



September 30, 2022

Dear Charger Families,

It's hard to believe that we are already entering the month of October. There are so many things to look forward to this month. For example, the Golden Shoe competition starts this month. We are having our first parent education night on October 11, and the Halloween Parade and Fall Festival are on October 26. We will be sharing more details about these events in our weekly updates.

**Monday, October 3, is the start of the Golden Shoe Competition!**

The Golden Shoe Competition is our way of encouraging all of our students to walk or roll to school.

Walking or rolling to school is excellent for the environment. It helps prevent heavy car traffic right around drop-off time. And best of all, our students will be healthier by doing it!

Teachers have put up a tally sheet outside the classroom. Each student should check off the days they walk or roll to school. Even if you can't walk or roll from home, students can check the tally sheet if they walked or rolled from or beyond Knickerbocker, Lynn, and Mango.

At the end of each month, we will announce the winners at the Friday Flag assembly, and there will be prizes for individual students and classrooms with the highest totals or most improvement from month to month.

Let's all walk and roll to school!

**Our priority is the safety of all of our students. We also want to make sure every child continues to show their Charger Pride by being safe to school and from school.**

**If your child walks or bikes to school, here are some tips:**

1. Wear a helmet. Bicycle helmets significantly reduce the chance of brain injury. It should be snug but not too tight, with the brim about an inch to a half above your child's eyebrows.
2. Cyclists must obey motor vehicle laws. That includes yielding to pedestrians, stopping for stop signs, signaling turns, and traveling with traffic flow.
3. They're more likely to be seen if they're wearing bright clothes. They should also make eye contact with drivers when crossing the street.
4. Stay on sidewalks whenever possible. If there aren't sidewalks, walk toward oncoming traffic to see what's coming.
5. Look left, right, and left again before crossing the street. Continue looking in each direction as you travel.

6. Be alert. Having your eyes on your smartphone means they aren't on the road or in traffic. Headphones aren't the best idea, either.
7. Use crosswalks to cross the street, and don't cross the road between parked cars.

**“The teaching profession contributes more to the future of our society than any other single profession.” John Wooden**

### **ON-CAMPUS FINGERPRINTING-SIGN UP NOW**

The district must clear everyone who volunteers in person at Cherry Chase. Submit the [Volunteer Clearance Form](#) with your negative TB results online. Are you hoping to chaperone your kids on a field trip, help with an after-school program, or do any volunteering where a teacher might not always be present? If there's a chance you might, either this year or in the future, please, take advantage of a one-time opportunity to get fingerprinted at a discount! **On October 6, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm, the Cherry Chase PTA is hosting a fingerprinting event. Sign up NOW** to reserve your spot at <https://forms.gle/4Eux9r8juCkDuT7o6>.

### **DRILLS**

We must have monthly fire and four earthquake drills during the school year. We are still working on coordinating with DPS to schedule a "Run Hide Defend" Drill. As soon as we have a date and time for the "Run Hide Defend" Drill, we will communicate it to all our families. As a reference, I have also included the link to the [Emergency Protocols presentation](#) at the last Coffee with the Principal on September 15, 2022.

Below are the dates for the required earthquake and fire drills:

September 30th **at 11:15 am**-Fire Drill

October 20th **at 10:25 am**-The Great California Shake Out and Fire Drill

November 17th **at 2:15 pm**-Fire Drill

December 15th **at 9 am**-Earthquake and Fire Drill

January 12th **at 10:15 am** (Note that this drill is during Recess)-Fire Drill

February 16th **at 1 pm**-Earthquake and Fire Drill

March 23rd **at 9:45 pm**-Fire Drill

April 27th **at 2:10 pm**-Earthquake and Fire Drill

May 11th **at 8:20 am**-Fire Drill

June 12th **at 10 am**-Fire Drill

Parents, please mark your calendars so you know when we are conducting our drills. We recommend you talk to your child about emergency preparedness and why we prepare and conduct drills.

Also, I hope you have a family emergency plan in case of a natural disaster or other disasters. It is always a good idea to be prepared for anything. Here are some links that can help you get started.

<https://www.ready.gov/be-informed>

<https://speaker.asmdc.org/earthquake-preparedness-checklist>

<https://www.earthquakecountry.org/sevensteps/>

<https://www.earthquakeauthority.com/California-Earthquake-Risk/Personal-Preparedness>

## **PARENT ED NIGHT**

You are invited to our first parent education night on **October 11, from 6 pm to 7 pm in the Multipurpose room.** The focus is on “Growth Mindset,” presented by Blake Brandes. Dr. Brandes will also present to students during a morning assembly on October 11. His past visits have been a favorite of the staff and students.

## **FOOD SERVICES**

All websites have been updated to include our new website for the school food menu.

<https://www.sesd.org/domain/785>

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

### **October**

3 First full day for Kindergarten and TK

Author Visit for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

~~6 8:15 am Coffee with the Principal~~ **CANCELLED**

Board Meeting

7 Friday Flag-Open to Parents

11 Blake Brandes Assemblies

8:30 - 9:15 am K - 2nd

9:15 - 10:00 am 3rd - 5th

12:45 pm Dismissal- Teacher Learning Day (TLD)

**11 6:00 - 7:00 pm Parent Night with Blake Brandes**

1:00 pm Family Garden Time (PTA)

14 Friday Flag-Open to Parents

**17 Staff Development Day- (HSS training) No School for Students**

18 Tri 1 Assessment Window Opens

2:45 - 4:00 pm School Site Council (SSC)

20 8:15 am ELAC Meeting

## **The Great California Shake Out-Earthquake Drill**

Board Meeting

21      Friday Flag COM

8:45 am Garden Tea (PTA)

24      Leadership Team Meeting

**28      Friday Flag- Halloween Parade**

**2:30 pm-4:30 pm Fall Festival**

Best Regards

Gloria Marchant-Principal

Kristin Brett-Assistant Principal