



Kalmiopsis Elementary

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To: Superintendent Gallagher

From: Helena Chirinian
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Re: Press Release Schedule Change

We are excited to announce the 2016-2017 Kalmiopsis Elementary School schedule provides increased instructional opportunities for all of our students. Our schedule will allow equal access to the valuable resources that we have within the building, including but not limited to, reading intervention in the Reading Lab and in class support for small group reading time. Additionally, due to the longer instructional day on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, students will be afforded opportunities for experiential learning in the areas of Social Studies, Science, Art, Music and Physical Education. The schedule change does not significantly increase instructional time overall rather it redistributes time to allow for a longer day four days per week. We are looking forward to a great 2016-2017 school year!

The Kalmiopsis Elementary School schedule will be as follows for the 2016-2017 school year:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

7:45-8:20 Students are welcome to eat breakfast, visit the library or attend recess from 8:05-8:20

8:20-2:50 Student Instructional Day

2:50 Dismissal/Bus Loading

Wednesday

7:45-8:20 Students are welcome to eat breakfast, visit the library or attend recess from 8:05-8:20

8:20-1:40 Student Instructional Day

1:40 Dismissal/Bus Loading

The schedule change provides the following:

- Reading lab invention time for all grade levels during the school day
- All grade levels will receive in class support from trained reading interventionists during small group reading time

- The longer day four days per week will allow classroom teachers additional time for Social Studies, Science, Music, Art and Physical Education, specifically experiential learning
- The shorter day on Wednesday will allow for teacher collaboration time to analyze and use student data to make instructional decisions and continue to work on building professional development initiatives in Mathematics and Language Arts
- PLC time for staff at Kalmiopsis on Wednesday's provides equity amongst all three buildings in the district

Making any change in a school schedule is never taken lightly. We appreciate the constant support and flexibility of our students and their families, the district and the community as we keep our focus on the most important part of our job, improving student instruction.