

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready-to-Learn

FORD ELEMENTARY

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The 24-25 school year is off to an amazing start here at Ford Elementary! As the new principal, it has been so much fun to meet both our new and returning Panther families! Our staff are focused on introducing and reinforcing the Ford Expectations. We expect our students to come to school daily focused on being respectful, responsible and ready to learn! In the short time that we have all been together so far this month, I am happy to share that I am seeing so much joy among our student body being back at school. They are having fun, being challenged academically, and quickly modeling the expectations that help foster a safe and welcoming community.

Parents, please note that student safety is our priority. Thank you for using the main entrance when entering the building before, during school hours and the dismissal process. Kindergarten students are released to parents/guardians at the west end of the school. Grades 1 and 2 dismiss directly in front of the school, under the mesquite trees and grades 3 through 5 dismiss from his/her teacher adjacent to the parking lot.

The Tucson Unified School District and Ford Elementary have websites available to keep our parents current on all school information at: <https://fordes.tusd1.org/>. The 2024-2025 academic calendar, breakfast and lunch menus, and resources for families can be found on our redesigned website. Also, ParentVue is not just for registration, it is also the direct link that we reach out to you in case of an emergency for your child.

We are also adding a brand-new Facebook and Instagram page this school year to connect with our families so you can keep up with important announcements and see some of the wonderful things that are happening throughout our school. Be sure to follow us if you are on social media!

The best is yet to come this school year, and I am truly looking forward to becoming a part of the school community. Below is some additional information that may be helpful to our parents, along with upcoming events:

Bus Routes information is available from the TUSD transportation department. Please visit the TUSD Transportation page www.tusd1.org or for your child's specific route use your ParentVue parent.tusd1.org or simply call 520-225-6262.

Parent/Teacher Conference. We will have half days (**dismissal at 10:55AM**) on **September 18, 19, and 20**. Your child's teacher will send home confirmation of the date and time of your conference. It is important that you meet with your child's teacher to discuss progress and how you can help at home. While not ideal, if it is not possible to schedule the conference in person, phone conferences are available.

NEW after school program! TUSD's Marshall Elementary School has an after-school program available to Ford Elementary School students, including transportation. A TUSD school bus will take participants from Ford Elementary to Marshall. Check it out: TUSD Community School Programs: (520) 731-5207 or www.tusd1.org/community-school-programs.

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming events:

Tuesday, August 20 th	PTA McDonald's Night 5:00-7:00 PM 22 nd /Kolb Rd.
Wednesday, August 21 st	TUSD Professional Learning Day – No School for Students
Thursday, August 29 th	Donuts with Mr. Kelly 7:30 –8:00 AM
Monday, September 2 nd	Labor Day Holiday – No School
Tuesday, September 17 th	Student Picture Day - Inter-State Studios
Wednesday, September 18 th	Parent Conference Day - Dismissal 10:55
Thursday, September 19 th	Parent Conference Day - Dismissal 10:55
Friday, September 20 th	Parent Conference Day - Dismissal 10:55

Keep information up to date, submit attendance, register and more with your [ParentVue account](#)

