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Dear Del Sur Students and Parents,

Greetings to all Del Sur Elementary Explorers! I hope that all of you are enjoying your summer and that you are excited to return to our school or to begin for the first time. During our first year, we established a positive culture built on a strong rigorous child-centered academic program. On a daily basis, our goal is to create a climate that maximizes instructional time for student learning, while developing strong physical, social, and emotional characteristics in a safe and caring environment. Looking ahead to the upcoming school year, we will continue to build on this accomplishment. I would like to thank our parent community for all of their assistance in helping us to form a solid foundation for our students. The staff and I are very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with your amazing children as we continue to explore the richness of our past, the opportunities of the present, and the infinite possibilities of the future.

To ensure a smooth start to the school year, it is important to clarify rules and expectations for student safety and maximized student learning. Please review the important information presented in this letter so the school year begins as smoothly as possible. You may also find more information on our school web page at [www.powayusd.com/pusddses](http://www.powayusd.com/pusddses).

## **Dates to Remember**

August 19	Kindergarten and PEPP Teddy Bear Tea Party and Open House, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Classroom Assignment Posting Party, 4:00 pm
August 20	First Day of School, 8:30 a.m. – 1:10 p.m. (grades 1-5)
September 3	Back to School Night, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
September 7	Labor Day Holiday - No School
September 15	Picture Day
September 18	PTA Community picnic on the playground of Del Sur, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
November 16-20	Minimum Days for Parent Teacher Conferences, First Trimester Report Card

## **Grades 1-5 Schedule**

School begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. each day. Students that arrive after 8:30 a.m. are considered tardy and need to check in with the office prior to going to class. School dismisses at 2:50 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Thursday is our time banking day. School dismisses at 1:10 p.m. every Thursday. The first day of school is a time banking day and will dismiss at 1:10 p.m.

## **PEPP Schedule**

PEPP will begin at 8:30 a.m. and dismiss at 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, every day of the school year.

## **Kindergarten Schedule**

For Kindergarten students, school will also begin at 8:30 a.m. The first fourteen days of Kindergarten will be transition days. The purpose of transition days is to help your kindergartner transition into 5 full days of school each week. The dismissal times for the first three weeks of school will be as follows:

Thursday, August 20 through Friday, September 4 – Dismiss at 12:00 p.m.  
Monday, September 7 – No school, Labor Day  
Tuesday, September 8 – Dismiss at 12:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, September 9 – Dismiss at 12:00 p.m.  
Thursday, September 10 – Dismiss at 1:10 p.m.  
Friday, September 11 – Dismiss at 2:50 p.m.

Beginning Monday, September 14, school will start at 8:30 a.m. and dismiss at 2:50 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Thursdays are minimum days and school will dismiss at 1:10 p.m.

### **Classroom Assignments**

For grades 1-5, classroom assignments will be posted in the front of the school at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19. **It is possible that these assignments may change due to changes in enrollment.**

For Kindergarten, classroom assignments will be posted in the kindergarten area at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19. Students and parents of kindergartners are invited to a “Teddy Bear Tea Party” between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. in their classroom. **It is possible that these assignments may change due to changes in enrollment.**

### **Before and After School Supervision**

The playground will be open to students in the morning beginning at 8:00 a.m. No supervision will be provided before 8:00 a.m. so students should not arrive at school before this time. Once students arrive, they may not leave unless a parent or other authorized person comes to the office to sign them out. To ensure the safety of our children, you will be required to show identification when you pick up your child.

School dismisses at 2:50 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and at 1:10 p.m. on Thursdays. Supervision is only available for 15 minutes after dismissal. For safety reasons, students may not remain on campus after that time. Please ensure that your child is picked up promptly after school each day.

### **School Breakfast & Lunch – Prices**

Students have the option of buying lunch at school. Please prepay if possible. Lunch is served daily in the cafeteria for \$2.00 and includes milk. Free and reduced prices are available for those who qualify. Please fill out the application if needed.

### **Medication at School**

If your child is on medication, a “Physician’s Recommendation for Medication” form must be obtained from the school, completed by the physician, and returned to the school. No medication may be given at school without this form. An adult must bring the medication to the school office in the original container medication is dispensed. Children may never have medication in their possession at school. This includes aspirin, inhalers, cough drops, etc.

### **Absences**

The absence reporting phone number is **(858) 674-6200 ext. 6303**. State law requires that attendance be verified. Please call the absence line if your child will be absent from school. In addition, if they will be tardy more than 30 minutes please call also.

### **Bicycle Riding**

Only students in grades 3, 4, and 5 may ride a bicycle to school. Children must wear a helmet, provide a lock for the bicycle, and follow safety rules/laws. A permission form, obtained from the office, must be completed and on file with the office for students who wish to ride their bikes to school. Bikes must be walked once on school grounds. No rollerblades, razors, scooters, or skateboards are allowed on campus.

### **Parking Lot Drop Off & Pick Up**

Please be cautious when driving near the school and follow all procedures of state law. Enter the parking lot to drop off your child by making a turn off of Paseo Montenero. Please abide by the directions of our wonderful volunteers and staff. They are working hard to ensure the safety of our children. Cars in the traffic circle should never be left unattended at any time. Do not enter the bus drop off circle located off of Paseo Del Sur. This area is for buses only.

### **Extended Student Services**

Del Sur provides an ESS program, which is a fee based before and after school childcare program. ESS is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All students planning to participate in ESS must be registered at our ESS building. Please call our coordinator, Marcy Golden or Danielle Beccarelli at 858-674-6200 ext. 6348, for information regarding registration and fees.

We look forward to seeing you on the first day of school.

Sincerely,

Doug Johnson  
Principal