

THE SUNDIAL



“We remember only the sunny days”

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Sincere interest in the well-being of others enables one to start afresh with renewed hopes and the renewed conviction that life is really a worthwhile, exciting, and rewarding experience.

From Let's Bring Them Up Sensibly by Mae Carden

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Early Flu Season Predicted

Health officials are warning schools to prepare for an outbreak of H1N1 influenza virus (“swine flu”) when students return to school this fall.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has made several recommendations to schools to help decrease the spread of flu among students and staff:

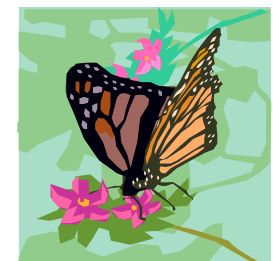
- 1) Individuals with influenza-like symptoms should remain home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- 2) Students and staff who appear to have an influenza-like illness at arrival or who become ill during the day should be promptly separated from other students and sent home.

3) Students should wash their hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Use alcohol-based sanitizers if soap and water are unavailable.

4) Cover the mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and throw the tissue in the trash after use. If a tissue is not immediately available, coughing or sneezing into one’s arm or sleeve (not into one’s hand).

All of our classrooms and bathrooms are equipped with sinks, hand-soap, and paper towels. Teachers will help the children to learn and follow the sanitary guidelines for coughing, sneezing, and hand-washing etiquette.

We will continue to follow recommendations from local health officials. and will keep you informed.

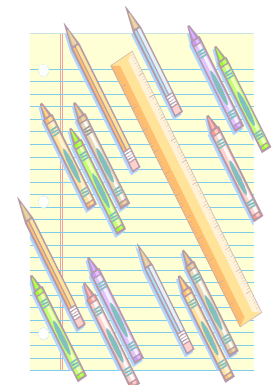


Back to School!

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 10**. Students are

invited for a brief visit with their new teacher and classmates on Wednesday, September 9 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 seven, parents should drop their child off at the front of the school. The school office will be open for business starting on Monday, August 31.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Orientation & Visitation

On Wednesday, September 9 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 seven should drop their child off at the front of the school. A postcard will be mailed to all students on September 4 notifying them of their new teacher.



First Day of School

School starts on Thursday, September 10. This will be a full academic day for all grades.

Grades K—7 should wear their weekday uniform.
Grades 2—7 should also bring their sports clothes to change into for sports class.

Friday, September 11 will be our first Assembly day. Students in K—7 are to wear their Friday dress uniform. Parents are welcome to attend Assembly in the auditorium.

Back-to-School Coffee

On **Thursday, September 10**, 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 18**, 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 28, 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 28
Grades Two and Three	Tuesday, September 29
Grades Four and Five	Wednesday, September 30
Grades Six and Seven	Thursday, October 1

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	Mathematics:	Ms. Kimberlee Dobrowski (4—6)
	Ms. Olga Vess		
	Ms. Ashley Land (Aide)	Science:	Mrs. Amy Stone (K—3)
	Ms. Curstin Aupperle (Aide)		Mrs. Lisa Flavin (4—6)
Pre-Kindergarten:	Mrs. Emiko Madison		
	Ms. Marie David	French:	Mrs. Julie Christensen (K—3)
	Mrs. Carol Rosenberg		Mdme. Frederique Bacharach (4—6)
	Mrs. Donna Brunasso (Aide)		
Junior Kindergarten:	Mrs. Beth Love	Latin:	Mdme. Frederique Bacharach (6)
	Mrs. Carol Rosenberg		
Kindergarten:	Mrs. Charissa Hill	Literature:	Mrs. Georgan Schmitz (4)
	Mrs. Donna Torigian		
	Ms. Addi Ré (Aide)	Music:	Ms. Tracy Murphy
	Mrs. Juliana Beeman (Aide)		
Grade One:	Mrs. Kathie Scott	Art & Art Appreciation:	Mrs. Nicolle Echevarria
	Mrs. Suzanne Culbert		
	Mrs. Mavis Whitwell	Computer:	Mrs. Karineh Masihi
Grade Two:	Ms. Sharon Hallett		
	Mrs. Theresa Lyon	Sports:	Mr. Jacob Schlosser
Grade Three:	Mrs. Stephanie Eason		Ms. Lauren Robertson
	Mrs. Karen Habib		
Grade Four:	Mrs. Sue Minihan		
Grade Five:	Mrs. Sadhana Sharma		
Grade Six/Seven:	Ms. Lara Landry		

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.

Our school website (www.GardenConejo.org) shows photos of students in uniform to help you.

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—7

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 grade 7) navy blue blazer with the school crest, red knee socks. Black or navy buckle, tie, or loafer-style shoes. Girls should bring their week-day shoes to change into for sports.

Girls' hair and grooming guidelines

Hair of shoulder length or longer must be fastened back. Hair-bands, scrunchies, ribbons, and clips must be school colors. Bangs should not hang below the eyebrows.

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 7

Monday—Thursday:

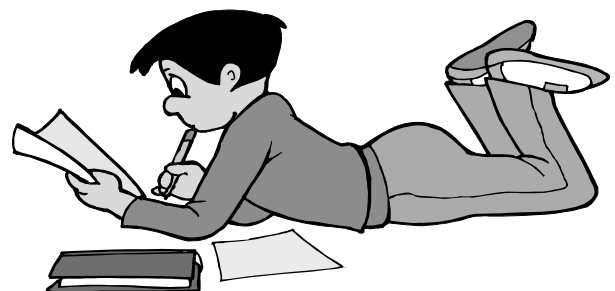
Navy blue walking shorts or slacks, worn with a red, blue, or white school polo shirt. Navy or white cuffed socks reaching above the ankle, are to be worn with all black leather sports shoes.

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 5-7 may wear loafers. Boys should bring their weekday shoes to change into for sports.

Boys' hair and grooming guidelines

Hair of collar length or longer must be fastened or tied back so it will not fall over the face. Bangs should not hang below the eyebrows. We do not allow bleached or dyed hair. No tattoos or skin decorations are to be visible. Only one simple bracelet.



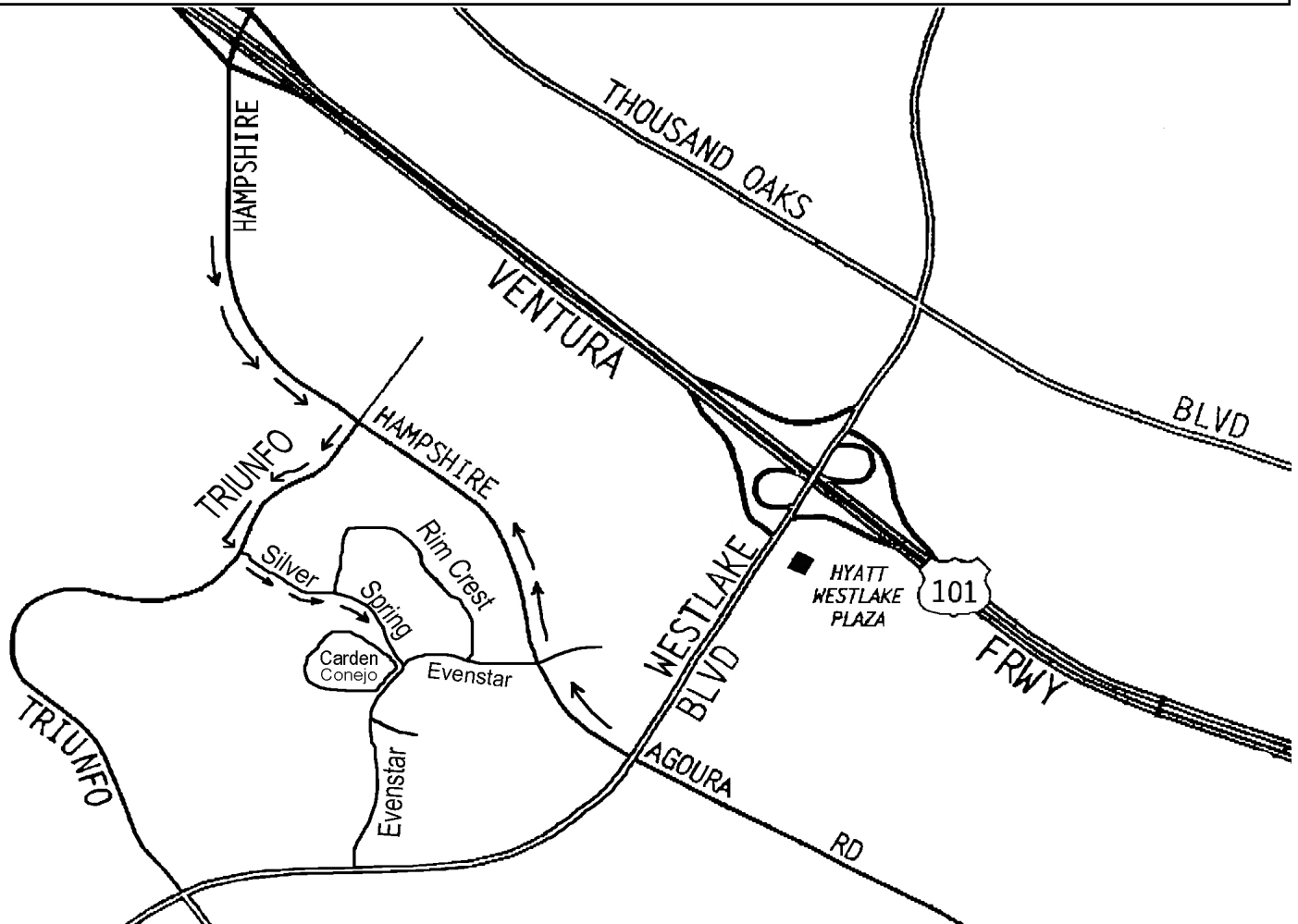
Student Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

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 after 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.