



Matthew Turner Newsnote



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August & September dates:

8/19 PTA Board Meeting @ 7 PM
8/21 **Planning Day**
12:40 Dismissal for Grades 1-5
8/26 Back to School Night Gr. 5 @ 7 PM
8/27 PTA General Meeting @ 6:30 PM
Back to School Night / Gr. K-4 @ 7 PM
9/7 Holiday – **No School**
9/8 Inservice Day – Non Student Day
9/9 Site Council Meeting @ 5:30 PM
9/16 BUSD Board Meeting @ 7 PM

Absences

Please use our 24-hour attendance line at **748-2982** to report your child's absence and request homework. Homework that is requested will be available after school in the office. Thank you.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Thank you all for a smooth opening of school. The Back to School registration fair was a successful process due to the efforts of Debbie Golden, office manager, and the PTA volunteers. Having the registration prior to school starting allows for parents to have information and children to know their teacher assignment. Many thanks to all that helped at the fair and again on Monday morning.

We welcome back Rowena Velasco, Angela Gramlick, and Brandy Shelton as teachers. BUSD was able to restore those positions and we are very excited that the same team returns to Turner. We welcome Kathy McNair as a teacher in the 4th grade. She has many years of experience as a teacher in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade as well as administrative experience.

We have our Back to School Nights for 5th on Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 7:00 P.M. Back to School for K-4th is on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 7:00 P.M. This is your opportunity to

the expectations and curriculum for this school year. We have a new math adoption *enVision Math* and teachers will be explaining how math instruction will look this year. There are four parts to the lessons:

1. Daily Spiral Review focusing on foundational skills for mastery.
2. Developing the concept through interaction during a problem-based activity.
3. Developing the concept through lesson exercises, digital animations, guided practice.
4. Close/Assess and Differentiate with a quick check of skills learned. Leveled homework includes reteaching, practice and enrichment.

There is a technology component to this series and we are addressing our needs. All 4th and 5th grades have smartboards, LCD projectors, and document cameras. Third grade classes have been measure and the order is being developed for smartboards, LCD projectors, and document cameras via PTA, auction fund-a-need, and our funding for School Improvement with Site Council. The curriculum department is assessing the needs in K-2 grades and may be able to help with funding some of the technology needs.

Each year the staff has a new opportunity to provide the best educational experience for your child. We take this opportunity seriously as you entrust your child or children to us to educate. We look forward to this being the best year ever. I am here late most days and often work a weekend day – so please call and let me know of any concerns that I can assist with. I am available by phone or email – so good news is also appreciated!

Sincerely,
Barbara Sanders

Lunchboxes & Jackets

Please label lunch pails and clothing. We



owners. Lost and found is located in the office. Check for lost items before and after school.

Mom, I forgot my homework, book, etc.

Students and parents are reminded that items forgotten in the classroom after the teacher has left for the day will not be retrieved by the custodian. Thank you.



Cell Phones

Cell phones must be turned OFF during school hours and kept in your child's backpack. Children are allowed to use them after dismissal. Teachers may take phones away if they are turned on during school hours and disrupting the class. Adults volunteering in classrooms – please turn the phones off while in classrooms as not to disrupt instruction.

Planning Days



Parents are reminded that teacher-planning days are **EVERY FRIDAY** for grades 1-5. **Dismissal is at 12:40 PM.**

4/5th Grade Band Parent Informational



Night

The beginning band info night will be on Monday, August 24 at 7:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at Matthew Turner Elementary.

Matthew Turner Student Council 2009-10 Election Timeline

Aug.31- Sept. 4	4 th & 5 th Students interested in running for a Student Council Office pick up a guideline sheet from Mrs. Grubbs in Rm. 27
Sept. 4	Candidates turn in signed permission slips to Room 25 by end of day.
Sept. 4	Candidates begin work on poster / speeches. Posters are no larger than 12x18 inches Only one poster per candidate All posters and speeches approved by principal & advisors Informational Speech length limit: 3min.

	student body during campaign.
Sept. 11	Turn in speeches and posters to Rm. 25 by the end of day.
Sept. 22	Candidates present speeches in school assembly @ 1:45
Sept. 22	3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th grade students vote for candidates.
Sept. 23	Student Council officers announced!

Childcare Vans



If you are a licensed daycare provider and pick up multiple students at Matthew Turner, you can utilize our drive-thru in the staff lot closest to Rose Drive. Please see our office staff for a placard to place in your window. This helps our safety patrol know you have the right to be in the drive-thru by the staff parking lot.



PTA NEWS

Book Parents Needed

Would you like to help children develop a love for reading? Sign-up to be a Book Parent and you can read to a class once each week for 30 minutes. We provide reading recommendations and try to accommodate schedules and class preferences. If you are interested, please contact Jane Vanderwerf at vanderwerf@comcast.net.

Kindergarten Picnic Tables

A huge "THANK YOU" to the following families who generously donated towards the purchase of two picnic tables for the Kindergarten classes: Barrall, Birdseye, Leong, Markus, Penney, Moyer, Fessenden, Marquez, Bonini, Morgan, Mandap, Castillo, Balter, Lara, Martin, Bruins and Jacobson. They will be well used and appreciated for years and years to come.