



COYOTES

Otondo Elementary

Mary A. Otondo Elementary School

September 2019 Newsletter

****FALL PICTURE DAY IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH!****

Additional information will be coming home.

Students and staff have settled into routines. Students know the rules and procedures and education is ongoing. It is hard work to be a student, parent or teacher. The best way to help with the education of your child is to be involved in your child's education by communicating with your child and your child's teacher. Speak to your child every day about their day at school. Find out what they did in school. Open their backpacks and look at what they bring home. Provide them a place where they can regularly do their homework that is well lit and free of distractions. Listen to your child. Help your child when asked and when you can. Don't do homework for them. Make them think and explain. Have them look back at prior work, or prior text pages. Don't stress over homework. If your child doesn't seem to understand the homework or, you do not understand what needs to be done, then stop! Write the teacher a note or send an email that lets the teacher know that your child did not complete the homework and why. It is important for you to communicate with your child and your child's teacher. Thanks for all you do!

P.T.O. meeting Thursday, September 5th @ 6:00 p.m. - Cafeteria.

P.T.O. Fall Fundraiser Starting Soon!

Students are encouraged to participate in this fundraiser by taking orders for cookie dough! Orders should only be taken from friends and family under parent/guardian supervision. There is no door-to-door selling. Students will bring home information about the fundraiser. Please contact PTO with any questions!

Safety

1. Parents/Visitors are not permitted on the school playgrounds unless there is a special class/grade level/ school activity.
- 2. Students should not arrive at school before 8:15 a.m. unless they will be attending Right At School.**
3. Parents dropping off students should only do so in the Drop Off Lane. Please pull forward as far as possible to help facilitate drop-offs. (Use North Crosswalk.)
4. Please do not drop students off in other areas of the parking lot.
5. Parents escorting students may use either crosswalk. Please do not park on a crosswalk.
6. Unescorted students please use the North Crosswalk.
7. At morning drop-off, 1st-5th grade students are to enter the playground area through the front gate, closest to the south crosswalk by the end of wing C. Parents/Visitors are not permitted on the school playgrounds.
8. Dismissal time is very busy in the front hallway. Parents, please wait for children outside, under the trees, weather permitting.
9. Parents/Visitors are not permitted in any part of the building without permission, signing in, and wearing a visitor's pass obtained from school office personnel. When you are ready to leave, please sign out at the office and remove your pass.

Fire Alarms

We have had multiple students pulling the fire alarms this school year.

This causes significant disruption to the learning environment.

Students have been reminded (repeatedly) that they are NEVER to pull the alarm unless they see an actual fire.

This will result in student suspension is continued.