



ADOBE BLUFFS ESS



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This and That ~

As October arrives beware of things that go “bump in the night”!

Be sure to mark your calendars for the following:

Nov. 11 - School AND ESS will be closed for Veteran’s Day.

Nov. 16-20—Parent/Teacher Conferences. School dismissal will be at 12:00. ESS will be open.

Nov. 23-27 (Mon—Fri) -

School and ESS will be closed for Thanksgiving Break.

Daylight Savings— Remember to “fall” back an hour on Sunday, Nov. 1. Remind your children that it will be darker when you pick him/her up from ESS. Children often panic when it becomes dark and they are still here! Thank you.

Red Curb— The red curb outside of our ESS building is NOT a loading or unloading zone. Please try to utilize the four marked parking spaces in the middle section of the parking lot. We are trying hard to get non-ESS drivers to park in other spots, rather than our parking stalls. If you have not gotten your ESS Parking Permit, please do so as soon as possible. When we see cars without a sticker parking in our stalls, we may have the car towed away in order to have space for you when dropping off or picking up. We appreciate your cooperation.

Notification of Absences—

PLEASE be sure to notify us whenever your child will not be

joining us at ESS. We spend a lot of time and effort in searching for children who have not checked in, only to find out that they are with you or have gone to a friend’s house with your permission. It causes us a lot of worry (and gray hair) when children don’t check in. You may email, or call and leave a message on our answering machine, 24 hours a day. THANK YOU!

Afternoon Pick—Ups— We could really use your patience and understanding when picking up your child from ESS in the afternoons. Groups are often on the other side of campus. It takes a while for your child to walk back to ESS to meet you. If you are in a rush to get somewhere once you have picked up your child, PLEASE try to leave work earlier to give yourself that extra time for your child to get back to ESS. On that same note, for those of you that call ahead to have your child sent in, there is no guarantee that they will be waiting and ready when you arrive. There may be a delay in getting them to the building when you call. Again, please give yourself a few extra minutes when picking up your child.

Once again, we only have one phone line to ESS and appreciate keeping the pick up requests to a bare minimum. We need to keep our line open for all other ESS calls. Thanks for understanding.

Changing Weather— There seems to be just the slightest hint of cooler weather coming. You may want to send in a sweater or light jacket for your child to wear. Be sure to label it with your child’s name. Remember, a labeled item is only misplaced, but an unlabeled item is lost!

Meet Our New ESS Director~

My name is Johnen Gregg and I am the new Director of ESS, replacing Leslie Granger who just recently retired. As the parent of a former ESS student and high school assistant as well as being the grandparent of a current ESS student I am thrilled to be part of a program that continues to serve our students in a positive environment that provides not only quality care but also one that enriches and enhances their development. I have been an integral part of Poway Unified for 23 years having served as a teacher, assistant principal and elementary principal, and hope to bring that background into my new position. As I continue to learn more about all the facets such a broad program entails, I will be looking toward your expertise as parents in ESS to help guide and facilitate my goals for our continued growth. Please feel free to contact me at jgregg@powayusd.com or 858-748-0010 Ex. 2933.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet you!

Johnen Gregg

Director ESS

Poway Unified School District

“Be the change you wish to see in the world”....Gandhi

A Word About Payments ~

ESS Fees are due at the first of the month. It is imperative that your monthly fees be paid on time. The Poway Unified School District does NOT subsidize the ESS program in any way financially. Everything in ESS comes from parent fees. When payments are late, the quality of our program could be in jeopardy.

We do not accept payment at the center. You will need to mail your payment with the stub from your statement directly to the ESS Finance Department. Be sure to mail your check in time for it to reach the District by the first of each month, in order to avoid a late fee of \$20.00.

You can also pay by Mastercard or Visa. Just complete a form and your card can be debited each month. You can also pay online. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping your account current!

