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P.E. Classes Begin for Infant Community and Children's House

The month of October marks the beginning of P.E. Classes for the school's younger students. With the exception of the Infant Community Students (Class "C" – Mrs. Jimenez), the children must wear their P.E. uniform on P.E. days.

P.E. starting dates are as follows:

- Thurs., Oct. 1 – Children's House Class "D" (Mrs. Rocio Soto)
- Fri., Oct 2 – Children's House Class "E" (Mrs. Mayra Valles)
- Mon., Oct. 5 – Infant Community Class "C" (Mrs. Lucila Jimenez)

Extracurricular Activities

We will launch the Extracurricular Activities starting Mon., Oct. 5th. These activities will take place under the same COVID-19 protocols we have been enforcing since the beginning of the school year. If parents are interested that their children participate in any of these extracurricular activities, registration/information forms are available at the front office. Any staff member working the front office will gladly provide you with a copy upon request.

The following are the starting dates for such classes:

- Mon., Oct. 5 – Ballet Classes
- Tues., Oct. 6 – Folklorico Classes
- Thurs., Oct. 8 – Spanish Club

Columbus Day Holiday

To observe Columbus Day, the school will be **closed on Mon., Oct. 12th**. Classes resume Tues., Oct. 13th.

United Nations Day Celebration

On Friday, October 23rd the school will hold an in-house celebration of this most cherished event and one of the highlights during the school year, the United Nations Day. It is with great sadness that we inform all the school's families that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this year's parade and celebration will take place without the presence of parents, grandparents and friends. We will sorely miss everyone of the traditional audience to this most colorful festival. We also lament that the new families will completely miss their participation for the first time in this gala event. Unfortunately, the present conditions force us to eliminate all the glamour that makes this celebration one of everybody's favorite celebrations in the school year. We



continue to hope and pray that these times of health instability and strain will be over soon, allowing us all to return to a closer state of normality. Having said that, the United Nations celebration will not be canceled altogether. The students will still have the opportunity to wear ethnic costumes from diverse countries of our world and to parade through the different classrooms in what we characterize as an in-house celebration. Parents will receive a more detailed information about this event from their children's teachers at a later date. On this day, we will observe **the half day schedule (dismissal time 12:30 pm.)**. Half day students will keep their regular schedule.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our first set of Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, October 29 & Friday, October 30, 2020. This year, for the first time ever, the conferences will be conducted via Microsoft Teams. Parents are to call Mr. Oscar Gonzalez to make their appointments. Conferences will run from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will break for lunch until 1:30 p.m. The afternoon session will run from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Each conference will take 30 minutes. Please make your appointment with enough time and be prepared to carry on a pleasant conference with your child's teacher. These conferences can be very revelatory when it comes to your child's progress and development. If parents feel the need for extra time to continue the conversation, they may set up a separate appointment with the teacher while they are still connected to the conference call or may schedule directly with the front office.

LATE ARRIVALS

As we enter the month of October, this is a good opportunity to remind all families that the **student time of arrival is at 8:30 a.m.**



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promptly. We realize that these are unprecedented times due to the pandemic we're facing all together. Nonetheless, we would like to foment punctuality as a way of life that we can pass on to our children as they grow and develop. On this topic, please refer to your Parent Handbook p. 7 under "Arrival and Dismissal". Thank you for your cooperation

Lunch Program



The Texas Department of Health and Human Services has granted green light to the school for the reinstatement of our beloved lunch program. **Our delicious lunch will begin to be served on Tuesday, October 13.** All COVID-19 protocols and precautions will be set in practice before, during and after each meal as described by the City of El Paso Health Department and our State Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order. After many years of keeping the same lunch meal price rates and due to the general increase in prices, we are being forced against our will to raise the daily lunch meal rates across the board. The scheduled revised meal rates are included in the e-mail sent by Mr. Oscar Gonzalez on September 30, 2020.



The Month in a Capsule

Oct. 12 Columbus Day Holiday - School
Closed

Oct. 23 United Nations Day Celebration
Staff Dev. Day

Early Dismissal 12:30 p.m.

NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Oct 29 & 30 Parent/Teacher Conferences via
Teams



Next Month's Preview

November

1 Daylight Savings Time Ends

20 Children's Thanksgiving Luncheon
and Celebration.

Staff Development 3:30 p.m.

Regular School Schedule

No After School Care

23-27 Thanksgiving Holidays - School
Closed