

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL AT CACTUS PARK!!

## KEY DATES:

- **JULY 29, 2023:** Resource Fair & In Person Registration, 11:00am-1:00pm
- **AUGUST 4, 2023:** Meet the Teacher Event, 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- **AUGUST 9, 2023:** First Day of School! 8:30 a.m.- 2:00p.m. *NOTE: This is our Early Dismissal time since our First Day of School is a Wednesday!*

## REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS & REMINDERS:

### NEW FAMILIES:

- Check to make sure you have a registration confirmation from Schoolmint via email or text.
- If you don't have a confirmation email/text, your seat is NOT yet finalized! Reach out to the office by calling/texting (725) 222-8878 to confirm your Registration or to schedule your next steps to complete your Registration. Registration is required for your child to attend school on Day 1.

### RETURNING FAMILIES:

- We are very excited to see your return for the upcoming year. To make sure we are able to reach you, we want to ensure we have the updated information. If you have any information updates (name, address, phone etc) for yourself, guardians, the student(s) and/or your emergency contact, fill out our [information update form](#).

### AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING - CHAMPIONS:

- [Champions](#) is a before and after school program, located on our campus. Champions has a great solution for busy working families: activities that combine fun and learning, together with the safety and convenience of a high-quality program right inside your school. Champions offers a variety of group and individual activities designed to keep your child exploring and growing. From art, dramatic play, math and science to problem-solving, language, motor skills and more, we help your child continue learning and developing essential life skills – whether school is in session or not. [Check out the website here](#) for pricing and hours.
- If you are interested in registering with [Champions](#), feel free to reach out to Valeria Valencia our Champions Site Director.  
Email: [ch002493@discoverchampions.com](mailto:ch002493@discoverchampions.com), Phone: (702) 771-7343

**NURSING & MEDICATIONS:**

- If your child has any medical conditions, please make sure it is indicated in the SchoolMint Registration. Also, if your child requires medication during the school day, either emergency medication or daily medication, please reach out to the main office to notify us of your child's or childrens' needs.

***BACK TO SCHOOL UPDATES:*****DROP OFF AND PICK UP**

- We are still finalizing our process for Pick Up and Drop Off for next school year as construction is wrapping up. We will have more information and maps to share at the Meet the Teacher Event on August 4, 2023. Please let us know if you'd like to volunteer to support with Pick Up logistics! This is an important time of day to keep our kids safe.

**DRESS CODE**

- At Cactus Park we want our students to express themselves, but to keep our main focus on learning and building relationships and community in our classrooms. Therefore, our Dress Code policy is any solid colored, blank shirt with or without a collar, and any solid colored pants or skirt, including jeans with no rips. Also, shoes must be close-toed for safety reasons.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

- Cactus Park provides basic school supplies for students, however, many families like to purchase their own supplies. Here is a list of suggested supplies if you'd like to buy your own:
  - Pencils
  - Crayons
  - Erasers
  - Tissue/Kleenex
  - Pencil Box
  - Glue sticks
  - Backpack
  - Folders

**MEALS**

- This year we are partnering with SLA. We will provide free breakfast and free lunch. Because our cafeteria is under construction, we will have cold meals. Once our kitchen is complete, we will begin serving hot meals.
- We will share the menus on the school website and weekly newsletter.

**SCHOOL DAY START AND END TIMES:**

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays: 8:30am-3:00pm
- Wednesday: Early Dismissal, 8:30am-2:00pm
- Doors open at 8:20am for arrival.
- All students should be picked up no later than 15 minutes after dismissal time. If they are not picked up by that time, students are sent to Champions and parents may receive bills for afterschool care.

**2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

- School begins on August 9th this year. You can find our school year calendar [here](#) so that you can stay up-to-date on early dismissal days, parent teacher conferences, and school breaks.

***STAY IN TOUCH WITH US!*****FOLLOW ON US INSTAGRAM**

- Follow us on Instagram to stay updated on our events and celebrate our community achievements.  
Instagram: Cactusparkelementary

**HEAR FROM OUR ANIMALS**

- Our Chicks are very excited to have our students return to school, they miss all the kiddos and their love and hugs!

**PLAYGROUND UPDATE**

- Our playground is almost finished, and ready for the new school year! What's your favorite part going to be?