



## John B. Wright Elementary School

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Dear parents, guardians, and care takers,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are excited to see our students and families as we start an exciting school year for John B. Wright. This year, we will be an AVID Showcase School and a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center. This means more rigorous and engaging learning opportunities for our students. More than ever, I look forward to a continued partnership with our parents and our community to support our students' academic and social-emotional learning and build a strong foundation for their future. As you prepare for the new school year, I would like to communicate the following:

**Registration** - All students must be registered before the start of every school year. If you have not registered your child, please do so by visiting [parent.tusd1.org](http://parent.tusd1.org). You may also call or visit our office from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. until July 24th. After July 24th, our office will return to regular office hours from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**Teacher Meet & Greet** – Wednesday 8/2, 2:00-3:00 p.m. This event will allow an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and get familiar with his/her classroom.

**First Day of School** – Our first day of school is Thursday, 8/3. The first bell rings at 8:15 a.m. Our students (in Kinder-5th grade) will meet their teacher outside by the playground and will be escorted to their classroom. To help with morning procedures and 1st day of school jitters, I respectfully ask that you do not enter the classrooms during the first week of school.

**Breakfast & Lunch** - All students will receive free breakfast and lunch this year. Breakfast is served from 7:45-8:15 a.m. Students are welcome to bring their own lunch.

**School Supplies** - Our school provides the most essential school supplies to our students. Our teachers may provide you with a list of suggested school supplies or supplies that may be welcomed as donations for your child's classroom.

**Uniforms** - Wright's dress code consists of khaki or navy-blue bottoms with navy blue, white, maroon, or light blue collared tops with sleeves. For safety reasons, closed-toe shoes are also part of our dress code. If a student does not come to school in uniform, we will call home. Donations of outgrown uniforms are always welcome.

**PBIS & Trust Cards** - Positive Behavior Interventions & Support (PBIS) is a system that provides positive feedback when students demonstrate our expected behaviors: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be Kind. In addition to positive feedback and celebrations, our school fosters a Trust Card system. When students earn Trust Cards, they are allowed independent opportunities/choices and help them take pride in their choices throughout the day. Although Trust Cards may be lost and requested by one of our staff members due to poor choices, students are able to earn their Trust Card back at any time.

**Attendance** - Attendance is very important in the academic growth of our students. Every minute in the classroom counts. Please bring your child to school on time every day and do not check them out early.

**Dismissal** - Students will be dismissed at 2:40 p.m. (at 1:40 p.m. every Wednesday). Kindergarten will dismiss starting at 2:30 pm. (1:30 on Wednesday). Please remember parent pick-up is usually slower at the start of year as students, staff, and parents get familiar with dismissal procedures.

During dismissal, please remember the following:

- Only students that walk home will be released through the YELLOW GATE located on the west side of our campus. The entrance to the parking is closed to ensure student safety. If you park your car across Columbus, please cross at the crosswalk with the Crossing Guard.
- Students that are picked up by car will be escorted to the gates on the east side of campus (RED GATE for Kinder-2nd grade and BLUE GATE for 3rd -5th).
- Students that have a younger sibling, will be allowed to also be released through the RED GATE.
- Please remember to follow traffic rules on Catalina Avenue:
  - The Speed Limit is 15 mph.
  - Do NOT park on opposite direction of the curb, make U Turns, or park on the corner of the street.
  - Do NOT park in front of our neighbors' driveways or garbage cans.

**Communication** - Our school commits to keeping you informed of updates and important events. We will communicate through automated phone messages (Parent Link), monthly newsletters, school website, Class Dojo, and our Facebook Page. Please remember to update your phone numbers throughout the year.

I look forward to school year full of learning opportunities for you child and fun experiences a communicate.

Sincerely,

Brenda Encinas  
Principal