



John J. Montgomery Elementary School

California Distinguished School

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Hello Montgomery Families!

I hope everyone has had a great summer despite the circumstances. I've missed you all and have been thinking about you all summer. As you've probably heard by now, we have been directed to start school with full Distance Learning due to the current state of COVID-19. I am reaching out to reassure you that although we are not able to welcome students physically back to school on August 19th, we are nonetheless eager to welcome students to our Distance Learning program!

Class Assignments: Class assignments will be posted on Parent Portal on Wednesday, August 12 after 5 pm. You will need to know your student's ID number to be able to look up which class they are in. If you don't know your student's ID number, please call the office at 408-270-6718 or email Ms. Veronica Sepulveda at vsepulveda@eesd.org. As always, our teachers will be working in collaborative grade level teams to ensure consistency and an equitable learning experience for our students. I assure you, they are eager and excited to get back to work and meet your students! Your child's teacher will reach out to you prior to August 19, to give you an idea of what to expect on the first day of school.

Grab & Go's: We have scheduled Grab & Go's for students to pick up their textbooks, some supplies and a "Welcome back" tote bag with some MO swag. Please see the schedule below. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet your teacher before the official start of the school year.

Time	Thursday, August 13th	Friday, August 14th
10 am - 12 pm	3rd Grade	TK & Kinder
12 pm - 2 pm	4th Grade	1st Grade

Time	Monday, August 17th	Tuesday, August 18th
12 pm - 2 pm	5th Grade	2nd Grade Team
2 pm - 4 pm	6th Grade	

Updates to School's Website: Updates to our [school's website](#) will be completed on an ongoing basis. Please check back frequently.

School Schedules: School schedules, by grade, will be provided by Monday, August 17th.

Chromebooks/iPad and Materials Distribution: We will be distributing chromebook and textbooks during your child's grade level Grab & Go (see schedule above).

Office Availability: The school front office is now open. Walk-ups are welcome between the hours of 8 am to 3:30 pm. Anything that can be handled via phone or email is strongly encouraged. Please know that when you visit the office we are following safety protocols:

- Visitors and school personnel must wear face masks.
- We have a table outside the office with a drop box, hand sanitizer, box of masks
- Limit the number of visitors in/around the office to maintain 6 feet social distancing (floor is marked with spacing indicators)
- Before coming to the office, please self-screen with the guidelines attached - [HERE](#)

Back to School Night: Since Back to School Night will look different this year, we would like to tailor our videos/presentation to your most burning questions/needs. We wanted to give parents an opportunity to ask questions **before** BTSN. We request that you first visit our school website at montgomery.eesd.org and the Evergreen FAQ page at eesd.org/safetogether to see if your questions can be answered there. If you still have unanswered questions, please submit them below and we will tailor both our school website and our "back to school night" presentations to meet your needs. To submit questions/needs, please click [Montgomery's Back to School Night Burning Questions/Needs](#). This survey will be open to responses through Thursday, August 27th. We realize that sometimes we don't know what we don't know, so I'd also like to reassure you that there will be an opportunity for you to ask questions after BTSN, as well. BTSN will be virtual this year and we will keep you posted on the day, time, and format for each grade level.

Student Engagement: We WILL have some fun, interactive things planned for the year - virtual challenges, spirit days, etc. I will be in touch and our office will update our [school website](#) regularly beginning in August. We will send out a weekly parent newsletter to inform you of everything going on each week.

Set a Positive Tone! I have seen this quote floating around on social media, and I couldn't agree more. For what it's worth - "As schools start to unveil their COVID-19 plans for fall - as parents, let's set the tone for the year for our kids. When they announce the plans, read them in private and discuss with your spouse alone. Then come back and tell your kids as positively as possible how the fall will go. Tell them how proud you are of them wanting to keep others safe and how much their teachers are looking forward to going on this adventure with them. Tell them to just try their best. They are watching our reaction and will respond accordingly. In my opinion, it is fine to feel completely different (angry, sad, worried), just fake it so your child has a smoother start. They don't need to add your worries to their own. Let's be kind to each other and our school. We're all doing our best. We've got this!" This, along with other similar messages have been circulating. The bottom line is that we, as the adults, set the tone. If we are excited and positive, they will be too!

Welcome Transitional Kinders, Kinders and New Families: Last but not least, I want to extend a warm welcome to our TK families, kindergarten families and new families. I know this is a challenging way to start school and we will be communicating with you directly in the coming week to help you navigate this new frontier. Please watch for an email from your child's teacher!

I can't wait to "see" everyone again. Virtual hugs and high fives to everyone in our Montgomery Family!

Sincerely,

Ms. Jahsve Worthy
Principal
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