

IMPERIAL NEWS

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**Back to School
2017**

Principal's Message:

Welcome to the 2017-18 School Year!

As you will notice, there have been a few changes at Imperial. First, our exterior was painted. We are now looking fresh and showing our school pride. Second, there is new carpet in our library/multipurpose room. Over the past three summers, Imperial has been totally re-carpeted!

You may also notice that Mrs. Smith is now teaching kindergarten and Mrs. Krause is our Transitional Kindergarten teacher. Our PE team is now Coach Sean, who was with us at the end of last year, and Coach Matt who some may know from the East Anaheim Community Center.

Some of our practices have changed as well. Our monthly Flag Ceremony will now be held on the first Wednesday of each month. This staff decision allows for better participation in our PE program.

These Flag Ceremonies will be led by the Student Council with the support of our Boy and Girl Scouts.

Awards at Imperial are changing too! Each month at our Flag Ceremony, students from each class will be honored as Student of the Month, with Reading Counts Acknowledgement being given at the end of the trimester Flag Ceremony.

In our efforts to improve student attendance, we have several awards and incentives this year. Classes with the highest percentage of students here each month will be awarded the SOARING EAGLE Award for their classroom. Students with 100% attendance for the trimester will receive a Spirit Stick (a new collectable item).

So much happens in the life of Imperial. Some things change, others stay the same. Everything that happens at Imperial is an effort to make this the best place for your child to learn and grow!

Most Sincerely,

Gigi Kelley

Calendar of Up Coming Events

August

21st *Kinder Back to School Night*
23rd *First Day of School*
28th *PE Begins*
29th *Back to School Night*

September

6th *Flag Pole Ceremony*
7th *VAPA Begins (Mon./Thurs)*
20th *Picture Day*

October

20th *Book Fair Begins*
Fall Festival
Movie Night

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We Are Eagles, Watch Us Soar!

FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION

Section 5 of Article IX of the State of California Constitution guarantees students a "free public education."

The State Supreme Court concluded in the 1984 case of Hartzell v. Connell, "that all educational activities carried on by public school districts, extracurricular as well as curricula, must be without cost to the students who participate in such activities." This same ruling found that "mandatory fees for participating in such extra-curricular activities as drama, music, and athletic competition were illegal under the State Constitution." Furthermore, they also rejected the argument that "fees could be charged so long as the district waived fees for students who were financially unable to pay." Recent proposed legislation includes reimbursement with interest for any illegally-collected fees as well as a district sanction.

*Donations are accepted at a classroom, school site, and district level.

Parents and those who pick up students: It is important for you to remember a few things about morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

MORNING DROP-OFF:

- Know what time school begins for your child. Kinder and Upper grades begin at 8:00, while TK and Primary begin at 8:10. That means if they arrive after that time they will be marked tardy.
- The Drive-Through Lane is for driving through. Please do not stop to walk your child to the curb, they know the way.
- If you must park, please do not use a spot marked "staff" as teachers also need a place to park. Remember school cannot begin without them.
- Safety first! Dropping children on Imperial Highway or Nohl Ranch is not safe. Other drivers are not always watching for little people.

AFTERNOON PICK-UP:

- When picking your child up after school please follow these simple guidelines to help us get your child back to you safely.
- Kindergarten parents, there are many of you! Remember you all want to pick up your child on time. Our parking lot does not allow for all of you to park or even drive through at the same time. Please be patient, we will not let your child wait alone. Our teachers stay with them until you arrive.
- Stay with your car if you are waiting in the drive-through lane. If we all follow this rule, we will all be less frustrated.
- Primary and Upper grade families, please consider posting the last name of your child in the passenger window when picking up. That way we can call out their names, and help facilitate pickup

Imperial

Elementary School staff and community are dedicated to providing a quality education for all children.

A comprehensive academic program is in place to meet individual needs and provide many opportunities for every child to increase their self-worth, so that they can become a productive member of the community.

Thank you for all you do to support us in our mission!



Clothing Guidelines for our school

All school attire must conform to dress code standards to support a safe and academically appropriate environment. Clothing or accessories should be of the type that is safe for work or play in any educational setting. "All" students are expected to comply with following minimum standards of dress and grooming (See 'Student Handbook' for more details)

Footwear: Closed toe and closed heel shoes and socks are to be worn at all times for safety reasons.