



# Matthew Turner Newsnote



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## August & September dates:

8/14	Back to School Fair 1-5 PM
8/16	Kindergarten Orientation 1 PM
8/20	<b>First Day of School</b> Welcome Back Parent Coffee 8:45 AM
8/24	<b>Planning Day</b> <b>12:40 Dismissal for Grades 1-5</b>
8/28	Back to School Night Gr. 5 @ 7 PM
8/29	Back to School Night / Gr. K-4 @ 7 PM
8/30	BUSD Board Meeting 7 PM @ DO
9/3	Holiday – No School

Teachers worked diligently last spring to formulate class assignments. Care was taken to ensure a balanced classroom for all students in terms of instructional level, learning style, personality, peer interaction, and gender equity. No class assignment changes will be made during the first two weeks of school. If you have a concern, please address the issue in writing to the principal. On Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> we will be holding an orientation session for all new Kindergarten students and their parents at 1:00 PM.



## Welcome Back to School!

Welcome to a new school year. All of us at Matthew Turner School want to make this a successful year for your child. Your active support and cooperation combined with our best professional efforts will ensure success for your child. We look forward to a wonderful school year, working in partnership with parents to achieve the best for our children.

## Daily Schedule



School will begin on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> as follows:

Kindergarten A.M.	8:25 - 11:45 a.m.
Kindergarten P.M.	11:50 - 3:10 p.m.
Grades 1 - 3	8:40 - 2:53 p.m. (Bell rings at 8:35 AM)
Grades 4 - 5	8:40 - 3:05 p.m.

## Planning Days

Beginning on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, **students in Grades 1-5 will be dismissed at 12:40 PM every Friday** due to Teacher Planning Time.

## Campus Supervision

**Do not send your child to school before 8:20 AM.** At 8:20 AM, the gates will be opened and teachers will be available to supervise students on the playground. **Students need to be picked up promptly after school is out.**

## Welcome Back Coffee



The PTA is hosting a welcome back coffee in the multiuse room at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> for all parents. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Absences and Excuses

Regular attendance plays a key role in the success of your student. No ADA is received for a student absence regardless of the reason. California law requires that children attend school every day on time unless they are excused. Whenever your child is absent, our office must be notified of the reason for absence. Conversation by telephone or in person daily between a school employee or absence voice mail, and the student's parent/guardian is the preferred method of verification. A written note is also acceptable. Excused student absences are due to illness, physician/dentist visit, or bereavement of an immediate family member. Doctors and dentists will give you verification visit slips that can be submitted directly to our office. All other absences are unexcused. Vacations are unexcused unless they are 5 days or more in length and you qualify for an independent study contract.

## Visiting the campus

All parent volunteers and visitors are requested to sign in at the office before going to classrooms. Following this procedure will keep our campus safe and secure.

**Newsnotes**...will be sent home with your youngest child bi-monthly. They will contain important dates, times, and events.



## Early dismissal

If you must have your child dismissed from school early, please send a note to the child's teacher at the beginning of the school day explaining the reason and the time that he/she will need to be dismissed.



## Hot Lunch Program

Hot lunch and/or milk can be purchased on a daily basis. Individual lunch/milk prices and ticket prices are as follows:

Student lunch w/milk	\$2.00
1/2 pint low fat milk	\$0.30

## Lunch tickets:

Weekly (5)	\$10.00
Bi-monthly (10)*	\$20.00
Monthly (20)	\$40.00

## Milk tickets:

Weekly (5)	\$1.50
Monthly (20)	\$6.00

Lunch tickets can be purchased by sending a check or cash in an envelope labeled with your child's first/last name, grade and teacher. Envelopes can be given to your child's teacher or dropped in the lunch ticket box located in the office. Checks should be made payable to B.U.S.D. Tickets can be purchased any day of the week. **Please be sure to keep track of your child's lunch ticket purchases since students will not be allowed to borrow money for lunch.**



## School Calendar

Enclosed in this packet is a school calendar. Please note the dates are subject to change. Always check the bi-monthly newsnote or visit our website at [www.benicia.k12.ca.us/turner](http://www.benicia.k12.ca.us/turner) to check on current events and activities. Dates and information can also be found on our marquee on Rose Drive.

## Bicycles

Bicycles are to be ridden to school only by 4th and 5th grade students. Permission slips signed by parents & students are required before students can ride bicycles to school. Permission slips are available in the office.



## Medication at School

If your child must take medication during the school day the following requirements apply:

1. A current medication form must be on file in the office and must be signed by both doctor and parent and should include the type, dosage, & time medication is to be dispensed.
2. Medication in its original prescribed container. Please note the medication must remain in the office at all times. If you have any questions please contact Teri Deane, R.N. at 747-8300 ext. 224.

## Campus Traffic Patterns and Use

1. The parking lot nearest Rose Dr. is reserved for staff parking. The drive-through is reserved for bus and licensed childcare vans only. Please do not drive cars through this area for student drop-off or pick-up.
2. The parking lot on Dempsey Dr. is our visitor parking lot. The drive-through around this lot is for CAR drop-off and pick-up of students. Only the yellow lane next to the curb is available for students to enter or exit cars. **If you are first in line, PLEASE pull up to the white line painted closest to the multi-purpose room** to unload and load students. Approximately 4-5 cars along the yellow line can unload and load at the same time. Do not leave your car unattended in the drive-through.
3. Safety patrol will be on-duty late August assisting student crossing before and after school ends. Please be watchful of their presence and follow their signals to stop and go.
4. All students who walk or ride in cars may enter the campus at 8:20 (grades 1-5) through the front gates. Students riding the bus will enter through the gate facing Rose Drive. Students put their backpacks by their classroom door and proceed to the playground. Students are not to stay in the courtyards unsupervised. A.M. kindergartners line-up at the

kindergarten students line up in front of their classroom.



## How to Contact your child's teacher

Parents may reach their child's teacher by dialing the classroom direct. A school-wide directory listing is provided below and will also be published in the PTA Directory. Please remember to limit your calls so that instruction time is not disrupted. Thank you.

<b>Main #</b>	<b>747-8390</b>
<b>FAX #</b>	<b>747-8399</b>
<b>Child Care</b>	<b>747-5668</b>
<b>Attendance Line</b>	<b>748-2982</b>
<b>Staff</b>	<b>Phone #</b>
Badger, Teresa	751-2327
Barragan, Kim	751-2314
Bishop, Margie	751-2314
Briggs, Sue	751-2331
Broome, Sukhdip	751-2350
Bru, Claudia	751-2313
Buchanan, Debbie	751-2319
Bunch, Susan/Lunsford, Kim	751-2311
Catrino, Donna	751-2556
Charifa, Marisol	751-2335
Crawford, Kate	751-2325
Crozier, Kathy	751-2318
Empleo, Arlene	751-2309
Glassford, Donna	751-2322
Grubbs, CeCe	751-2323
Hightower, Erica	751-2315
Jack, Elizabeth	751-2310
Jannson, Desiree	751-2330
Rm. 18	751-2312
McDevitt, Betsy	751-2317
Mullikin, Mike	751-2328
Murphy, Gail	751-2329
Oliver, Carolyn	751-2308
Pebler, Julie	751-2324
Peters, Bambi	751-2334
Rooney, Casey	751-2309
Schmitt, Jennifer	751-2307
Seymour, Julie	751-2321
Shabazz Sue/Wofsy, Barry	751-2320
Sherman-Nelson, Mary Jo	751-2316
Slack, Gary	751-2333
Watts, Susan	751-2315

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

As we bid farewell to summer and look forward to our school year at Matthew Turner, I would like to express a warm welcome to both new and returning families. We hope to see you and your family at many of the wonderful PTA activities that we have planned this year – our fun-filled fall social, the book fair, multicultural night, the enchanting auction, and many others. Our Back to School Tea will be held in the multi-use room immediately after classes begin on the first day of school. Please join us for snacks and come say hello to old and new friends. Younger children are also welcome.

We hope that your child's year is exciting and filled with the wonder of learning. The Matthew Turner PTA is here to support your child's educational experience. Please feel free to direct any questions you may have to me! Welcome back to school!

Judith Barrall  
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## Childcare Vans

If you are a licensed daycare provider and

