

# Gravenstein Elementary School

Home of the Grizzlies

2021-2022

## Principal's Message

Keri Pugno



### Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to another great school year at Gravenstein. The Teaching and Support Staff join me in saying we are happy to have you as part of our Gravenstein Community and we look forward to sharing this exciting and successful year with your child and your family.

In order to ensure I do not miss anyone, I am sending this initial message to all email addresses registered with a child attending Gravenstein this upcoming year. If you receive this email in error, please reply via email or contact our school office at (707) 823-5361. Our typical method of communication is through Monday Messages, which may use only select email addresses.

All of our staff understand that this year's transition back to a full school day may take a little longer for our students. We know that students and families may have experienced significant and emotional challenges over the past year and we understand that while many want a quick return to "normal", we must acknowledge and manage the myriad of student experiences. To help students with the transition to the new school year, we will be hosting grade level **Meet-the-Teacher** events. These 30-minute events will be a valuable way for students to reconnect and understand what to expect in this upcoming year.

Parents and students will meet in the courtyard and students will follow their teacher to the classroom. (Students - and anyone entering a building - must wear masks to this event.) Parents will remain in the courtyard for announcements and Gravenstein Staff will be available to assist with online forms or any other questions. Students will be given their Student Name Placard that will be used during daily pick-up.

#### Gravenstein Elementary School Meet-the-Teacher Events

Grade TK	Friday, August 13	9:00-10:00
	<i>(If you have not received the earlier email with TK details, please contact the office.)</i>	
Grade K	Tuesday, August 17	9:00-9:30
Grade 1	Tuesday, August 17	9:45-10:15
Grade 2	Tuesday, August 17	10:30-11:00
Grade 3	Tuesday, August 17	11:15-11:45
Grade 4	Tuesday, August 17	1:00-1:30
Grade 5	Tuesday, August 17	1:45-2:15

#### Classroom/Teacher Assignments

Families will be able to see their child's classroom/teacher assignment through the SchoolWise Parent Portal beginning the morning of Tuesday, August 10. Once the online annual paperwork is completed, the name of the teacher is displayed. For families that have already completed their forms, they simply need to log in to

view the teacher's name. We will also post the complete class list in the grade level display cases by 4:00 pm on Friday, August 13.

**Please visit the District website ([www.grav.k12.ca.us](http://www.grav.k12.ca.us)) to find these other important Parent Documents:**

- Summer Packets for grades K-5 (can be turned in at Meet-the-Teacher)
- Supply Lists for grades TK-5
- Beyond-the-Bell forms (Before/After School Care)
- Independent Study Program for 2021-2022
- Bus Pass Application (this will be required for any Gravenstein student utilizing the afternoon shuttle to the Hillcrest campus and for any student participating in home-school transportation. The available route stops are now listed on the West County Transportation website.)
- 2021-2022 Bell Schedules (listed under Schools tab)

### Gravenstein Bell Schedule

<u>School</u>	<u>Regular Day</u>	<u>Early Release Day</u> (Every Wednesday and 6/2, 6/3)
<b>Gravenstein Elementary:</b> <b>TK and K</b> <b>Grades 1 and 2</b> <b>Grades 3 - 5</b>	<b>8:45 - 2:20</b> <b>8:30 - 3:20</b> <b>8:15 - 3:05</b>	<b>8:45 - 1:00</b> <b>8:30 - 1:45</b> <b>8:15 - 1:30</b>

### Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

We will continue with the student drop-off and pick-up procedures that we implemented last spring. Parents will be able to use the drop-off circle for students beginning at 8:00AM. Students should not be dropped off more than 15 minutes prior to the start of their instructional day (listed above). Parents will either remain in their vehicle to drop-off or pick-up, or wait at the designated "Walking" pick-up. We will continue to open the lower basketball court for drop-off and pick-up of select grade levels/times. In order to be prepared for the first day of school, students will receive their Name Placard at the Meet-the-Teacher event.

### Kindergarten Kick-Off was a Success!

Our incoming Kindergarten students had a sneak peak at what their upcoming year will look like. On August 4, 5 and 6 we hosted our Kindergarten Kick-Off and it was a huge success! We had an amazing turnout, with over 90% of our Kindergarten class able to attend at least one day. I would like to send out a huge "Thank You" to our amazing group of parent volunteers who got their hands dirty by helping to weed and prepare the primary classroom garden beds. Your time, energy, and efforts are truly appreciated!



I hope everyone enjoys the last few days of summer and I look forward to seeing you at the Meet-the-teacher events.

Sincerely,

Keri Pugno  
Principal, Gravenstein Elementary School