



ISADOR COHEN ELEMENTARY

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Belinda Bridgewater, Principal

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Greetings Parents and Guardians,

I want to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential both academically and socially. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. The staff of Isador Cohen is committed to our **Vision Statement**: *Isador Cohen is an all-inclusive community that promotes good citizenship and life-long learning.*

As we partner together, I would ask for your involvement in our school community. I've come up with some statements that begin with "**We Need You**" to emphasize how important you are to the school community.

We Need You to join our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) to help us fundraise for teacher and student needs that our school budget cannot accommodate. The PTO can be reached at Cohenpto@gmail.com. PTO will meet on Friday, September 6th and again on Friday, September 20th at 8:00 am in Room #13 (Parent Room).

We Need You on our School Site Council to make important decisions that impact our school. We will hold elections this September to elect 5 parents to serve on the council for 2 years. The School Site Council meets once a month for approximately one hour.

We Need You at Back to School Night, Parent Teacher Conferences, Science Nights, Literacy Nights, Open House and Fall Festival.

Important dates and times.

Wednesday, August 28th – We will host an ice-cream social from **11:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.** Please come and enjoy some delicious ice-cream with staff and teachers. **The cost for ice-cream is a completed Emergency Card and LCAP Funding Form** for each student who will be attending Isador Cohen.

Student classroom assignments will be posted and our new before/after school provider, *Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT)* will be available to sign students up. For more information you can contact Mr. Henderson of *LOT* at 916-290-3641 or 916-494-4308.

Thursday, August 29th – First day of school. The staff and I will be ready to receive you and your child at **8:30 a.m.** Breakfast will be served daily from **8:30 a.m. until 8:55 a.m.** For those students not eating breakfast, the gate to the playground opens daily at **8:45 a.m.** and yard duty supervision begins. Teachers will meet students on the

yard. **Our warning bell rings at 8:58 a.m., so please arrive by 8:55 a.m. to allow time for your child to line up. School starts at 9:00 a.m.** Students should not arrive to school prior to 8:30 a.m., as there is **NO** supervision. **Exception:** Students enrolled in our *Leaders of Tomorrow* morning program.

The regular school day schedule is 9:00 a.m. until 3:07 p.m., except on Thursdays when students are dismissed at 2:07 p.m. for staff professional development. On shortened days we start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. and those days are November 22nd, December 2nd – 9th, March 13th – 20th and June 11th, for a total of 14 shortened days. Please be advised that the kindergarten schedule remains the same throughout the school year. **Kindergarten starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m.**

For safety reasons the playground gate is locked after 9:00 a.m. Students who arrive after 9:00 a.m. must report to the office. Please help your child form good habits by being on time every day. Showing up for school has a huge impact on your child's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as your child grows older and more independent, you play a key role in making sure he/she gets to school safely every day and understands why attendance is so important for success in school and life.

Dismissal is at 2:07 p.m. on the first day of school. Teachers will walk students out to the gate. Any students attending the after school program will be met at the classroom door by their after school teacher. If students are not picked up within 10 minutes after dismissal, they are taken to the office.

Monday, September 2nd – Labor Day, No School

Tuesday, September 10th – Skate Night 6-8 at The Rink (hosted by PTO)

Wednesday, September 18th – Back to School Night, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 25th – Flag Football League begins

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You will receive a few forms to fill out at the beginning of the school year. All the forms are very important to the health, safety, education and well-being of your child. Please take a moment to fill them out and return to your child's teacher.

We are looking forward to a successful school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 916-395-4600.

Respectfully,

Belinda Bridgewater
Principal, Isador Cohen Elementary School