

LAUREL ELEMENTARY

A Great School With Tomorrow Inside



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Please note: supply lists and fees are posted on the Junction City Schools Website. Here is the link: <http://www.junctioncity.k12.or.us/PDF%20Files/schoolsupplieslist.pdf#zoom=95%> You are welcome to bring your supply fee during the supply drop-off on August 31st or send it with your child the first day/week of school. If you wish to donate more money to the student supply fund, you can include that amount with your supply fee. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Attendance Line

541-520-2042

If your child is going to be absent, please call the attendance line 541-520-2042 and leave the following information:

Your name

Your child's name

Teacher's name

Reason for the absence

Call back number



Aug. 30	Class Lists Posted 4:00
Aug. 31	Supply Drop Off 2:30-3:30
Sept. 5	1st Day of School
Sept. 27	1 ½ Hour Early Release
Sept. 28	Back to School Night 5:30-7p.m.
Oct. 2-6	Laurel Book Fair
Oct. 11	Picture Day
Oct. 13	No School (non-contract day)



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I cannot believe summer is almost over and our first day of school on September 5th is around the corner. I hope that you found some time to enjoy the sun, laugh, play, and spend time with your children. We sure missed our students and we can't wait for them to be back. I wanted to write and share a few items with you before the start of the year. We continue to ask your support and help in achieving our school's Vision and promoting the growth mindset. This year we will use each month to highlight and teach to depth the components in the following Laurel Vision:

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In my upcoming newsletters, I will keep you informed of ways you can be of support to this vision in hopes to work together as a community to provide our children with the best educational experience possible.

Please help us welcome the following new additions to the laurel staff:

Desiree McIvor; fourth grade, Britni Cacan; third grade, Sophie Knox; Second grade, and Mark Navin in third grade and Kat Kent in the SLC who both held temporary positions last year and now "officially" joined our staff! With these additions here is the makeup of the staff teams:

KG: Jaynie Wisner, Cat Jenkins, Nicole Strout, Heather Stafford
1st: Melissa Tofell, Melissa Singler, Katie VanDeHey, Mikayla Buhler
2nd: Meghan Dodge, Katie Walton-Williams, Sophie Knox, Stephanie Graham

3rd: Jen Gower, Sunshine Anstine, Britni Cacan, Mark Navin

4th: Leigh Wilcox, Kati McAdams, Allison Kangail, Desiree McIvor
Special Education: Jeanie McDermott (resource room), Kat Kent (SLC), Melanie Maenz (speech)

Specialists: Beau Dussell (Media, Woot Woot!!), Alan Cook (music, Woot Woot!!), Paula Erdman (ELD), Erika Vaughn (instructional coach), Shelly Dickson (reading Interventionist), Mary Jo Clark (Title coordinator/reading specialist), Miranda Linville (counselor), Darcey Edwards (behavior specialist)

This year is going to be a very exciting year. We keep thinking about the great opportunities and expertise our team members bring to the educational experience of all of our kids. We see hope, excitement, and lots of promise on the horizon, and we cannot wait to dive in. I wish you, and all our children, a fantastic 2017-18 school year and hope that our partnership continues to grow to better serve our kids and our Junction City community.

With Gratitude,

Nadira Rizkallah, Principal

LAUREL KINDERGARTEN GENTLE START

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL KINDERGARTEN PARENTS WILL RECEIVE A LETTER BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS TO LET YOU KNOW IF YOUR CHILD IS IN GROUP A OR B. FOR YOUR CHILDCARE NEEDS, PLEASE NOTE THAT MONDAY, SEP. 11TH IS NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN ONLY.

- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, LAUREL KINDERGARTEN GROUP A
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, LAUREL KINDERGARTEN GROUP B
- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, LAUREL KINDERGARTEN GROUP A
- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, LAUREL KINDERGARTEN GROUP B
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH NO KINDERGARTEN
- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH ALL KINDERGARTEN ATTEND

Things to Know

Please return any enrollment paperwork from your beginning of year packet to the school as soon as possible.

Please call to let us know your student will be late or absent by calling the attendance line at 541-520-2042.

Please send a note with your child if their schedule has changed—we must have authorization from an adult, not just hear it from the child. If there are any changes to your student's schedule, please notify the office **BEFORE 2:00 p.m.**

Please complete a background check now if you are volunteering or going on any field trips throughout the year. This prevents last minute crunches and ensures you will be able to participate in your child's activities.
Thank you!!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers are needed for anything and everything from classroom help, Parent Group events, such as Popcorn Fridays and fundraisers, to help in the office!

Please contact the office if you are available to help even for a short time. The more volunteers we have, the less each person has to contribute their time, and it helps ensure we are able to offer programs and events to our students!

You must first complete a background check by visiting our website and clicking on the Background Check Form link and printing out the form to fill out.

Here's our website:
<http://www.junctioncity.k12.or.us/Laurel>



Attendance is a priority, even in Kindergarten!

Research shows that kids who miss too much kindergarten may struggle more later on in school. To help your child be absent or tardy less, you can:

- Schedule reliable transportation**
- Organize school supplies and backpacks ahead of time**
- Emphasize Bedtime Routine**



Supply Drop Off
And
Volunteers Needed

Come join us on August 31st from 2:30-3:30 to drop your supplies/fee off and enjoy an ice cream social put on by our wonderful Laurel Parent Group. We are in need of Spanish-speaking, volunteer interpreters for our supply drop off event and the first two days of school in the beginning of the school day (7:54-8:45) and end of day (2:15-3:00). If you are interested in helping out, please call the school's front office at 541-998-2386 and Carla will give you more specifics. We will also need interpreters for our back to school night 9/28, 5:30-7:00pm. Let us know if you are interested in helping out.

Your student's teacher assignment will be posted on the front door window at the end of the working day on August 30th, after 4:00PM. We are still finalizing class lists, adding some late registrations and adjusting a few placements. We appreciate your patience as we work through these lists to make them as equitable as possible.