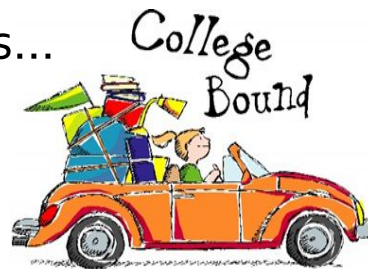


Mabel Paine Elementary

California Gold Ribbon School

Where every student is...



Dear Mabel Paine Families,

Welcome back to the 2016-2017 school year! I am thrilled to begin my 8th year here with you at Mabel Paine Elementary, one of our district's first California Gold Ribbon Schools. This year, we will be continuing with our over-arching UNIVERSITY theme, which emphasizes college and career readiness for ALL students in our pursuit of academic excellence. In addition, we are thrilled to announce that will continue being an AVID Elementary school and will be implementing the AVID strategies in all 3rd – 5th grade classes this year in order to ensure ALL of our students are on the college track in middle and high school. To that end, each K-5 classroom will continue to represent a university/college chosen by the teacher. We will have university T-shirts available to purchase for each class, "College Monday" spirit days, team cheers, and much more. It is our goal to make sure each student knows that their elementary experience is one very important stepping stone on the path to college and career readiness.

With that being said, the 2016-2017 school year promises to be another exciting one! It continues to be my priority to ensure students have a safe, positive environment and to make sure the quality of instruction is second to none. Our staff will continue to participate in ongoing professional development and deliver the most current and relevant curriculum and instruction to students. We will work diligently to meet the individual needs of all students' academic learning styles and achievement levels. I am confident that as we continue to work together in our educational community, we will make spectacular things happen for the students. On behalf of the faculty at **Mabel Paine University**, Welcome Back! It's time once again to get our heads back in the game and continue on our path to college and career readiness.

The first day of school for students is Monday, August 29th. Preliminary class lists will be posted on our school website, www.mabelpaine.org, after 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 25th. Please join us on Friday, August 26th between 11:00 AM -12:00 PM for our first ever **Meet Your Teacher Day**. Teachers will be standing on the upper and lower grade black top areas ready to meet and greet all of their new students and families. With the PTA's help, this should be a great way to kick off the new school year. As a reminder, all class placements are tentative for the first two weeks of school due to changing enrollment. If you have concerns about your child's placement, please fill out the situational request form available in the office. Please be aware we will not be making class changes the first week of school and may not be able to accommodate parent requests.

Childcare is available on site both before and after school. Please call (714) 779-2350 for information or registration.

New student registration may be completed beginning August 15th when the school office re-opens for the year. If you know of new students in your neighborhood that will be attending school this year, please encourage them to stop by the office and pick up a registration packet as soon as possible. The school office hours are 7:30 – 4:30 P.M., and it is preferable to register before the first day of school.

School lunches (Available for students in grades K-5) cost \$2.75. Breakfast cost \$1.50. Milk may be purchased for \$.50 and juice for \$.75. It is our recommendation that you pre-pay lunches. Checks should be made payable to PYLUSD Food Services and may be dropped off in the front office. Please be sure to write your child's first & last name on the memo part of the check. You can find updated information regarding lunch menu and prices on the district website: www.pylusd.org. You can now pay for lunches through our new on-line payment program.

Parking Lot Procedures: As always, please make safety and courtesy your guidelines for behavior in the parking lot. Follow the signs, painted curbs, and directions of parent volunteers and school personnel to ensure the safety of the children. Beginning the first day of school, the horse shoe lot by the kindergarten rooms will **ONLY** be used by the preschool and kindergarten parents along with the buses at **BOTH** drop off and pick up times. (No parking along the red curb at anytime in this lot.) ALL other students will be dropped off **AND** picked up using the valet/drive through lane in the main parking lot. No matter which parking lot you are using, please keep in mind that there is **no parking or leaving your car unattended** in the drive through lanes at any time. Please stay in your car, pull all the way forward as space becomes available, and load or unload your students safely. In addition, all students are required to exit automobiles from the **passenger side only**. If you'd like to walk up to school to drop off or pick up your child, please park on the street so our flow of traffic will run smoothly and safely.

Safety Procedures: Mabel Paine's campus is closed at all times. This includes drop off and pick up times. No parents or visitors will be allowed through the gates and onto the campus before or after school unless they have checked in through

the office. All parents who do not use the drive through lane, should park on the street and walk their child to the main gate or kindergarten gate in the morning. In the afternoon, (1-5) parents walking in to pick up their students should park on the street and wait below the steps outside of the MPR door next to the flag pole. All students being picked up by their parents on foot will wait in the MPR until their parent arrives. A teacher will be at the door to dismiss the students. On the **FIRST DAY of SCHOOL**, all parents are more than welcome to walk their student(s) onto campus and wait in line with them. Grades 3-5 will line up on the upper grade black top. Grades 1-2 will sit down at the lunch tables labeled with their teacher's names.

Parent Volunteer Safety Procedures: In order to sign in at the Volunteer Desk, get a sticker, and enter the campus, your name **MUST** appear on the daily volunteer schedule. If your name is not on the schedule, you must sign in with the office staff, and they will call ahead to the classroom to make sure the teacher is aware you are coming. In addition, no small children (siblings) will be permitted inside the classrooms while the parent is volunteering.

Rules and Procedures: Our Parent-Student Handbook is now on line. Please visit our school's website, www.mabelpaine.org and review it carefully with your child. You will be required to sign a verification letter stating that you have read and understand the contents of the handbook. This letter will be sent home in the first day packet. If you do not have access to the internet, you make pick up a copy of the handbook from the office.

Important Upcoming Dates:

PTA Parent Welcome – Monday, August 29th @ 8:00 A.M. in the multipurpose room. Please come and meet the new PTA Board for this year and enjoy some light refreshments.

Back to School Night – Thursday, September 8th @ 6:00 P.M. This is an important meeting at which you will meet your child's teacher and learn about their academic program for the year. This event is for **parents only**.

I am looking forward to another incredible year and am confident that by working together, we can help your child have a happy and productive year!

Sincerely,

Tamara Beeuwsaert, BS, MEd
Principal



SCHOOL HOURS – Regular Day Schedule

Grades 1 – 5	7:50 A.M. – 2:15 P.M.
Early Bear Kindergarten	7:50 A.M. – 11:10 A.M.
Late Bear Kindergarten	9:30 A.M. – 12:50 P.M.
SDC Pre-School & SDC Kindergarten (early bear)	7:50 A.M. – 11:50 A.M.
SDC Pre-School & SDC Kindergarten (late bear)	9:30 A.M. - 1:34 P.M.

Wednesday Early Release Days – *Every Week*

1st – 5th Grade: Dismissal @ 1:15 P.M.

ALL Early Bears (Preppy K, Kinder, and Pre-school): Remain on regular day schedule

Late Bears (Preppy K, Kinder): Remain on regular schedule

SDC Late Bears (Kinder and Pre-school): Dismissal @ 1:15

Minimum Days

1st – 5th Grade: Dismissal 12:45 P.M.

All Preppy K and Kindergarten students attend A.M. session together

Pre-School: Remain on regular day schedule

Friday, October 28, 2016

Wednesday & Thursday, November 16 & 17, 2016

Friday, March 3, 2017

Friday, June 9, 2017

Thursday, June 15, 2017 (Last Day of School) Dismissal Time TBA