



BIG OAK FLAT-GROVELAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
TENAYA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Mrs. Hilton

Superintendent - Principal

August 3, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

On behalf of the Big Oak Flat-Groveland Unified School District Board of Trustees, Tenaya Teachers and staff, I would like to welcome you to the 2022-23 school year! While we will continue to navigate the effects of COVID-19, the district is hopeful there will be minimal disruptions to the school year. Our focus will be on mitigation strategies, to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. The district and state recognize the importance of in-person learning, therefore Independent Study will only be offered on a short term basis (no more than 15 days per school year). Families seeking long term Independent Study will be referred to an alternative program. We will continue to have an early release every Friday. Just a reminder on minimum days students are dismissed at 1:15 p.m. and will arrive home by bus one hour forty-five minutes earlier than normal. The Board of Trustees, administration and staff have found early release Fridays to be effective for collaboration time and professional development.

New Staff-

We would like to welcome Mrs. Casey Ahrens to our staff, she will be teaching TK/Kindergarten. She has been a regular substitute teacher at Tenaya Elementary and spent a lot of time working with Mrs. Welch and this age group. Christopher Elliot will be teaching first grade along with student teacher Alynn Bratkiv. Christopher has been Tenaya's Independent Study Teacher as well as a regular substitute; he is very familiar with our students. Alynn has come to Tenaya from Kansas and is very excited about working with our first graders; she has been working at Camp Tuolumne Trails this summer. Olga Hobson will be the long term substitute teacher for Ms. Peterson. We are excited to welcome them all to our Tenaya family.

Required Back to School Registration Dates-

Two dates have been scheduled for student registration – Monday, August 15th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, August 18th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Tenaya School cafeteria (tables will be set up outside. We have organized these registration dates to ensure that all paperwork is completed and returned. Tenaya office staff and transportation employees will be present to assist as needed. To streamline this process, parents may pick-up a registration packet in advance at the Tenaya Office, August 11th – August 12th from 8:00-3:00. Questions can be directed to the Tenaya office at 962-7846, starting August 11, 2022.

I encourage families to get involved in their child's education. There are many opportunities to help: volunteer in a classroom, in the library, or join and participate in our Parent Club to name a few. Be sure to attend our upcoming Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:00 pm. This is the time when parents/guardians will meet in the classrooms with teachers to learn about grade level expectations, curriculum, and procedures.

COVID-19 Safety Protocol-

The health and safety of our students, staff, and families continue to be our number one priority. The District is required to follow the COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2022-23 School Year released 6/30/22 as well as Cal OSHA Guidelines.

*Staff and students will continue to self-screen daily for COVID-19 symptoms, and stay home if ill.

*At this time masks are "highly recommended" indoors, due to the high transmission rate of COVID-19 in our county.

A few things to remember to make our year go more smoothly:

- Students may arrive on campus no earlier than 7:45am.
- Our school office is open daily from 8:00am to 4:00pm.
- Any changes in a student's transportation home must be called in at least 30 minutes prior to dismissal.
- School begins promptly at 8:20 a.m. You set your child up for success by getting him/her to school on time, every day.
- Start now by getting your child back in the habit of going to bed early. This will make the first week of school much more enjoyable.
- I have enclosed the 2022-2023 Bell Schedule and calendar. Please save this schedule, as the minimum days for the year are listed on the bottom. Just a reminder, dismissal time is 1:15 p.m. on minimum days.
- As a reminder, the traffic flow in the school parking lot is counter clockwise; the passenger door always opens to the curb for safety reasons. If you must park your car during pick-up, make sure to park legally; be aware of blocking our entrance and exit lanes. Only vehicles displaying a handicapped placard/plate may park in the designated spaces next to the office. While in the pick-up lane, you must remain in your vehicle.

Enclosed is the **Elementary School Rules and Behavioral Expectations**, please review with your student before returning to school. As a general rule, students are expected to:

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

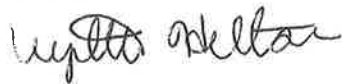
Class lists will be posted outside the Tenaya School office on Friday, August 19th at 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Ahrens	Room 1	TK/Kindergarten
Mr. Elliot	Room 3	1 st Grade
Mrs. Smith	Room 9	2 nd Grade
Ms. Carson	Room 4	3 rd Grade
Mrs. Barsotti	Room 14	4 th Grade
Mr. Coultrap	Room 16	5 th Grade
Mrs. Pretzer	Room 19	6 th Grade
Mrs. Griffin	Room 17	7 th Grade
Mrs. Hawkins	Room 20	7/8 th Grade
Miss Peterson	Room 12	Special Education
Mrs. Pritchard	Room 6	Special Education
Mrs. Richey	Gym	1 st – 8 th P.E.
Mrs. Graham	Room 11	1 st – 8 th Art

On August 6th, Tenaya Parent Club will hold a “Stuff the Bus” campaign. The last several years we have received enough donations to provide your student with all the supplies they need to start school. We are thankful for our generous community!

The teachers and support staff have worked tirelessly this summer preparing for the upcoming school year. I am proud to be a part of a staff that is truly dedicated and committed to the education of the students and families we serve.

Sincerely,



Wynette Hilton -Principal, Tenaya Elementary School