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ADOBE BLUFFS ESS WELCOME BACK 2007

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Mark Your Calendars

- **Aug. 22**—First Day of School.
- **Aug. 23**— Minimum Day. All K's attend 7:40 –11:00.
1-5 dismiss at 12:25
- **Sept. 3**— **School and ESS CLOSED** for Labor Day.
- **Sept. 28**— **School AND ESSCLOSED** for Prof. Growth Day. .

Reminders

ESS is a "Cell Free" Zone. Please finish your cell phone calls BEFORE entering the building. We can assist you more efficiently when you are not carrying on another conversation at the same time!

Welcome To Adobe Bluffs ESS

Adobe Bluffs ESS would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning students! We had a great summer filled with lots of new and exciting events.

THANK YOU!!

I would like to say a very heartfelt "THANK YOU" to our Adobe Bluffs ESS staff for doing such a great job! It wouldn't have happened without you!



A Few Reminders:

The groups will be once again be utilizing different parts of the campus for various activities and homework time. When picking up your child, please be patient. It may take a few extra minutes for him/her to arrive to the ESS building. Also, be prepared to give your child a few extra minutes to clean up before he/she goes home.

Parking Permits : Due to the lack of parking spaces and the closure of the parking lot in the morning and immediately at release time after school, we will be issuing a new color of static cling parking decals to display in the front windshield of your car which will allow you entrance into the parking lot to drop off or pick up your child. When we get the new decals in, be sure to pick one up from Mrs. Reynoso Miss Genevieve or Ms. Cathy. Without it, you won't be allowed into the parking lot. Remember, the

red curb should never be used as a drop off zone!!

Absences: Our hours remain the same, 6:30 am–6:00 pm. If your child will **NOT** be attending ESS, **PLEASE** let us know! It saves us a lot of time and wear and tear on our nerves if we know your child is safe. You may call us at 858-538-2672 or email all three of us to let us know if your child will be absent. Feel free to leave a message on our answering machine if we are not available.

Illness: If your child is too ill to attend school, then he/she is too ill to attend ESS. If your child becomes ill while at ESS, you will be required to pick him/her up within a half hour of notification. Please make sure you keep your emergency telephone numbers up to date. If we all adhere to this policy, hopefully we will have a healthy year!!

September 28th—Professional Growth Day-

School and ESS will be closed on September 28 for Professional Growth. The entire ESS staff across the District will be attending workshops. These workshops are a wonderful time for training, sharing and inspiring!

Medications—With the start of the new year, if you want your child to use chap stick, sunscreen or cough drops, or if he/she needs prescription medication, you **MUST** complete a new Authorization Medication form. Don't forget to check the expiration dates on any medications you have on hand with us. Thanks.

Meet The Staff!

We have had some changes in our staff over the summer. We have said good bye to some and hello to others. We would like to introduce you to the staff of Adobe Bluffs ESS for the school year. Here they are:

- Jan Reynoso—Supervisor
- Genevieve Soares—Lead Assistant
- Cathy Cheadle—Lead Assistant
- Armando Cordoba—Kindergarten Aide
- Vanessa Montero—Kindergarten Aide
- Eric Moore—Kindergarten High School Assistant

- Jen Delizo—Kindergarten High School Assistant
- Aimee McCoy—First Grade Aide
- Jamie Havertz—First Grade Aide
- Melissa Mitchell—Second Grade Aide
- Brian Mann—Third Grade Aide
- TBA—Third Grade Aide
- Erica Harris—Fourth/Fifth Grade Aide
- Tyler Staats—Fourth/Fifth Grade Aide

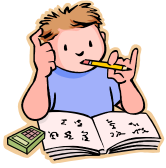
ESS MISSION STATEMENT

ESS is a bridge between school and home where children are encouraged to learn, create, and explore within their school, community and world



HOMEWORK TIME

Because we believe strongly in supporting academics at Adobe Bluffs ESS, we provide an hour for homework time four days a week for our first through fifth graders. It is our intent to provide children with a quiet environment in which to complete most, if not all, of their homework so they may go home and enjoy the evening with their family. We will be more than happy to assist any child if they request help. We leave all correcting for completion and accuracy to the parents in order for them to monitor their child's progress. If a child finishes early, or doesn't have any homework, he/she may read a book (one of ours or one from home) or write a story.



We have been asked by the Kindergarten teachers not to do homework with the Kindergarteners. They feel very strongly that the parents should be the ones working with the Kindergartners and establishing good study habits for home. So during the hour of homework time provided for the older children, our Kindergartners will be doing quiet learning activities, such as story time.

Frequently Asked Questions About ESS

What is ESS? Extended Student Services (better known as ESS) is an extension of your child's learning day. The ESS program is offered at each elementary school site within the Poway Unified School District. Currently the ESS programs service approximately 3,300 children District wide. The ESS program is a year round program that is dedicated to providing a nurturing, safe, learning environment for children.

How does the school district fund ESS? The program is not funded in any way by the school District. We are funded solely by the fees paid by the parents. Everything from salaries, to paper clips, furniture and snacks is funded from parent fees. This is why it is imperative that your fees are paid on time in order for us to be able to run a quality program. All ESS employees are Poway Unified District employees and have been screened by the District.

Can't my child stay in and read or finish their homework at recess time? While

we value the importance of reading and homework time, we know that the children's academic needs must be balanced with their physical and emotional needs as well. Recess time is an important time for children to socialize with their peers and enjoy the fresh air. It also helps to "get the wiggles out"

Can you give my child his/her medicine today?

In order to administer any medication, an "Authorization to Administer Medication" form must be completed and on file in ESS. Parents may authorize the administration of sunscreen, chap stick, and cough drops ONLY! Any other medication needed, whether it is over the counter or prescription must be authorized by a physician and parent together. All medication must be brought in to ESS in the original container with your child's name on it. We will keep the medication and administer as needed. Any medication (this includes chap stick) in the possession of children will be taken and returned to parents.

What happens if I pick up my child after 6:00 PM? A late fee of \$1.00 per minute, per child will be assessed.

Our staff will stay until every child is picked up. Please be prepared to pay any late pick up fees with a check within five days. Our staff have their own commitments to attend to after work and greatly appreciate it when children are picked up by 6:00 PM.

Can I turn in my payment at the center and save myself a stamp? We are not

allowed to accept payments at our site for anything other than new enrollments. You will be sent an invoice with a return envelope enclosed for you to use to mail your payments. Thank you for your cooperation.

Why can't I call and chat with my child about how the day is going? While we

certainly understand you wanting to keep in touch with your child during the day, we do ask that you hold those questions until you pick your child up.

The reason we ask is that ESS has one phone line. If it is being used for your daily update, we cannot receive calls from or make calls to other parents in emergency situations.

We also ask that you not call to have your child ready for pick up. It is difficult for us to stop what we are doing to call your child and then have many children just sitting here and waiting for the parents to arrive. As soon as you arrive, we will be happy to call your child.

Where can I put my child's extra "stuff"? We are often

asked to house football gear, soccer gear, overnight bags, car seats, softball equipment, etc. for children. All children have a cubby. Any items that won't fit into the cubby, can be put it on top of the cubby. Parents often want to place things into our office. Please remember that the office is a business office and used as such. It is not the storage locker. Thank you for understanding. Don't forget to look around on top of the cubbies each night to make sure your child didn't forget any "stuff?". Thank you!