

CARDINAL



September 2024

connection

TOGETHER WE CAN GIVE CHILDREN THE ROOTS TO GROW AND THE WINGS TO FLY!

A Note from Mrs. Schneider

Welcome to a new school year filled with possibilities and exciting learning adventures! As we start on this journey together, we know positivity and support will make a world of a difference in your child's experience at school.

We will celebrate small wins, embrace challenges as opportunities to grow, and know that every day is a chance for each child to shine brighter. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way. Let's make this year amazing together!

Thank you for being such an important part of our school family.

Reminders

- Send a **snack daily** with your child each day.
- Dress appropriately for the **weather** (see attachment for recommendations)
- School **begins** at 7:50 a.m.
- School **ends** at 3:20 p.m. (M/T/Th/F) & 3:00 p.m. (W)
- **Breakfast** is from 7:35 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.
- **Elementary entry doors** will only be open from 7:35 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.
- Join the elementary Remind group to stay in touch. (see the attachment for how to join)

Dates to Remember

9/3	First day of school - parents invited to the morning assembly
9/9	FastBridge testing begins in classrooms
9/16-9/20	PBIS dress-up days (attached and shared in student folders)
9/30 thru 10/4	Homecoming celebrations (dress-up days will be shared in student folders)
10/8	Picture Retakes
10/17	Parent-teacher conferences 4 - 7 p.m. Book fair (more information shared closer to the date)
10/18	Parent-teacher conferences 8 - 12 p.m. Book fair No school for students (more information shared closer to the date)
10/25	1st quarter ends

Celebrations!

We are thrilled to kick off the school year with our first Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) activity! To encourage our students to embrace our core values of **BEING SAFE, BEING RESPECTFUL, and BEING RESPONSIBLE**, we are hosting a series of fun dress-up days. This will be a great opportunity for students to express themselves creatively while reinforcing important behavior expectations.

Be on the lookout for a dress-up day flyer in your child's folder with all the details. We look forward to seeing everyone's enthusiastic participation!

STRONGER
together

Educators and parents are **STRONGER TOGETHER! Together** we can build a powerful **foundation** for a child's **success**, ensuring each child **grows** and **thrives** both **academically** and **personally**.

Power of Positivity!

Encouraging your child to see the good in every situation, to persevere through difficulties, and to celebrate their efforts and successes can make a huge impact on their growth and confidence. Your positive words, support, and encouragement are essential in helping them feel valued and capable.

PeaceBuilder Principle

Praise People: Praising people involves recognizing and acknowledging others' efforts, kindness, and achievements. It's about encouraging positive behavior through affirmation.

Why It Matters: When children learn to praise others, it builds their empathy, encourages teamwork, and fosters a sense of belonging. It also boosts self-esteem for both the giver and receiver of praise.

Model the Behavior: Parents are encouraged to praise their children for efforts, not just achievements. This teaches kids that trying hard and being kind are valued.

Encourage Siblings and Friends to Praise Each Other: Highlight that this principle can be used beyond school, helping to build positive interactions at home and in other social settings.

Join Us in Promoting Praise: Join us in reinforcing this principle, making it a shared effort between school and home.

Growth Mindset and Well-Being

Growth Mindset:

ALL Can Learn! The Power of YET! Instead of saying, "I can't learn," or "I can't get it," we need to encourage students to say, "I haven't learned it YET, but I will keep trying until I get it!"

Well-Being:

We will foster connections with our students and provide them with a sense of Belonging! We will invite ALL to learn and engage in their learning!

Staff Spotlight 4K Teachers



Educational Glossary: Breaking down buzzwords

Decoding: sounding out words to read

FastBridge: Our district web-based assessment program to screen and progress monitor students in math, reading skills and social-emotional skills. Some are teacher administered, some are completed on a computer. Results are used to make decisions for instruction and interventions.

Sight Words: Common words that show up frequently in text. Words like: the, was, is, her, she, and, together, because.

Question	Mrs. Romanowski	Ms. Lewan
Years in education	2	8
Favorite school lunch food	mashed potatoes and gravy	stromboli
Favorite thing to do on a day off	spend time with my family	anything outside
Best thing about being a teacher	spending each day with the littles watching them learn and grow	seeing the look on a student's face when they understand the concept being taught
Wanted super power	invisible	time manipulation
Coollest animal as a classroom helper	hamster because they're cute and little	dog

THORP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PBIS EXPECTATION CELEBRATION

DRESS-UP DAYS

SEPTEMBER 16TH - 20TH, 2024



MONDAY - 9/16

**IT'S COOL TO BE UNIQUE
...CRAZY HAIR DAY...**

TUESDAY - 9/17

**BE A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN
...WEAR RED, WHITE OR BLUE...**

WEDNESDAY - 9/18

**SPORTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOR
...WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS GEAR...**

THURSDAY - 9/19

**CARDINALS ARE COMFORTABLE
WITH KINDNESS
...WEAR PAJAMAS...**

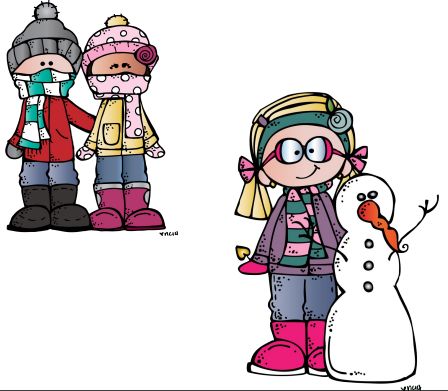

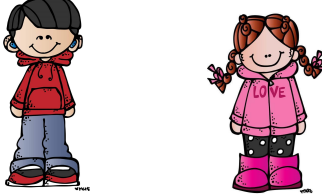

FRIDAY - 9/20

**BE PROUD TO BE A CARDINAL
...WEAR RED AND WHITE...**

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an evidence-based, tiered framework for supporting students' behavioral, academic, social, emotional, and mental health.

Are You Dressed for the Weather?

Recess Recommendations

If the temperature is (actual, feels like, windchill)	You should be wearing	This looks like
0° and below	Indoor recess for all students	
29° and below	Coat Hat Mittens/Gloves Encourage boots and snow pants When there is 1" - 2" of snow, boots are required for the fields and playground, snow pants are required for 3" or more	
30° - 40°	Coat Hat Mittens/Gloves When there is 1" - 2" of snow, boots are required for the fields and playground, snow pants are required for 3" or more	
41° - 49°	Coat, Long Sleeves, Sweatshirt or Jacket	
50° and above	No requirements	

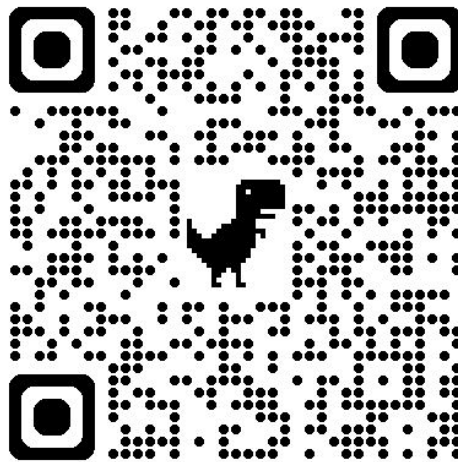
Dear Elementary Families,

Throughout the school year, we will share all elementary communications, including upcoming events, reminders, and important information, through Remind. (Skyward will still be used for district-wide communication, lunch balances, grades, etc.)

To join the elementary Remind group, please scan the QR code or follow the directions on the following page. Thank you for connecting with us.

I am looking forward to keeping you informed and engaged this year! If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,
Mrs. Schneider



Sign up for important updates from Mrs. S. Schneider.

Get information for **Elementary School Communication** right on your phone—not on handouts.

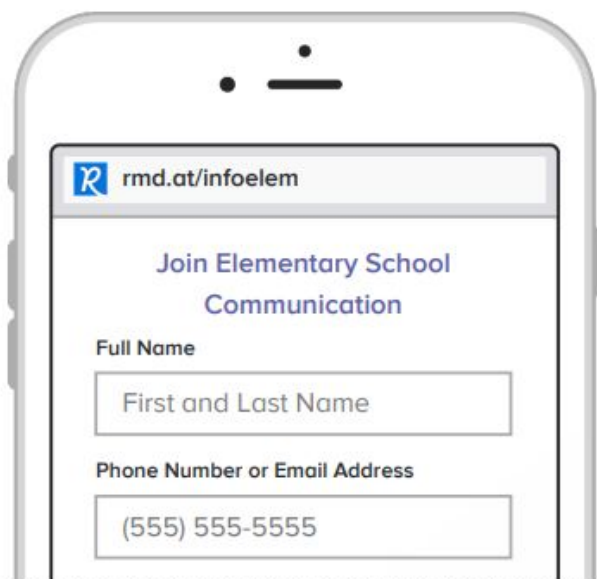
Pick a way to receive messages for **Elementary School Communication**:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/infoelem

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



The illustration shows a smartphone screen with the following content:

- Address bar: rmd.at/infoelem
- Section header: **Join Elementary School Communication**
- Form field: **Full Name** with a placeholder "First and Last Name"
- Form field: **Phone Number or Email Address** with a placeholder "(555) 555-5555"

B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message [@infoelem](https://t.me/infoelem) to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting [@infoelem](https://t.me/infoelem) to **(415) 749-9889**.

** Standard text message rates apply.*



The illustration shows a smartphone screen with a text message interface:

- To:** **81010**
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