First Day of School Coming Soon!

The office staff and administrators have been working all summer, and teachers are already back getting things ready for the new school year.

Students and parents are invited to come to the Meet & Greet open house from 3:00pm – 5:00pm on Tuesday, August 14th to meet the teachers, see the classrooms, drop off student supplies, and sign up for Club Montessori. The mobile Live Scan will also be available during that time in the MP Room. Please plan on a payment of $45.00, either cash or credit card.

The New Parent Orientation is on Monday evening, 5:30pm - 7:00pm on August 13th in the MP Room. Middle School Back to School Night is also on the 13th at 4:30pm in Room 5.

Upper Elementary Parent Orientation Back to School Night is on the 14th, beginning at 5:00pm in the MP Room. The Mandatory Field Trip Chaperone meeting follows.

Kindergarten/1st grade Back to School Night is on Thursday the 16th also at 5:00pm in the MP Room, and the 2nd/3rd grade teachers are holding their meeting on Tuesday the 21st.

New Staff Welcomed to Orangevale

There are a few new faces on the staff of Orangevale Campus, with whom many of the parents and students will already be familiar.

Melanie Thompson has joined the Admin Assistant office team. She has many years of experience working in offices and companies, plus she has been a volunteer in the classrooms, so she knows much of how things are done at Orangevale.

The campus community said farewell to Ms. Deb, who needed to leave CMP to care for her parents. She plans to be back as a volunteer to be a reading “grandparent.”

Marla Watkins is joining the middle school team, replacing Mr. Chris who was hired as a middle school math teacher at Capitol Campus. Marla has also volunteered in her children’s classrooms, so she is familiar with Montessori. She told Ms. Kim she enjoys working with the older students.

Ms. Sheryl from the Lassen class found a full time position at a school near her. This is a good move for her, although sad for CMP. Ms. Kim is interviewing for her replacement to find the right match for the Lassen class and Ms. Ally.

Ms. Acxa will be stepping down as the Club Montessori Coordinator and working part time in order to focus on finishing her Bachelor’s Degree. She will still be in Club M, and will be taking on the reading intervention program on campus, along with Ms. Reelaiah. Acxa will
Another important event occurring in August is the *Initial Parent Meetings* between the parents, teacher, and student. These meetings will occur in the afternoons on August 29th, 30th, or 31st. Students will be released at noon, and meetings will begin at 1:00 pm. Sign-ups will be available closer to those dates. This is an important time to discuss goals for the year, and to become better acquainted if the student is new to the classroom.

**Club Montessori has a Great New Space**

On the first day of school, Club M will open their doors in the new portable, which will also be the new library for the campus. This allows the before and after school program to have a space designated just for them instead of sharing with a classroom.

Parents will park to drop off and pick up their children in the space near the portable at the far end of the school on Central.

also oversee the new library and the training of parent volunteers.

Our new Club M Coordinator is Erin Bethune, the TA in the Joshua Tree classroom. She has a lot of experience running afterschool programs and will be a wonderful asset to our program at Orangevale.

Club Montessori also welcomes Kayla Murphy. The children already know and like her as a prior substitute, but she will now be with them every afternoon.

The new TA in Crater Lake is another parent who has volunteered in her son’s classroom. Welcome to Brandy Bauer, who brings with her training and experience in Montessori early childhood education.

Principal Kim Aldridge, Dean of Students, Teci Jarnagin, and all the Orangevale Staff welcome these new members to their great team!