



# Welcome Back Bulletin

**First Day of School: Monday, August 19th**  
**Back to School Night: Tuesday, August 20th @ 6:00**

Hello Grovecenter Families! We are looking forward to an exciting new year with our Eagles! We believe that our students are ready to go deeper with their learning, so we have made updates to our school-wide instructional focus. Below you will see the instructional focus that the staff at Grovecenter is making a commitment to. You will also see the instructional focus written in student-friendly language. We are excited to have our Eagles showing their thinking and communicating their comprehension of text through writing and speaking. We appreciate your support with this by encouraging your child to read 30 minutes or more a day outside of school and having them talk about what they are reading. Our library is open before school for students and after school for students and parents every day until 2:50 p.m. We will continue to encourage our students to read at grade level and beyond through goal setting, progress monitoring and giving them effective feedback on their reading. By working together, we can continue to help our Eagles soar to their reading goals!!!

Just a reminder that registration and report cards are all done electronically now. You must go on-line to verify your student's enrollment at Grovecenter. Also, report cards are no longer mailed home. You must view your child's grades by going on-line. We realize that not every family has access to the internet at home, so we have computers in our front office that parents may use to go on-line for registration and to view your child's grades.

## **Grovecenter Elementary Instructional Focus 19/20**

The staff at Grovecenter Elementary will collaborate to ensure that all students show measurable growth in their ability to read and [demonstrate their comprehension by communicating their thinking](#) at grade level or above as the result of instruction that incorporates research based strategies. Students' success will be measured by their performance on the STAR Reading Assessment, iReady Diagnostic, [Common Formative Assessments](#), and CAASPP results.

**Grovecenter Eagles  
are on **TRACK!****

**T-Thinking**  
**R-Reading**  
**A-Always**  
**C-Communicating**  
**K-Knowledge**

Below is some general information and important reminders for the 19/20 school year. We are looking forward to seeing our Eagles in August!

Autumn Williams, Principal



### **BELL SCHEDULE 2019-2020**

#### **Daily Schedule (M, W, TH, F)**

TK/Kindergarten 8:15 – 1:00  
Grades 1-5 8:15 – 2:35

#### **Tiny Tuesdays & Minimum Days**

All Grades 8:15-12:10

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** The quickest and easiest way to learn information about what is happening at Grovecenter is to follow us on social media. Here are our social media pages:



Twitter: @Grovecenter775



Facebook: @grovecenterelementary & @OfficialGrovecenterPTA



Instagram: @grovecenterelementary & @grovecenterpta

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2. Search Covina-Valley USD
3. Then select our Covina-Valley USD app for free download



**SCHOOL WEBSITE:** Check out our school website for important information at

<https://www.c-vusd.org/grovecenter>

**SCHOOL HOURS:** Office Hours 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**STUDENT SAFETY:** The safest and most convenient way to drop off or pick up your child is to use the student loading and unloading zone by the yellow curb in our parking lot. We ask that you please follow all traffic rules through the lot; **only cross at crosswalks**; make only right turns out of the lot; and most importantly, follow the directions of our teachers who are there to ensure your child's safety. Please park in open stalls only and **do not leave your car unattended in the yellow drop off zone**. Thank you for helping us create a safe parking lot environment for our students.

**BEFORE SCHOOL:** Breakfast is available at 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. **Please do not drop students off any earlier than 7:30, because there will be no adult supervision before that time.** Students will line up at 8:10 a.m. Teachers will meet students at their class lines at 8:10 a.m.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS AND FAMILIES:** Please report to your child's classroom between 8:00 and 8:15.



**FIRST DAY ONLY:** Parents may walk their student to their classroom on the first day of school only. **Beginning Tuesday, August 20th, parents will not be permitted on campus until they check in at the office after 8:15.** Students will continue to enter the campus through the F Building gate from 7:30-8:15 a.m. They can follow the red footprints to the cafeteria. All TK & Kindergarten students will go to the cafeteria and sit at their designated tables. Students in grades 1-5 will sit outside at the lunch tables.

**AFTER SCHOOL:** All students must be picked up promptly after school, as there is no supervision after 2:50. Before and after school care is available on site through Kids Korner (626) 974-4424. Parents need to wait by the flagpole on foot, or in their cars in the yellow loading lane, when picking up their children. **Please do not leave your car unattended in the yellow pick-up and drop-off zone. Students may only load vehicles down by the F building after the crosswalk** so that we can keep traffic moving forward.

**BREAKFAST/LUNCH:** The cost of breakfast is \$1.25 and the reduced price is 25¢. Lunch is \$2.50 and the reduced price is 40¢. **A Free/Reduced Lunch application must be filled out and processed every year.** Applications may be returned to our school office, but for faster service we recommend that you turn them in directly to the Nutrition Services Department at the District Office at 519 E. Badillo Street, Covina. Please contact the office if you need help filling out the application.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT & COMMUNICATION:** We would really appreciate your support by providing your child with a quiet place to complete homework; checking the homework to make sure it is finished; and ensuring it is returned on time. We also strongly encourage that you keep strong lines of communication with your child's teacher to ensure his/her success. **Every teacher has a digital tool for convenient and timely communication with parents (Bloomz, SeeSaw, or Remind).**

We would really love your help! We are looking for energetic and dedicated parents who are interested in making our school the best it can be. Volunteer opportunities include helping in classrooms, PTA, library, taking projects home, donating necessary items, or using your talents to do something special for our school. Your time is highly appreciated! Look out for a sign-up form to be sent home and please **visit the PTA booth at Back to School Night!**

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS:** Blouses and shirts should be solid **white, navy or red**. Grovecenter shirts are allowed every day of the week. Pants, shorts, skirts, etc. are navy blue or tan. Sneakers are the best shoes, if sandals are worn, they must be closed toe and have a strap around the back. Girls' tights should be solid white, tan, red or black.

**WORKOUT WEDNESDAYS:** Every other Wednesday, Grovecenter students participate in our P.E. Program, which is taught by our incredible District P.E. teachers. Students can wear fitness attire, including tennis shoes and athletic pants or jeans. Uniform top or Grovecenter shirt is still mandatory. **On days with rain or excessive heat, students will be indoors for P.E.**

**ATTENDANCE:** Please phone the school at 974-4400 on the morning of your child's absence or by sending a hand written note on the day he/she returns. All notes must include the date the note was written, the child's first and



last name, the name of his/her teacher, grade, the date of absence, the reason for absence, and the signature of the person writing the note. **Homework** can be requested before **11:00 a.m.** by calling the school office. All students who will be **out for five or more days** will need to be put on an **independent study contract (if students are placed on Independent Study, the absences will not count against them as long as they do the work provided by the teacher).** Please see the office for more information. Students who have excessive absences or tardies (missing 10% or more of the school year) will be referred to the School Attendance Review Team, the district School Attendance Review Board, or the Los Angeles County District Attorney's program Attendance and Chronic Truancy (ACT) program. Once students are placed in the ACT program, they will remain in the program during their entire K-12 years.

**TARDIES: The entrance gate by the F Building will be locked promptly at 8:15 a.m.** Any students arriving after 8:15 will need to check in at the office and will be marked tardy. Please make every effort to bring your child to school on time. Every tardy is a disruption in the classroom and we want to respect the instructional time OF ALL students and teachers.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES-2019-2020**

August 1	School Office Opens
<b><u>August 1</u></b>	<b><u>Parents can begin to go on-line to verify enrollment</u></b>
<b><u>August 16</u></b>	<b><u>Parents can go on-line and view their child's teacher &amp; room #</u></b>
August 19	First Day of School
August 19	TK/Kindergarten Orientation for Parents @ 8:30 a.m. in cafeteria
August 20	Back to School Night @ 6:00
August 29	Minimum Day (Dismissal is at 12:10 for all grades)
August 30	No School- Student Holiday
September 2	No School- Labor Day
November 1	No School for students-Teacher Professional Development Day
November 11	No school- Veterans Day
November 22	No School- Parent Conferences
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break
December 20	Minimum Day
December 23 – 1/3	Winter Break
January 20	No School- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 10	No School- Local Holiday
February 17	No School- President's Day
March 26	Open House/Epic Build #2
March 27	Minimum Day
April 6-April 10	Spring Break
<b>May 5 – May 22***</b>	<b>CAASPP State Testing (Grades 3-5) ***</b>
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday
June 1	AR Carnival/All-School PTA BBQ
June 4	Minimum day-Last day of school

\*\*\*Please refrain from scheduling any vacations or appointments during these weeks. School attendance is imperative during our State Testing window. Thank you!

