

Friday Flyer



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News You Can Use

School time is growing near

I went to WalMart this past weekend and was abruptly reminded that the opening day of school is fast approaching. There were school supply displays everywhere. In all the years of my career in education, I have said that once July 4th comes and goes, summer is almost over. Lots of things begin to happen in July.

As administrators, we take our days off and come back and hit it hard to be ready for teachers and for your children. Summers for administrators are, in many ways, busier than the school year. Getting ready for the opening day of school is an awesome task. We want to make sure your children get to all the right places, including the right bus, pick-up circle, etc. This takes a lot of mutual planning among many departments.

The first day of instruction is Monday, August 22, 2011. The first bell will ring at 7:50 a.m. and the tardy bell will ring at 8 a.m. You are invited to a light breakfast in the intermediate school gym beginning at 7:45 a.m.

Meet the Teacher scheduled for Thursday, August 18

Ciavarra Elementary's annual Meet the Teacher Night is set for Thursday, August 18 from 5:30-7 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for you to bring your child and meet his/her teacher. You may also bring school supplies; this makes it much easier for your child the first day of school.

Parents may also join PTO at that time and the Parent Learning Center will be open.

You will receive a postcard a week or so before the event.

Please remember visitor, drop-off, pick-up procedures

Please remember that when you visit Ciavarra Elementary School, you must check in at the office. You must relinquish your driver's license or other form of current photo ID. We will issue you a visitor's pass. When you leave campus, you are to return to the office and we will return your ID and you will give us your visitor's pass.

In the mornings, there are two drop-off locations--one is the circle by the cafeteria and the other is in the back of the elementary. Both locations have personnel to help your child out of the car and headed in the right direction.

The afternoons are a little more complicated and congested. Second graders are to be picked up at the circle by the cafeteria. It is congested. Please be patient. The danger arises when those picking up a child are in too big of a hurry and try to go around other cars. The pick-up circles are designed to be one lane only.

First graders and kindergarten students are to be picked up in the back of the elementary school. You may drive through the circle or you may walk up the sidewalk by the crossing guard. Someone will be there to get your child for you. This, too, is a very congested area. Please be patient with us. We ask that you do not walk past the gate. We really do not want parents and children intermingled. It gets very confusing.

Do not walk across the parking lot and oncoming traffic in the circle. If you are going to walk up to get your child, you must do so by the crossing guard.

Please do not gather around the outside doors of the school. You will be asked to leave that area if you choose to stand there before school is dismissed, which is at 3:30 p.m.

If you have more than one child at Ciavarra, you may pick them up at the same location. If your child is in second grade and the sibling/s is in first or kinder, the pick up area will be the back circle. It is far safer for the older child to go to the younger child.

If you also have children at the intermediate school, you will have to make two stops. Intermediate students are not allowed to be picked up at the elementary school.

If you have questions about drop-off and/or pick-up, please call the elementary office.

A Look Ahead to 2011-12

August 18	Meet the Teacher Night, 5:30-7 p.m.
August 22	First day of instruction
Sept. 5	Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 12	Gotta Love the Grandparents-- Grandparents eat breakfast with grandchildren
Sept. 14	Three-week Progress Reports go home
Sept. 26	Math/Science Family Fun Night, 6-7 p.m., Cafeteria
Oct. 5	First six weeks Report Cards go home
Oct. 10	Early Release Parent Conferences in afternoon
Oct. 24-28	Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 25	Pumpkinfest, Kinder sings