules, but please note the special schedules on the first days of school. Currently, masks will be required at all times for indoor activities and not required for outdoor activities. If you'd like your child to wear a mask outside they still can. We will continue to use the Ruvna App before allowing students on campus. When we first open, parents will not be allowed on campus. We will keep you posted as things change.

**Good news:** Our application has been approved to serve complimentary lunches. Cafe counts will be used and you do not have to preorder online. You will be receiving more information from our Director of Food Services, Lena Agee at [lagee@mbusd.org](mailto:lagee@mbusd.org).

Please show your child [this safety video](#) prior to the start of school!

I promise not to overload you with information moving forward, but there is much to know as we start the year. Thanks for reading the information below!  
Looking forward to a wonderful 2021-2022 with our Gators!

Later Gators,

**Tara Grings**  
**Grand View Principal**

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### Upcoming Dates at a Glance:

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| 8/21 | Saturday  | <b>Campus Beautification Day (PTA)</b>   |
| 8/22 | Sunday    | <b>Grand View Grand Welcome Day 9:00am - 12:30pm</b>   |
| 8/23 | Monday    | View Your Child's Teacher in <a href="#">Aeries</a>  |
| 8/24 | Tuesday   | <b>Kindergarten Back to School Night @5:00 p.m.</b><br>*Zoom links will be sent by the teacher |
| 8/25 | Wednesday | <b>First Day of School:</b>  |

- TK: 8:25am to 11:45am
- K: 8:10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- 1st-5th: 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

8/26 Thursday & 8/27 Friday Schedule:

- TK: 8:25am to 11:45am
- K: 8:10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- 1st-3rd: 8:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
- 4th-5th: 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

9/1 Wednesday **Early Release Every Wednesday 1st - 5th Grade 1:30pm Dismissal**  
**\*T/K & Kindergarten dismisses @11:30am**

9/2 Thursday **Back to School Night 1st - 5th Grade @5:00pm**

9/6 Monday **Labor Day, No School**

9/7 Tuesday **No School**

9/14 Tuesday **School Picture Day**

9/16 Thursday **No School**

### More Details:

#### 8/22 Grand Welcome:

We're excited to welcome families to see their classroom assignments posted on the Cafeteria doors and the gate by the Admin Building. Families may also join the PTA, sign up for GAP programs, order Gator gear and more this **Sunday, August 22nd** from 9:00am - 12:30pm. Families with siblings in multiple grades can attend together during one of the students' times or have their children attend separately. We will also be hosting tours for our new Transitional Kindergarten (TK), Kindergarten, and 1st Grade students.

Time	Grade Level	Details
9:00 - 9:25	5th Grade	Find out teacher & See the New Building
9:30 - 9:55	4th Grade	Find out teacher & See the New Building
10:00 - 10:25	3rd Grade	Find out teacher
10:30 - 10:55	2nd Grade	Find out teacher
11:00 - 11:25	1st Grade	Find out teacher & Tour
11:30 - 12:05	TK & Kindergarten	Find out teacher & Tour

**Tours:**

**\*7-10 students per group.**

<b>1st Grade Tours:</b> 11:05 - 11:15 11:10 - 11:20 11:15 - 11:25	<b>Kindergarten Tours:</b> 11:35 - 11:45 (TK) 11:40 - 11:50 (Kindergarten) 11:45 - 11:55 (Kindergarten) 11:50 - 12:00 (Kindergarten) 11:55 - 12:05 (Kindergarten)
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*\*Following the Grand View Grand Welcome, TK, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade Families can walk to Sand Dune Park for a playdate!*

**Class Selections:**

Please wait to contact your child’s teacher until Tuesday, August 24th. Classes were created and balanced according to MBUSD Board policy collectively with grade level teams last spring. There will not be preferential changes made to the posted lists. If you have not completed the Aeries Parent Portal for Student Data Confirmation, your child will not appear in any class. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

**TK & Kindergarten Minimum Day Schedule:**

Please take note that our Kindergarten and TK students will be dismissed at **11:30am** beginning **Wednesday, August 23rd THROUGH Wednesday, September 8th**. Regular dismissals for TK/ Kindergarten begin on September 9th. Please arrange for childcare if needed.

- These students can still order lunch and pick it up on their way out, or send food with the student for the first two weeks of school.
- EDP Kindergarten students will be picked up and escorted to EDP.

**Drop Off:**

**24th Street /Main Entrance:**

Pull around to the front of the school to drop-off. Parents please do not exit your car or leave space between the car in front of you. Children need to exit quickly and safely and walk to the nearest staff member for a Ruvna check. If you are driving your students, please review these Do's and Don'ts.

**Vista Center Gate:** This is a good entrance option for walkers and bikers as Vista is a narrow, one-way street. Please be very careful if you are driving down Vista during drop-off or pick-up time.

**Bell Street Pathway/South of New Building:** Due to the construction, the Ladera entrance is no longer accessible. There is a paved pathway on Bell, between 24th Street and the new building.

Please view our [updated map](#) to include drop off and pick up locations.

### **Latest Covid Protocols:**

\*If possible, please show your child [this safety video](#) prior to the start of school!

#### **General Rules of Thumb:**

- Hand washing is still very important.
- Everyone has to wear masks indoors.
- Employees and students can take off masks while outside, but if there is a particularly large number of people in an area, it is encouraged to wear masks even outside.
- All school employees must be vaccinated.
- Currently, there is nothing in the law requiring students to be vaccinated, but we are developing protocols to collect student's vaccination status. There is more to come on what the process will entail.

#### **Student Covid-Testing:**

- We are encouraging, but not requiring students to be tested prior to the start of school.

#### **Social Distancing:**

- The guidance recommends distancing wherever possible.

#### **Contact Tracing:**

- Beginning day one, teachers will keep seating charts in order to trace close contacts.

#### **Volunteers:**

- Volunteers are currently not allowed on campus.
- Sadly, no parents are allowed to walk their kids to class.

#### **Travel Restrictions:**

- There are currently no travel quarantine restrictions.

#### **Food:**

- Students may eat lunch and have recess without wearing masks, but we should avoid overcrowding.
- Eating is allowed in the Cafeteria, but we will be staggering eat times to avoid unnecessary crowding, and keeping classes cohorted together while eating. If able, students should eat outdoors.
- For now, there is no food in the classrooms. Teachers will allow students to step outside to drink water or eat a snack.

[\\*Please see Dr. Bowes' Superintendent's recent message](#) for more information.

### Construction Updates:

This summer the construction team has been busy working on completing our new 4th and 5th Grade building! Please see a brief timeline below:

Location/Item	Projected Date of Completion
Kindergarten Playground Rubber Surface	DONE!
New 2-Story 4th & 5th Grade Building*	DONE!
Start Shoring Wall, & Building Wall, Foundation for New Admin Building	November 2021
4th & 5th Grade Playground	December 2021, Accessible After Winter Break
North-Campus Field (Former Dog Park)	December 2022
Admin Building Being Built	January 2022
J & K Buildings/ New Kindergarten Classrooms	November 2021, but Teachers can move in over Spring Break 4/4/2022
Begin the North- Campus Field (Former Dog Park)	September 2022
When is it all over?! 😞	No Later than 1/9/2023!

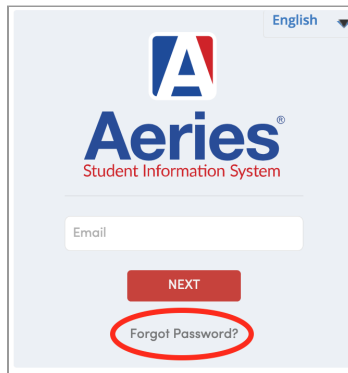
### 2nd & 3rd Grade Combo Class Info:

This year we are excited to offer a 2nd and 3rd Grade combination class! At MBUSD we know all kids come through our doors needing a personalized approach to learning. Our teachers in all grade levels are differentiating instruction, setting individualized goals, and progress monitoring with fidelity. Below are just a few benefits of combo classes:

- Kids overhear lessons for the other grade which gives the older kids a review of the previous material and the younger ones a preview of the next grade.
- Children learn at different paces. Blended classes offer a wider range of curricula across two grade levels. Students can both be more easily challenged with higher-level material; and can easily return to earlier material.
- Students in blended classrooms tend to take greater personal responsibility for their learning.

### Need an Aeries Password Reset?

If you can't attend the Grand View Grand Welcome, you can also view who your child's teacher is beginning Monday, August 23rd. Log into your Aeries account by using [this link](#). Then, enter the email you used to register your child. Click on the forgot password option should you need to reset.



Parents will be sent a link to reset their password to the email address indicated.

### RUVNA:

We will still be using RUVNA to health-screen and check in students in the morning.

If you don't receive the RUVNA email or text messages on the first day of school, please contact the front office. Also, don't opt out of receiving the text messages! You will have to follow the instructions to opt back in.

If necessary, we ask that only students in 4th or 5th grade walk to school without an adult present.

We are working on a process to help scan in unaccompanied students without the printed RUVNA form. For now, parents can fill out the RUVNA information, and send their child with the printed QR code.

### School Supplies:

School Supplies: For the 2021-2022 school year, all school supplies should be purchased through the PTA. This ensures that all students have the correct supplies and makes it easier for families and teachers to start the school year. Buy your school supplies through [this link](#), and your student's supplies will be delivered to their classroom before the first day of school. Deadline for purchasing is Sunday, August 22nd. Email **Erin Purdy** @[erin.purdy@hotmail.com](mailto:erin.purdy@hotmail.com) with any questions.

### **Immunization Information:**

Separately and in preparation, we are sending this letter to remind you of a few requirements that may necessitate appointments with medical and/or dental professionals:

- **MEDICATIONS:** If you wish for your child to take medication at school, there is a form that needs to be signed by your child's medical doctor. You can find the form for medication at school [here](#). There are separate forms for the treatment of asthma and the administration of Epi-Pens which you can download [here](#).
- **IMMUNIZATION RECORDS:** The District is required to make sure that all new students entering at any grade level (TK/Kindergarten through 12th grade) and all entering 7th graders meet state immunization requirements. You can find information about immunization requirements for all students [here](#) and additional requirements for students in 7th grade and above [here](#).
- **DENTAL CHECK-UP:** California law requires that students have a dental check-up by May 31 of their first year in public school. You can find the form used for that purpose [here](#).

### **Assembly Bill 104- Retention:**

On Thursday, July 1, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 104 into law, and we'd like to provide you with important information about how this legislation may relate to your student. The bill contained three major provisions: retention, grading, and graduation policies. [Click here to find information on each provision.](#)

### **Assembly Bill 130 - Independent Study Option for 2021-2022:**

The District provided information regarding Assembly Bill 130 and an Independent Study option for the 2021-22 school year. The deadline to sign up for this program was August 5th. For your reference, you can see the information sent from the District [linked here](#). This Bill allows for only two instructional models for the 2021-2022 school year: in-person learning and the optional alternative model of independent study, which is for students whose health may be at risk by participating in in-person instruction. To read the Bill in its entirety, [click here](#).

### **Special Education Advisory Council:**

Attention special education families! We have an incredible council often referred to by the acronym SEAC that works hard to ensure we maximize opportunities for equity and inclusion in all facets of learning. If you are looking to connect with other families in the District, please reach out to our SEAC reps:

Site Representative: Andrea Zislis [azislis@shadehotel.com](mailto:azislis@shadehotel.com)

Elementary Representative: Yea-Lan Chiang [yealanc@yahoo.com](mailto:yealanc@yahoo.com)

District Leaders: Dr. Irene Gonzalez Castillo [igonzalez@mbusd.org](mailto:igonzalez@mbusd.org) & Dr. Kris Vegas  
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