Welcome Back to School!

Dear Dunham Families,

We have prepared all summer for the new school year and are delighted to have you back! It is always exciting to see the smiling faces on our students when we return from summer break.

Mr. Marco and Mr. John have scrubbed the school to make sure everything is clean. Many of our teacher spent their Summer Break attending trainings and conferences to learn the newest and best ways to teach our students. And Pam and Kelley have been working hard to make sure students are registered and assigned to classes. And Mrs. Chandler has been busy revising our master schedule and behavior program.

As always, it is our mission to provide your child with the best possible education. We strive to be the best school, not only in TUSD, but in the Tucson area. If you ever have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or the office.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Chandler

Parent Teacher Association

We are looking for parents who would like to be active at our school. New members are needed for the Dunham PTO. Members will plan book fairs, fundraisers, teacher recognition lunches, and other fun, important events. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the office.

Keep off!

Please do not allow your children to climb on the rocks in front of the school. We do not want anyone to get hurt. There have also been critter sightings in the rocks. We want to prevent injuries and bites.
AZMerit Scores
Teachers will provide parents with assessment result printouts at Parent/Teacher Conferences in September. School letter grades have not yet been issued by the Arizona Department of Education. Mrs. Chandler will let everyone know Dunham’s grade as soon as we find out.

Every Minute and Day Counts
Attendance is one of the highest predictors of student success in school and work. Please help us by making sure that your child attends school every day. Of course, we do understand that illnesses occur. If your child is sick and will be absent, we ask that you contact our office to let us know.

Additionally, we expect every child to be at school on time every day. The first bell rings at 7:40 and the tardy bell rings at 7:49. Students are expected to be at school by the time the first bell rings so they can put their things away and be ready to learn by the time school begins at 7:49.

Parking Lot News
Please take note of the new signage in our parking lots. TUSD Risk Management determined that the new traffic pattern is the most effective and safest way for cars to enter and exit the parking lot. This is just one more way we are making sure our Dunham students and families stay safe.

Remember that students are to be picked up and dropped off in the east parking lot. Parents are to remain in their cars in this lot. The main lot is only to be used by parents who will be getting out of their cars to walk their students into the school or to walk and escort their child to the car after school.

Introducing...
This year we are welcoming four new staff members to Dunham our Dunham family.
Ms. Calista is our new 3rd grade teacher. She recently moved to Tucson from Mammoth, AZ, where she taught a variety of grade levels.
Ms. Valdez will be teaching first grade. She is joining us from Huachuca Mountain Elementary School in Sierra Vista where she previously worked for Mrs. Chandler. Ms. Valdez speaks fluent Spanish.
Ms. Breed is our new Community Liaison. She is joining us from Gridley where she did the same job. Ms. Breed will be able to jump right in at Dunham and be able to assist our families.
Lastly, Ms. Pastorini-Bellows will be joining us half time as our school counselor. She will also be working at Soleng-Tom this year. Ms. Pastorini-Bellows was previously a counselor at Cataline Foothills High School and is eager to work with elementary-aged students. She is originally from Uruguay and speaks fluent Spanish.
Welcome to Dunham, Ms. Calista, Ms. Valdez, Ms. Breed, and Ms. Pastorini-Bellows!

School Hours
Our start and dismissal times will remain the same this school year:
Start time—First bell, 7:40; Tardy bell, 7:49
Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri Dismissal—1:55
Wednesday Dismissal—12:55
Half Day Dismissal (Conferences)—10:55

Dunham Mission
Our mission is to be an all inclusive community engaged in a positive and enriched learning environment where we focus on student success.

Dunham Vision
All students will be prepared for life-long learning and future endeavors.