

CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RUSTLER NEWSLETTER

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We are college bound!

AUGUST

- 12 Meet Your Teacher Event 9:00-9:30am
- 15-16 PFA Family Dinner - It's Yogurt 12:00-9:00pm
- 15 First Day of School
MINIMUM DAY**
- 17 Character Assembly
1st-3rd Gds...9:00-9:45am
4th-6th Gds...10:00-10:45am
- 18 Standards Based Grading Parent Workshop
9:00-10:00am/6:00-7:00pm - MPR
- 23 PFA General Meeting 5:30pm - MPR
Back to School Night 6:00-6:40pm/6:50-7:30pm
- 25 6th Gd. Fundraiser Assembly 1:35-2:05pm - MPR
- 25-9/15 6th Gd. Fundraiser
- 30 Parent EL Informational Meeting 8:45am - Library

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Labor Day - NO SCHOOL**
- 6 Parent Workshop K Academy (4 wk. module)
8:30-10:00am - Adult School
- 7 Sacramento Interest Meeting 6:00pm - MPR
- 12-16 PFA Family Dinner - Mountain Mike's
- 13 Parent Workshop K Academy 8:30-10:00am - Adult School
CVUSD Parent Information Forum 6:30-8:00pm - DLHS
- 14 Parent Workshop Homework Partnerships
6:00-7:30pm - Adult School
- 15 4th Gd. Field Trip - LA County Fair
- 16 5th Gd. Field Trip - LA County Fair
- 20 Parent Workshop K Academy 8:30-10:00am - Adult School
ELAC Meeting 8:45am - Library

- 21 Fall Pictures 8:40am - MPR
Parent Workshop Homework Partnerships
6:00-7:30pm - Adult School
- 22 Standards Based Grading Parent Workshop
9:00-10:00am/6:00-7:00pm - MPR
Special Ed. Parent Workshop 9:00-10:15am/6:00-7:15pm - Adult School
School Site Council Meeting 3:30pm - Principal's Office
- 23 Fall Fundraiser Kick-Off - MPR
K-3rd Gds...2:15-2:45pm
TK/K, 4th-6th Gds...1:35-2:05pm
- 26-30 MINIMUM DAYS - Parent Conferences**
- 27 Parent Workshop K Academy 8:30-10:00am - Adult School

** correction to previous calendar dates - Sept. 2 is NOT a Minimum Day.*

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

On behalf of the Howard Cattle Staff, we welcome you back to another fantastic year at Howard Cattle! We can't wait to see the faces of all of our students and parents in just a few short weeks.

WHAT'S NEW?

We have been very busy this summer making our annual tweaks and adjustments to prepare for the new year.

New Staff Members

Sarah Colca - 6th Gd. Teacher
Christian Valadez - Night Custodian

And a few staff who have changed positions:

Amanda (Graf) Arrey - 1st Gd. Teacher

Susan Berke-Hand - 5th Gd. Teacher

Marlena Molles - Intervention Teacher

No Excuses University

We have been officially accepted into the No Excuses University Network of schools. As we continue to provide our students with a high quality education, you might notice some changes around campus. Our staff believes that all students can learn. We believe that all students should be educated in a manner that prepares them for their future - junior high, high school, college, and career. We believe that all students can attend to college if they so choose. We won't just stand back and believe, we will put our beliefs into action. We will work closely as a staff with parents and students to ensure your child receives the best possible education - NO EXCUSES! We will also expose your children to many different colleges and universities throughout the United States. We encourage you to do the same. Talk about college. Take your child to a college football game or on campus for lunch. Watch college sports on TV. Keep a look out for more information regarding No Excuses University as the year goes on. You can also visit noexcusesu.com.

SCHOOL STARTS MONDAY, AUGUST 15th!!

Minimum Day Schedule 8:40am-12:10pm

REGULAR SCHEUDLE - M, W, Th, F

<u>TK</u>	8:40am-12:00pm
<u>Kindergarten</u>	
AM Session	8:40am-12:00pm
PM Session	12:00-3:20pm
<u>Grades 1-6</u>	8:40am-3:20pm

MINIMUM DAY - EVERY TUESDAY

TK/Kindergarten	8:40am-12:00pm
Grades 1-6	8:40am-12:10pm

As a reminder, **there is NO supervision of students prior to 8:30am**. Many students are dropped off in the front of school prior to 8:30am. When students are not supervised, your child's

safety is compromised and unfavorable student behavior may arise. We strongly encourage you to wait with your child prior to 8:30am or to make other drop-off arrangements. In addition, supervision at the end of the day ends at 3:30pm. Please make the appropriate arrangements to ensure your child is picked up on time

MEET YOUR TEACHER EVENT

Join us on Friday, August 12th any time between 9:00-9:30am to meet your child's teacher! Students and parents will have an opportunity to meet their teacher and see where the classroom is located during this informal event. This event often relieves any "night before jitters" students sometimes feel in anticipation of the first day of school. Welcome Back packets and school supply lists will also be distributed. Class lists will be posted at the entrance points inside campus gates. In addition, PFA will be selling Howard Cattle t-shirts (cash or check only).

CLOSED CAMPUS

In order to ensure the safety of all students, **Howard Cattle is a closed campus during arrival and dismissal times**. Parents say good-bye to their children at the gate. Students will enter campus and walk to their class line. You may drop your child off at either the Clover Gate on Clover St. or at the South Gate (gate at the far end of the parking lot between the 5th grade pod and the new building). Both of these gates are accessible from the car lines. TK and Kinder students will be dropped off at the Kinder Gate on Cypress Ave. We request that parents of kinder students park their car and walk their kinder student to the gate. Parents should wait with kinder students until the teacher accepts them through the gate.

At dismissal, students will exit either the Clover Gate or the South Gate. TK/K-AM students will exit the Kinder Gate. K-PM will exit the Kinder Gate. If your child is in 1st-3rd grade and attending an after school day care, please inform your child's teacher.

Be sure your child knows where s/he is going to be

picked up each day and by whom. Doing so will ease any confusion or unnecessary worry on the child's or the parent's part. We ask that you communicate afterschool arrangements with your child before school. We are unable to accommodate requests to interrupt class to deliver messages regarding after school arrangements.

If you have an appointment with a teacher or you are volunteering, please come in the office to sign in before entering campus.

Following these procedures allows the office to monitor adults on campus which assists office staff in assuring student safety.

We will ask for your patience while waiting for your child to exit the school gates. We ask that you do not crowd the gates in order for all students to enter and exit in a calm manner.

Gates will be open for parent entry for the first two days of school only. We GREATLY appreciate your cooperation implementing this policy.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT - Parents ONLY!

Please plan on attending our Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, August 23rd. We will have two sessions in order to accommodate families with more than one child: 6:00-6:40pm and 6:50-7:30pm. (TK/Kindergarten Parents - Parents of AM Session will attend the first session, and parents of PM Session the second session.) During this very important meeting, teachers will give an overview of the grade level curriculum that will be presented during the year and standards that must be met. Teachers will also review classroom rules, behavioral expectations, and homework procedures. Your participation is the beginning of a successful year for your child. We ask that children do not attend in order for you to give your full attention to the presentation. **Parking during Back-to-School Night is limited; we encourage you to walk if at all possible.**

STANDARDS BASED GRADING

CVUSD has a new report card beginning this school year. For detailed information on Standards Based Grading, please visit the www.chino.k12.ca.us; select Curriculum under the Departments tab.

What are Standards-Based Report Cards?

Traditional report cards usually assign one grade for reading, one for math, one for science and so on. On a standards-based report card, each of these subject areas is divided into a list of skills and knowledge that students are responsible for learning. Students receive a separate mark for each standard/standard group.

These achievement marks indicate a child's progress toward meeting specific grade-level standards. Students' proficiency is reported separately from their efforts to participate, be resourceful, cooperative, etc.

Howard Cattle will offer a parent workshop on Standards Based Grading August 18 and September 22 at 9:00-10:00am or 6:00-7:00pm. Further, your child's teacher will review Standards Based Grading during parent conferences.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance patterns are formed early in life. Children who develop good attendance habits in the early grades will be more likely to continue them throughout their school career. This is important, because students who miss school miss out on carefully planned sequences of instruction. They miss active learning experiences and class participation. They miss the opportunity to ask questions. They are more likely to fall behind, and to eventually drop out. In addition, there is no greater disruption to the instructional process for the whole class than students who are frequently absent, late, or pulled out of class early.

Continuing this year, teachers will pick students up at their line at the 8:37am warning bell. Instruction will begin promptly at 8:40am. Gates will close at 8:40am. **Any student arriving after 8:40am will be marked tardy.** This procedure is

to decrease the frequency of tardies at Cattle, to keep instructional time sacred, and to keep the campus safe and secure. Your cooperation in the matter is greatly appreciated.

Your child's attendance directly affects the funding for our school district and our school. Our school community is depending on you to make sure your child is at school every day. Remember: **Attendance Counts! Make illness the only excuse.**

PARKING LOT PROCEDURES

Keep our future safe!! Put down your cell phones, turn your radio down, and follow all parking lot procedures as outlined in the Parent Handbook. Adhering to these procedures and to the directions of supervising adults is imperative and appreciated for the safety of our students. Safety of your child is our #1 concern! **The safety of a child far outweighs the inconvenience to parents!**

SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Howard Cattle serves breakfast every morning on campus from 8:00-8:30am. The cost of breakfast is \$1.00 which includes milk, fruit, and a hot/cold breakfast entrée. This is available to all students.

SCHOOL LUNCH


Each child must eat lunch every day whether it is from home or the school cafeteria. Students are provided ample opportunity to eat before playing at recess.

Students can purchase lunch each day for \$2.50. We encourage lunches to be paid for on-line at myschoolbucks.com. There is also an app, making your mobile life that much simpler! Students can also pay for their lunch before school in the main office. If lunch is brought from home, milk may be purchased for \$0.25 and orange juice for \$0.35 at lunch time. A free or reduced priced lunch is available to families who are eligible. Go to www.chino.k12.ca.us for more information.

If a lunch is dropped off late, students are to look

on the lunch table in the office. **Classes will not be interrupted to notify a child of a late lunch.**

SCHOOL SPIRIT

We  Howard Cattle!! As part of No Excuses University, students are encouraged to wear their class college t-shirt or colors on Mondays. And as always, it's all about the Cattle t-shirts or Cattle red on Fridays! We will continue to recognize individual students for wearing Cattle red and rewarding entire classes for showing their school spirit. Got red?

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

Teachers will provide a list of student supplies at the Meet Your Teacher Event. We greatly appreciate your help in providing supplies for your child. If you are interested in donating any further supplies, a minimal list is provided below. You can drop these items off in the school office or to your classroom teacher. Thank you for your support!

- Kleenex
- colored copy paper
- white out
- crayons
- card stock
- dry erase markers
- white copy paper
- glue sticks
- Band-Aids
- Q-tips
- hand sanitizer
- boys/girls new underwear

PARENT WORKSHOPS

CVUSD has developed a district-wide calendar of Parent Workshops for the CVUSD school community. Those that are of particular interest to our school community will be listed on our school calendar. Parent workshops provided by the district will be held at the Adult School at the new Parent Resource Center. Please check the CVUSD website for further information.

PFA NEWS

Volunteers needed! We are always looking for the help of parents or grandparents for the many school events we have throughout the year. Please check back frequently for volunteer opportunities. Also, be sure to look for membership information in the Welcome Back packets!