

Union Street Charter News August 27th, 2018

Approaching dates

August 28: First Day of School - Tuesday

School Start Times: 8:30 (K-3rd grade), 8:20 (4th-5th grade)

One of the most important ways you can support your child's education and the teacher is to bring your child on time. Both your child and the entire class benefit from a calm start to the day with everyone here on time. Students can come directly to the classroom starting at 8:10. Any student who is tardy needs to check in at the office before going to class.

School Dismissal Times

Kindergarten

Kindergarten ends at 1:45. Pickup is 1:45-1:55. Afterschool starts at 2:00.

Grades 1-5

Tuesday through Friday: School ends at 3 p.m. Pickup is 3 to 3:10. Afterschool starts at 3:10.

Minimum Mondays: School ends at 1:45 p.m. Pickup is 1:45 to 1:55 and afterschool starts at 1:55. Students will have quiet activities during the first hour of afterschool on Mondays. The staff uses "Minimum Monday" time for: staff meetings, professional development, cross grade collaboration and planning, and for teacher preparation.

Parent Meetings: childcare available for school age children

Kindergarten – Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 5:30

First Grade – Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 5:30

Second Grade – Thursday, Aug. 30 at 5:30

Third Grade – Thursday, Sept. 6 at 5:30

Fourth Grade – Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 5:30

Fifth Grade – Thursday, Aug. 30 at 7:00

Class Camping/Day Trips:

Kindergarten Day Trip – Friday Sept. 21

First Grade Day Trip – Friday Sept. 14

Second Grade Camping – Sept. 6 - 7

Third Grade Camping Sept – 12 - 14

Fourth Grade Wolf Creek – Oct. 17 - 19

Fifth Grade Backpacking – Sept. 12 -14

Fifth Grade Ashland Trip – Sept. 27 - 28

Thank you Volunteers!

A big thank you to Saturday's work party crew: Clara, Carina & Linnea McDonald, Jeff & Micah Forrest, Carsten, Tex & Ginger Larsen, Elizabeth, Ben, Micah & Levi Okin, Georgia & Charlie Wilson, Juliette Ferri & Nora Brumbaugh & Jada Lusk. Thank you also to our summer volunteers: Juliette Ferri, Luke Besmer, Chad Sefcik and Cindy Kuttner for improvements in the poetry garden and Matt Ingram for rose trellis & fence repairs. The school looks great!

Parent Handbook

The Parent Handbook is attached. Kindergarten will receive a paper copy at kindergarten drop in day. Paper copies are available in the school office.

Parking

Union Street Charter's parking system is designed for safety and efficiently. **Please do not block Union Street.** If you are unable to turn in to the driveway, loop through the roundabout or community center parking lot and try again. Crowding usually clears very quickly.

DROP OFF: 8:00 TO 8:30

- Spots on the south side of the school driveway (next to the playground) & the yellow curb in front of the school are for **drop off only**. These "stop and drop" spots are for parents who can drop off children

- A staff person will facilitate and monitor curbside drop off from 8:10 to 8:30. Children are monitored as they travel from the car to the schoolyard.
- Parents who need to park and come on campus may:
 - Park in the four spots on the north side of the driveway for **up to 5-minutes**. These spots fill up quickly.
 - Park on Union Street past the stop sign & red curb up the hill.
 - Park at the Community Center parking lot.
- After 8:30 and before 2:50, parking is available in the driveway and at the yellow curb.

PICK UP: 3:00-3:10 - Tuesday through Friday

- 3:00-3:10. Spots on the south side of the school driveway (next to the playground) & the yellow curb in front of the school are for **stop & scoop only** (no leaving your car). Staff members will safely direct children to their cars waiting in the driveway and at the yellow curb in front of the school.
- At 3:10 all children not picked up are checked into after school.
- After 3:15 (and before 8 a.m.), parking is available in the driveway and at the yellow curb.

PICK UP: 1:45-2:00 - Minimum Mondays & Kindergarten

- On Mondays at 1:45-1:55. Spots on the south side of the school driveway (next to the playground) & the yellow curb in front of the school are for **stop & scoop only**, no leaving your car (this includes kindergarten parents). Staff members will direct children to their cars waiting in the driveway and at the yellow curb in front of the school.
- On Tuesday thru Friday at 1:45-2:00: Kindergarten parents may park in the driveway & and the yellow curb in front of the school. These spots are restricted “drop off” or “pick up” only at other times noted above.
- At 1:55 all children not picked up are checked into after school.
- After 1:55 on minimum Mondays, parking is available in the driveway and at the yellow curb.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARKING SITUATION

- Drive slowly, 5 mph or less!
- Please use patience, caution, and courtesy while using the crowded driveway. Always have your child walk with you; do not let them “run ahead”.
- To avoid driveway congestion, come before 8:10 or after 3:15; spots are usually open at those times.
- **Classroom volunteers and other parents who need to go to the classroom will need extra time for walking from the Community Center or up the hill on Union Street.**
- Guidelines for parking on camping trip days and on half days will be published in the weekly news.

Free and Reduced Lunch Application & School Funding

Eligible students may qualify to receive free or reduced price (\$0.40) lunches as part of the National School Lunch Program. The school gets funding boosts for each qualified free and reduced application regardless of whether a student eats school lunch or not. PLEASE RETURN THE ATTACHED APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES; IT NEEDS TO BE TURNED IN ON A YEARLY BASIS.

The Arcata School Lunch Program – Menu attached

Lunch Ordering:

1. All Students can order Arcata District Lunch. Full price - \$3, reduced price - \$.40, Milk only - \$0.50.
2. Send no money; you will be billed monthly by the ECE (Equinox Center for Education).
3. Lunch count is turned into the District each morning at 8:45 a.m. So, children who come after 8:45 a.m. cannot order school lunch.
4. Parents please make it clear to your child when they are ordering school lunch so that they will know what to tell the teacher.
5. Lunch menus are sent by email each month and posted on the school website (unionstreetcharter.org).

Questions or Suggestions?

Please contact Dee Erickson at dee.erickson@gmail.com or Dana at office@unionstreet@gmail.com

