



SEPTEMBER 2023 – 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to say thank you to all our Ford Panthers as we had a fabulous first month. Students in kindergarten through fifth grade reviewed our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) expectations and Student Code of Conduct.

Parents can help support their child(ren) in making good choices by reviewing what they did each day that was respectful, responsible, and kind.

Sincerely,

Ms. Johnston, Principal

The Tucson Unified School District has a fabulous website and Ford Elementary strives to keep our parents current. [Go to our website](#) for the 2023-2024 Calendar, Lunch Menu's, TUSD's Student Code of Conduct, and a direct link to your **ParentVue**. Please know that ParentVue accounts are not just for the once-a-year registration, its function is to also keep your child's emergency information current. i.e., parent(s) telephone number(s), who to call in case of an emergency, your physical address, health related updates and messages from your child's classroom teacher. The student progress reports are posted the week following the end of each quarter.

Bell Time – All students should be ready to go and in their classroom lineup at 7:40 AM. If your child is eating breakfast, he/she must go to the cafeteria first before going outside. Breakfast is available at 7:15 AM.

Conferences - Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 20th, Thursday, September 21st and Friday, September 22nd. We want to encourage every parent (or guardian) to schedule a conference time. Your child's teacher will contact you to pre-arrange a time to meet or telephone. **Note: Ford School dismissal time is 10:55 AM on Parent/Teacher Conference days.**

Birthdays and Special Recognitions - Student birthdays are announced over the school intercom in the morning. Each child receives an "It's My Birthday" sticker and allowed to select from our special Birthday pencil collection. Parents please do not send birthday balloons or flowers to the school. These deliveries lead to classroom distractions and hurt feelings if accidentally broken. Please arrange with your child's teacher to bring in any special treats. Food items must be purchased (no homemade food) and individually wrapped. Most importantly, some students have food allergies so you will want to make prior arrangements with the teacher. Thank you.

Pets – Dogs are never allowed on TUSD (Tucson Unified School District) school grounds. Many children have allergies and there are safety and liability issues for you as the owner. We want to keep everyone safe!

Practice - Emergency preparedness is an ongoing process that involves performing periodic reviews, updating procedures, and conducting ongoing training and drills. We take this responsibility seriously. We value and appreciate the support of our local first responders and public safety agencies, as we continue our efforts to maintain safe schools for our students, staff, and school community.

In addition to practicing fire drills, bus evacuations, and lock downs, we welcome our first responders and their collaboration with our faculty and children on specific occasions. Please do not be alarmed if you see a fire truck or police vehicle in the parking lot. Many times, these men and women are visiting classrooms in a positive "role-model" manner.

Inez Ford PTA - We would love to have you participate in our PTA! The Inez Ford PTA does so much to support our school and we need your membership.

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming events:

Monday, September 4th

Monday, September 11th

Wednesday, September 13th @ 3:00 PM

Tuesday, September 19th

Wednesday, September 20th

Thursday, September 21st

Friday, September 22nd

Labor Day Observed – No School

Boys/Girls Elementary Cross-Country

Ford Elementary Site Council Meeting

Student Picture Day Inter-State Studios

Parent Conference Day - Dismissal 10:55

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"Work hard, be kind and amazing thing will happen."

Conan O'Brien