

THE SUNDIAL



“We remember only the sunny days”

The purpose of an education is to equip a child with the tools by which they may express their individuality in the field of their choice.

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Welcome New Teachers!

We would like to welcome the newest additions to the Carden Conejo faculty:

Mrs. Nina Banks will be working with Mrs. Sharma to team-teach the Grade 5 students. Mrs. Banks graduated from UC Davis and has worked as a substitute teacher and tutor.

Mrs. Amy Stone and **Mr. Michael Furillo** have joined us as science teachers. Mrs. Stone holds bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees, and has many years of experience teaching science; she will teach grades K—3. Mr. Furillo holds a bachelors degree in biology from UCLA and has been teaching at Conejo Valley USD; he will teach Grades 4—7.

Mrs. Elizabeth Friedrich and **Mdme. Frederique Bacharach** have joined us as French teachers. Mrs. Friedrich holds a bachelors degree in French literature from UC Berkeley and has worked for many years as a French tutor; she will

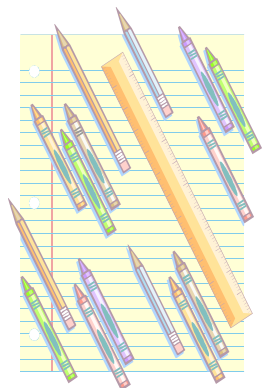
teach Pre-School to Grade 1. Mdme. Bacharach has taught middle school and high school French; she will teach Grades 5—8.

We have contracted with Beyond Technology Education for computer instruction. The computer lab has been completely renovated, with **Mrs. Karineh Masihi** joining us as the instructor.

Ms. Lauren Robertson has joined us as Sports teacher. She holds a bachelors degree in science from UC Davis and has worked as a youth team coach.

Ms. Nicolle Echevarria will be teaching Art and Art Appreciation. She is a graduate of Ventura College and has worked as a camp leader.

Ms. Amy Snyder is majoring in child development at Moorpark College and will Aide in our Pre-School.

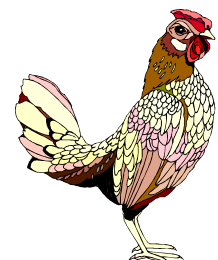


Back to School!

We look forward to greeting the children and their parents back to school. We also extend a warm welcome to the families new to Carden Conejo. The first day of school for all students is **Thursday, September 4.**

Students are invited for a brief visit with their new teacher and classmates on Wednesday, September 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For children entering Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten, the parents

should attend with their child. For parents of children in grades one through eight, parents should drop their child off at the front of the school. The school office will be open for business starting on Monday, August 25.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Orientation & Visitation

On **Wednesday, September 3 at 11:00 am**, all students are invited for a **brief visit with their new teacher and classmates**. Parents are invited to accompany the children entering Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten. Parents of children in grades one through eight should drop their child off at the front of the school. A postcard will be mailed to all students on August 29 notifying them of their new teacher.



First Day of School

School starts on Thursday, September 4. This will be a full academic day for all grades.

Grades K—8 should wear their weekday uniform.
Grades 2—8 should also bring their sports clothes to change into for sports class.

Friday, September 5 will be our first Assembly day.
Students in K—8 are to wear their Friday dress uniform.
Parents are welcome to attend Assembly in the auditorium.

Back-to-School Coffee

On **Thursday, September 4**, parents are invited to the school auditorium after dropping their child off, for a “Back-to-School Coffee” hosted by the CCPA.

New Parent Tea

All parents of students new to Carden Conejo School are invited to the “**New Parent Tea**” on **Friday, September 19**, following the Assembly. The CCPA board members will be there to welcome you to Carden Conejo and answer questions you may have.

Back-to-School Week

During the week starting Monday, September 22, parents of elementary and middle school students are invited to attend their child’s classroom to learn more about the teachers’ plans for the year. Please plan to arrive at 8:30 am.

Kindergarten and Grade One	Monday, September 22
Grades Two and Three	Tuesday, September 23
Grades Four and Five	Wednesday, September 24
Grades Six, Seven and Eight	Thursday, September 25

PLEASE NOTE

School Supplies

Please do not send your student to school with miscellaneous school supplies. The school provides all classroom supplies, textbooks, and library books. Upper grade teachers may have specific additional requirements, and will discuss those during the first days of school.

Health Forms

Families of children entering **Pre-School** and new families of children entering **Pre-Kindergarten** must complete, sign and turn in all health forms required by the California Department of Social Services, before the child’s first day of school.

Attendance

All children should be in their classes by 8:15 am. If your child is not in their classroom by 8:20 am., they are marked absent. If they arrive at this time, or after, they should go to the office first to be checked in as the attendance in all classrooms has already been taken and they will have been marked absent. If they check in at the office, the correction will be made.

The habit of being prompt is a trait that enhances one’s entire life. Help your child develop this habit. It’s a good one.

Carden is a philosophy for life as well as a method of education.

Staff

Head of School:	Mrs. Holly Fleming	Office Staff:	Mrs. Georgan Schmitz
Business Manager:	Mr. Bob Fleming		Mrs. Antoinette Grassi
Pre-S/Pre-K Director:	Mrs. Karen Smith		
Play Program Director:	Ms. Marie David		

Teachers and Aides

Pre-School:	Ms. Alisha Hendrix Mrs. Coreen Ellrott Ms. Salma Juarez Ms. Ashley Land (Aide) Ms. Teresa Plantenberg (Aide) Ms. Amy Snyder (Aide)	Grade Five:	Mrs. Sadhana Sharma Mrs. Nina Banks
		Grade Six:	Ms. Lara Landry
		Grades Seven & Eight:	Ms. Sandra Eustis
		Mathematics:	Ms. Kimberlee Dobrowski (5—8)
Pre-Kindergarten:	Mrs. Beth Love Mrs. Emiko Madison Mrs. Vida Bashardoust Ms. Marie David Mrs. Carol Rosenberg Mrs. Olga Vess TBA (Aide)	Science:	Mrs. Amy Stone (K—3) Mr. Michael Furillo (4—7) Mr. Bob Fleming (8)
		French:	Mrs. Elizabeth Friedrich (PS—1) Mrs. Julie Christensen (2—4) Mdme. Frederique Bacharach (5—8)
Kindergarten:	Mrs. Charissa Hill Mrs. Donna Torigian Ms. Addi Ré (Aide) Mrs. Juliana Beeman (Aide)	Latin:	Mrs. Holly Fleming (6—8)
		Literature:	Mrs. Georgan Schmitz (4)
Grade One:	Mrs. Kathie Scott Mrs. Suzanne Culbert Mrs. Mavis Whitwell	Music:	Ms. Tracy Murphy
Grade Two:	Ms. Sharon Hallett Mrs. Caroline Butler	Art/Art Appreciation:	Mrs. Nicolle Echevarria
Grade Three:	Mrs. Stephanie Eason Mrs. Karen Habib	Computer:	Mrs. Karineh Masihi
Grade Four:	Mrs. Sue Minihan Mrs. Amber Christ	Sports:	Mr. Jacob Schlosser Ms. Lauren Robertson

School Uniforms for Elementary and Middle School

Our school uniform provides security and consistency to each child's daily routine. When all families are held accountable for the same clothing and grooming requirements, children are free to concentrate on learning and enjoying all that school has to offer. Please read the regulations carefully and help your youngster to follow them.

Girls: Kindergarten—Grade 4

Monday—Thursday:

Sailor dress, white cuffed socks (plain) reaching above the ankle, and all-white leather sport shoes.

Friday:

Plaid jumper, white "Peter Pan" blouse, red tie, navy blue blazer with the school crest, red knee socks, black or navy buckle or tie dress shoes.

Girls: Grade 5—8

Monday—Thursday:

Navy blue skirt or navy blue slacks, blue, red or white school polo shirt, white cuffed socks reaching above the ankle, and all white leather sports shoes.

Friday:

Plaid skirt, button-down white oxford shirt, school tie (red for grades 5 & 6; plaid for grades 7 & 8) navy blue blazer with the school crest, red knee socks. Black or navy buckle, tie, or loafer-style shoes. Girls should bring their weekday shoes to change into for sports.

Girls' hair and grooming guidelines

The following items are not appropriate:

- Hair extensions, wrapped or beaded hair.
- Bleached or dyed hair.
- Expensive jewelry.
- Dangling earrings.
- Polished or long nails.
- Lipstick, makeup, body glitter, lip-gloss.
- Tattoos or skin decorations.
- More than one simple bracelet.

Boys: Kindergarten—Grade 8

Monday—Thursday:

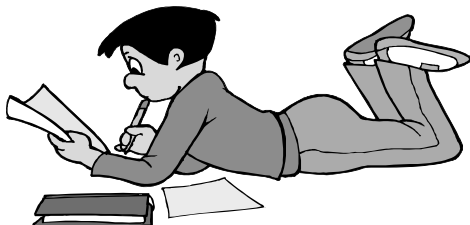
Navy blue walking shorts or slacks, worn with a red, blue, or white school polo shirt. Navy or white cuffed socks reaching above the ankle, are to be worn with all black leather sports shoes.

Friday:

Gray slacks, white button-down oxford shirt, school plaid tie, navy blue blazer with the school crest, black dress socks, and black or navy blue dress shoes. Grades 5-8 may wear loafers. Boys should bring their weekday shoes to change into for sports.

Boys' hair and grooming guidelines

Hair length should only reach the collar. We do not allow bleached or dyed hair. No tattoos or skin decorations are to be visible. Only one simple bracelet.



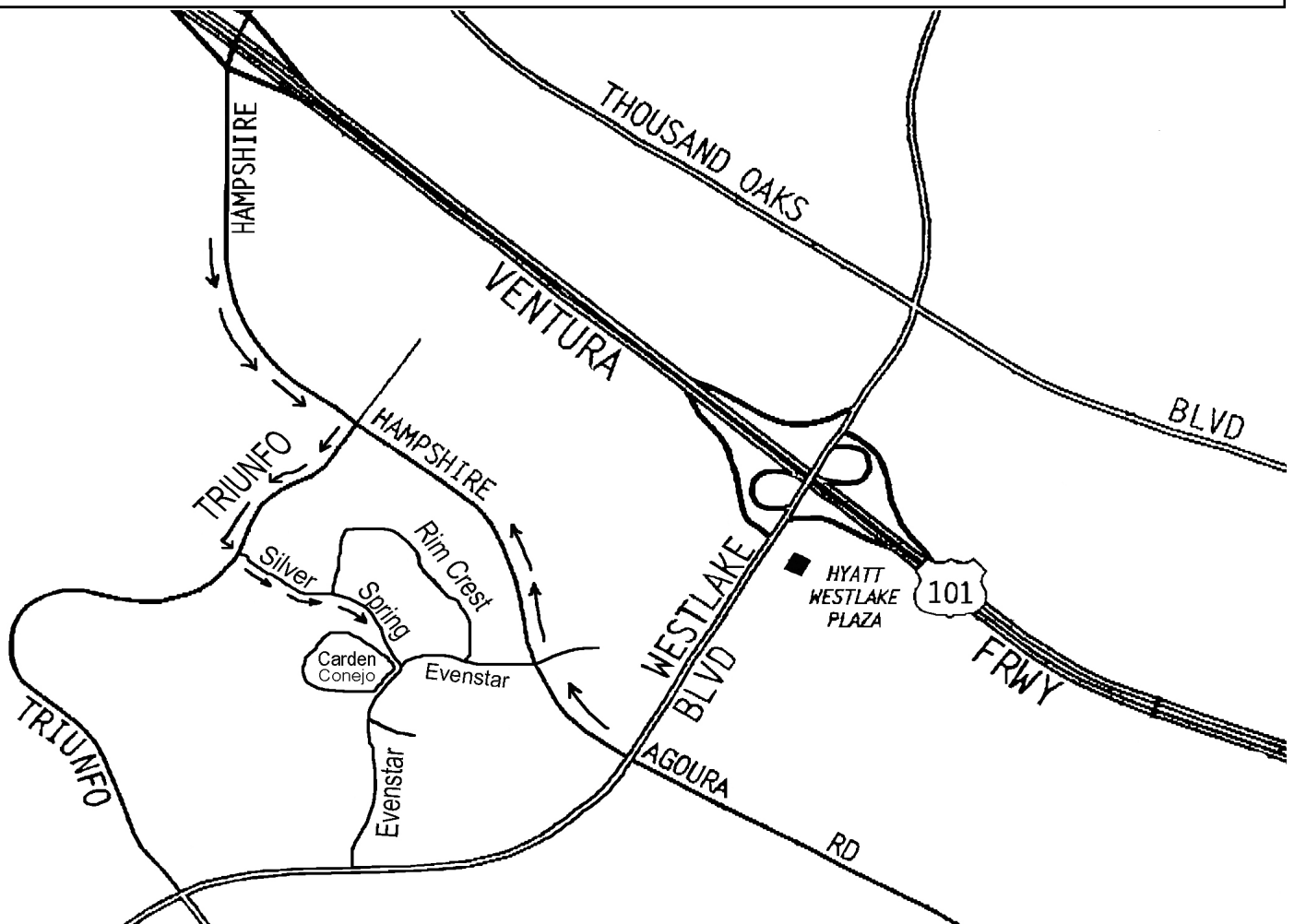
Student Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Drop off, pick up and parking continue to be an ongoing issue for those who reside in the neighborhood of Carden Conejo School. Since the first week of school is traditionally somewhat hectic, we would like to remind all parents to please observe the following drop off and pick up procedures.

Please begin your entry on Triunfo Canyon Road, turning onto Silver Spring, to join the line of cars waiting to enter the school driveway (please see the map for clarity.) It is customary to wait in line on Silver Spring and follow the car in front of you as directed by the security guard. As you pull into the school driveway, your child will be escorted out of the car in the morning and into the car in the afternoon. It is important that you wait for the car in front of you to pull out of the parking lot before you leave. This prevents a lot of chaos.

Any variance on this route is unsafe for the children and creates a traffic problem for other parents and community residents. Please do not park and walk your children to the school. Also, U-turns on Silver Spring are both illegal and unsafe, and left turns into the school driveway on Evenstar are not permitted.

For the safety of all children, parents and teachers, please do not use your cell-phone at any time while in the drop-off line, and until you exit the school driveway.



Parking at School

During Assemblies and special events, Carden Conejo offers plenty of parking on the school's basketball courts. This is the preferred place to park. Please remember to drop off your child first, then re-enter the drop off line to park on the basketball courts. If you do park on the street, please do not block residents' driveways or their trash containers on trash day.

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Parents' Calendar 2008 - 2009

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday	September 3rd	Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten Orientation (BRING YOUR CHILD)	11:00 a.m. - Noon
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Wednesday	September 3rd	Classroom Visitation for students in 1st - 8th	11:00 a.m. - Noon
Thursday	September 4th	SCHOOL BEGINS	8:15 a.m.
Thursday	September 4th	Back to School Coffee (Auditorium)	8:30 a.m.
Friday	September 19th	New Parent Tea (Auditorium)	9:00 a.m.
	September 22nd - 25th	Back-to-School Week (K - Grade 8) -- Parents attend school for 1 hour	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Monday	September 22nd	Kindergarten and Grade 1	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	September 23rd	Grades 2 & 3	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	September 24th	Grades 4 & 5	8:30 a.m.
Thursday	September 25th	Grades 6, 7 & 8	8:30 a.m.

OCTOBER

Wednesday	October 1st	Picture Day - WEAR ASSEMBLY UNIFORMS	
Friday	October 3rd	CCPA Meeting following Assembly	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	October 8th	Annual Fundraiser	
Friday	October 10th	Progress Reports mailed (K - Grade 8)	
	October 13th - 17th	Grade 6 Trip to Cherry Cove, Catalina	
Friday	October 31st	Fall Assembly (K - Grade 8)	8:30 a.m.
Friday	October 31st	Fall Assembly (Pre-S/Pre-K)	9:45 a.m.
Friday	October 31st	Fall Dance (Grades 6, 7 & 8)	12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Friday	October 31st	Fall Festival	2:30 p.m. DISMISSAL

NOVEMBER

Friday	November 7th	CCPA Meeting following Assembly	9:00 a.m.
Friday	November 7th	Report Cards Mailed (K - Grade 8)	
Monday	November 10th	Veterans' Day Holiday	NO SCHOOL
	November 11th - 13th	Iowa Skills Testing (Grades 3 - 8)	
Friday	November 14th	Used Clothing Drive	Morning Drop Off
Friday	November 21st	Lower School Thanksgiving Assembly & Feast	9:45 a.m.
Wednesday	November 26th	Thanksgiving Assembly (K - Grade 8)	8:30 a.m.
		NO PLAY PROGRAM	12:00 p.m. DISMISSAL
	November 27th - 28th	Thanksgiving Holiday	NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER

Monday	December 1st	SCHOOL RECONVENES	
Friday	December 7th	CCPA Holiday Social	
	December 5th - 6th	Grade 5 Trip to Dana Point (Pilgrim Ship)	
Friday	December 12th	Toys-for-Tots	
Friday	December 12th	Progress Reports mailed (K - Grade 8)	
Friday	December 19th	Holiday Assembly (K - Grade 8)	8:30 a.m.
Friday	December 19th	Holiday Assembly (Pre-S/Pre-K)	9:45 a.m.
Friday	December 19th	Holiday Parties	
		NO PLAY PROGRAM	12:00 p.m. DISMISSAL
Saturday	December 20th		
Sunday	- January 4th	WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL

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JANUARY

Monday	January 5th	SCHOOL RECONVENES	8:15 a.m.
Friday	January 16th	Martin Luther King Assembly (K - Grade 8)	8:30 a.m.
Monday	January 19th	Martin Luther King Holiday	NO SCHOOL
	January 20th - 23rd	Mid-term Examinations (Grades 7 & 8)	
Friday	January 23rd	Report Cards Mailed (K - Grade 8)	
Monday	January 26th	Second Semester Begins	
	January 26th - 30th	Healthy Living Week	

FEBRUARY

Friday	February 6th	CCPA Meeting following Assembly	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	February 7th	Book Fair - Barnes & Noble	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Friday	February 13th	Presidents' Day Assembly (K - Grade 8)	8:30 a.m.
Friday	February 13th	Valentine's Day Parties	
Monday	February 16th	Presidents' Day Holiday	NO SCHOOL
Wednesday	February 18th	"Wear What We Want" Fundraiser - CCPA	
Friday	February 20th	Mid-Winter Semi-Formal Dance (Grades 6 - 8)	12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday	February 27th	Progress Reports Mailed (K - 8)	

MARCH

Friday	March 6th	CCPA Meeting following Assembly	9:00 a.m.
Friday	March 13th	Bear Day Assembly (K - Grade 8)	8:30 a.m.
Friday	March 20th	Manna Food Drive	Morning Drop Off
Friday	March 27th	Report Cards Mailed (K - 8)	

APRIL

Friday	April 3rd	Spring Class Parties	11:00 a.m.
Friday	April 3rd	Spring Assembly (K - Grade 8)	8:30 a.m.
Friday	April 3rd	Spring Assembly (Pre-S/Pre-K)	9:45 a.m.
		NO PLAY PROGRAM	12:00 p.m. DISMISSAL
	April 4th - April 19th	SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL
Monday	April 20th	School Reconvenes	8:15 a.m.
	April 29th - 30th	Grade 4 Trip to Sacramento	

MAY

Friday	May 1st	CCPA Meeting following Assembly	9:00 a.m.
	May 4th - 8th	Stanford Achievement Tests	
Friday	May 15th	Teacher Appreciation Day (No Assembly)	
Friday	May 15th	Progress Reports mailed (K - Grade 8)	
Friday	May 22nd	Memorial Day Assembly (K - Grade 8)	8:30 a.m.
Friday	May 22nd	Sharing Day	11:30 a.m.
Monday	May 25th	Memorial Day Holiday	NO SCHOOL
Friday	May 29th	CCPA Spring Luncheon & General Meeting	

JUNE

	June 1st - 5th	Tournament Week	
	June 1st - 5th	Final Exams (Grades 7 & 8)	
Friday	June 5th	Year-end Dance (Grades 6, 7 & 8)	12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday	June 5th	CCPA Family Picnic	5:00 p.m.
Monday	June 8th	Sports Day	2:30 Dismissal
Tuesday	June 9th	Closing Ceremony - Pre-S/Pre-K	9:45 a.m.
Tuesday	June 9th	Graduation Ceremony - 8th Grade	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	June 10th	LAST DAY - Upper School Assembly	9:15 a.m.
		DISMISSAL FOLLOWING ASSEMBLY - NO PLAY PROGRAM	
Friday	June 12th	Report Cards mailed (Pre-School through Grade 8)	

**Dates and times may change; please consult your monthly Sundial or the website (www.CardenConejo.org) **