

Monte's New Family Cheat Sheet

We want to take a moment to **welcome** your family to our Montclair Elementary School community! We know that coming to a new school can be overwhelming and hope you'll find these tips and quick links helpful. Bookmark www.Montclair.org for easy access to all the links below.

****Our Top Tips****: The Montclair **SCHOOL HANDBOOK** is filled with important information, <https://www.cusdk8.org/Page/1931>, Montclair Parent Teacher Organization (MPTO) has a new family **WELCOME DIGEST!** It has a ton of helpful information to help you navigate through your first weeks: <https://www.cusdk8.org/Page/3903>

The Paperwork	Bell Schedule and Getting To/From School	Calendar and Before/After School
<p>Documents in the first 30 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PG&E Bill verifying residence to school office (if not submitted to the district office during registration). ● Registration Card - verify all information and sign. Return to your child's teacher or school office. ● Sign and return Page 3 of the District's Opening Day Packet (e-copy should come via Chalk Forms from District to the email you registered with) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Receipt of Information on Parents, Legal Rights ○ Student Responsible Use of Technology ○ Multimedia Withhold Form ● Sign and return the following school forms (e-copy should come via Chalk Forms from School to the email you registered with): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Montclair Handbook Parent & Student Sign-Off ○ Library Policies and Permission ○ Use of Applications and Web-Based Services Parental Consent Forms. 	<p>Daily Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● You can find our Daily Bell Schedule here: https://www.cusdk8.org/Page/1924 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ *Tip: Pay special attention to Early Tuesday Dismissal (aka Tricky Tuesday!): all grades K-5 Dismissed at 2:00pm. <p>Getting to/from School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Walk or Bicycle Crossing Guard info: https://www.cusdk8.org/Page/2818 ● District info on bussing from neighborhoods across Foothill Expy: https://www.cusdk8.org/domain/94 ● The front parking lot circle is for DropOff/PickUp only before and after school, drivers may not leave vehicles. Volunteers/Staff are there to help keep kids safe, please follow their directions. ● The back parking lots (staff lots) beyond the crosswalk are CLOSED before and after school. For the safety of all students you may not enter to drop and pick up from the back lot. ● If you'd like to walk your child in, parking is primarily on neighborhood streets. Please be mindful of the driveways and mailboxes of our neighbors :)! 	<p>Our School Calendar can be found here: https://www.cusdk8.org/Page/38</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow the links in the top righthand corner to export or link directly to iCal. ● *Tip: look in the month of October for Parent/Teacher Conferences, where school will be dismissed at 1:10 daily for all grades K-5. Your teacher will reach out with information regarding scheduling individual conferences. Our teachers work hard to group siblings with back-to-back time slots to help families with scheduling. <p>Looking for information about Before/After School Care?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● https://www.cusdk8.org/domain/478 <p>To help families, we keep a list of independent vendors who offer After School Enrichment Programs on site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● https://www.cusdk8.org/domain/2962

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The School Routine	Communication	Other Helpful Quick Links
<p>Our teachers are really something special at Montclair!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many of our staff and classrooms have websites full of information. Find your child's teacher by taking the link to Teachers in the blue bar directly above the photos on the school website: www.Montclair.org. Find your child's teacher and click through for contact information and any website links. It takes our amazing educators some time to get to know your child, build routines and complete initial assessments. If you are joining us at the beginning of the school year, expect that you will get the majority of the information that you need about curriculum, grading, homework, etc. at Back to School Night after the first few weeks of school. Parent/Teacher Conferences are in early October each year, teachers will have some great information about assessments and your child's individual learning needs at this time. If you are joining us mid-year, your teacher will be working hard to help your child settle in for the first couple weeks. If you have more questions after those first few weeks specific to your child, please do reach out to your child's teacher. 	<p>Almost everything you need to know about what to expect from school communications can be found in Monte's Welcome Digest Vol.#7.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.cusdk8.org/Page/3903 <p>Classroom communication varies a little bit by teacher, but all classrooms have some way of regular communication home. Your teacher can let you know what to look for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday Folders - almost all classrooms send home a folder of completed work and other key classroom communications like field trip permission slips, Event reminders, etc. each Friday. SeeSaw - many of our classrooms use an app based "e-portfolio" called SeeSaw. If your class uses SeeSaw, be sure to subscribe to see regular posts on lessons, activities, classroom updates, etc. Newsletters - many of our teachers compile a weekly newsletter full of updates, sent either in Friday Folders or electronically. <p>District Wide Communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> primarily through email blasts sent through blackboard from the sender CUPERTINO UNION ELEM SCH DIST. District-provided updates and notices are also included in our Friday Bulletin sent from Montclair to the email address you listed at the time of registration. 	<p>School Supplies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click on a kit to see the suggested supplies for each grade (please note: our supplies are gender neutral, girl/boy is used when teachers are asking about half the class to bring one item (like paper towels for example) and the other half to bring another (like wet wipes). http://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/kits.php?sid=12703 <p>Need information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance/Reporting Absences Nutrition/Hot Lunch Code of Conduct Medications at school Lost & Found, etc. <p>Our School Handbook can answer a lot of these questions and more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.cusdk8.org/Page/1931 <p>Looking for information about ways parents can be involved at school? Our parent teacher organization MPTO is where you will find all of the info you need on volunteering, community building events, all important fundraising, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.cusdk8.org/domain/468