

TIGER TIMES

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Special points of interest:

- Back to School Open House- August 31st- 2:30-4:30
- First Day of School- September 6th (full day)
- Friday, September 16th- Summer Math Packet Due; Signed Behavior Contract Due
- School Pictures-Wednesday, October 5th

A Great Year Ahead at Krause Later Elementary!

It is hard to believe that the long summer days are drawing to a close and school is once again set to begin. Our staff is working hard to prepare the school for another fantastic year.

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6th (full day of school). Just as it was last year, school begins at 8:45 (1st bell at 8:40) and ends at 3:38 each day. The first dismissal bell, for walking students or those getting picked up, rings at 3:32.

Before the first day of school on September 6th, parents and students have

the opportunity to meet their teacher at our Back to School Open House/Picnic on Wednesday, August 31st from 2:30-4:30. Parents and students are invited to tour the school, check out classrooms, and enjoy a hot dog luncheon courtesy of our parent group, Tiger Cub Boosters (TCB). Once again each teacher will have a brief presentation in which expectations, grade level curriculum, communication protocols, and other information is covered. We ask that parents make an attempt to come to the

classroom at the following designated times:
2:30-2:50-3rd Grade
3:00-3:20-4th Grade
3:30-3:50-5th Grade

School newsletters are sent home at the beginning of each month. Parents that provide an e-mail address will have the news letters sent electronically in addition to being posted online. I look forward to a great year and hope to see you at the Open House on August 31st!

Kurt Sutton, Principal
**Your child's classroom placement is on page 4*

Important Forms to Return

Free & Reduced Lunch
Free & Reduced Lunch applications will come home with every student on the first day of school. Please fill out the application and return it as soon as possible (even if your family doesn't qualify). This important in-

formation is used to determine how much financial support the district receives from the federal government.

Behavior Contract

Parents are asked to review the student handbook, found in the first few pages of the planner.

Please note the sections with school dress code, electronic devices, and attendance as there are some changes from previous years. At the back of the handbook, parents and students must sign and return the behavior contract by Friday, September 16th.

Students can get their paws on PAWS tickets by...

We will continue the PAWS program that allows us to track positive student behaviors and chart an increase in reading growth and achievement. Once again, students can earn "PAWS" tickets throughout the school day by being a good citizen. We are very proud of the students and their positive choices, respect, responsibility and safety decisions. This year, as we continue the program we hope to see an even greater amount of students reaching the incremental goals. Here is a basic explanation of how the program works:

What is PAWS?

Positive Choices

Act Responsibly

Will be Respectful

Safety First

*Teachers and other staff reward students with "PAWS" tickets by looking for examples of good behavior. The ticket is torn in half; one side goes into the "bucket" and the other side goes home for your student to show to you. Students who bring home "PAWS" should receive the positive reinforcement and accolades that go along with good choices at school! The student will also put a mark on our classroom chart to track the accumulation of "PAWS."

*When a student reaches ten "PAWS," they choose from our established rewards list. The student will also receive a laminated orange paw print that will be proudly displayed on the corner of his/her desk. You should also receive a phone call from your child's teacher congratulating him/her on a job well done!

*When a student reaches fifteen "PAWS," they choose from our established rewards list. The orange laminated paw print on the student desk is now moved into the hallway for all visitors to see. Your child will also be recognized for this achievement during our morning announcements made by Mr. Sutton.

Health Concerns

We ask for your assistance in providing a safe school environment for all students. No animals are allowed in the school without permission from the principal as we attempt to limit allergic reactions for staff and students. Ar-

mada Area Schools attempts to maintain a peanut free environment for the safety of students that have peanut allergies. We ask parents to avoid sending in peanut products for lunch, snacks, or birthday treats. Please check

with your child's teacher before preparing birthday treats or bringing food items into your child's classroom. This is not a mandate, but instead a request to respect the health and well-being of our student population.

Important Pick-up & Drop off Procedures

With over eight hundred fifty students entering our doors each day, we ask for your assistance in making arrival and dismissal as safe as possible. The drop off loop is supervised by staff and safety patrol members each day. After students exit the vehicle, children are asked to walk to their grade level doors. Supervision

of students begins after 8:30.

For students not riding the bus parents are required to pick their children up at the front of the building each day. If you must exit your vehicle to pick up your child, please park in the parking lot rather than the drop off loop to prevent traffic prob-

lems. The first dismissal bell rings at 3:32 for all students that are walking or getting picked up. The final dismissal bell rings at 3:38 each day. If dismissal plans change, please contact the office before 2:00. Thank you for your help in making our school as safe as possible for our students.

Keeping Tabs on Your Child’s Progress With Power School’s ‘Parent Portal’

Power School is an online password protected system the district uses to store and post student grades, attendance, etc. This program also allows parents to view student grades 24 hours a day online using the ‘Parent Portal’. If you are new to Armada, please follow the directions below to set up your account (if you have already set up an account, the username and password remain the same from the previous year):

1. After submitting your Power School user agreement, go to the later elementary school web page.

www.armadaschools.org/latere1

2. Click on the link on the lower left side of the screen that reads “PowerSchool.”
3. Click on Create an Account:
4. Fill in your name (parent/guardian), e-mail account you would like reports sent to, desired user name/password (you may choose any user name/password). I would suggest choosing one you are familiar with so it is easy to remember. Type in your **students name**, **their personal ID** (This is case sensitive) enter **their password** then use the

drop down menu to choose your **relationship**. Repeat this for each student you have that attends Armada schools.

5. Click ‘enter’ at the bottom of the page and it should take you back to a log in screen that tells you ‘Congratulations’.

6. Login using the user name/ password that you just created for yourself. You will see tabs listed with the name(s) of any child/children attending Armada schools.

****You can view your child’s grades and e-mail the teacher any questions you may have by clicking on the blue text.**

Power School allows parents to view their child’s grades online and e-mail teachers with related questions

I’m Starving!

I’m starving! Did you hear this a few times this summer? Growing boys and girls undoubtedly share their hunger pangs on a daily basis with any interested adults. Here at school, the teachers account for these needs by offering a snack time, typically mid-morning, for all students.

This past year, we also adjusted our lunch schedule so that students go to recess before lunch. We’ve found that students eat better and throw away much less if they play outside before eating their lunch.

Students interested in pur-

chasing hot lunch may do so for \$2.60. Milk can be purchased for \$.50 as well.

Breakfast is also offered to students that are interested beginning at 8:30 each day. Breakfast ends around 8:40 each morning.

Lunch Schedule

3rd Grade-11:55-12:30

4th Grade-12:15-12:50

5th Grade-12:35-1:10

Summer Math Packet Information

As a way to prevent the “summer slide” in math, our school assembles a summer math packet for students exiting 3rd-5th grade. These summer packets allow students to maintain critical math skills throughout the summer so when students return to school in September, many concepts are fresh in their mind. Much like the muscles in the human body,

the brain needs exercise too!

Your child is asked to turn these packets in by Friday, September 16th. Students will earn a math grade for this assignment. Students that are new to the district this year are not required to turn this packet in.

Unfortunately there was an error with the 4th grade math packet for this year (students entering 5th grade). As a

result of this error, the wrong packet made its way home with students in June. Students that did complete the packet that was sent home will receive full credit, as will students entering fifth grade that completed the ‘correct’ 4th grade packet. We apologize for the confusion and problems this error created for any affected students.



Snow Day??? Instant Alert Lets You Know

In today's digital society, the flow of information is nearly instantaneous; from checking your e-mail to Facebook, we are constantly "plugged in". Instant Alert by Honeywell allows Armada Schools to quickly inform parents of important information, emergencies, and school closures. Within minutes the district can contact thousands of numbers and/or addresses with important updates, thus allowing parents to make necessary child care arrangements.

Instant Alert is a communication system that will allow each family to maintain a secure, password protected online profile. To access the link and create your personal profile you may visit the district home page at www.armadaschools.org and click on the Instant Alert Button on the left side of the page.

The system is set to pass important messages to your home phone number unless parents have created an updated profile (as many have done the past two years). If you would like to add your work phone number, cell phone, e-mail, etc. please visit the Instant Alert link on the home page as soon as you are able.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (Ferpa)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) was put into federal law to protect the privacy of a student's personal school records. The law, however, does allow public schools to release certain "directory" information which may be found in school publications such as yearbooks, programs, newsletters or catalogs. This may include:

Student's name, address and phone number

Electronic mail address

Date and place of birth

Major field of study

Dates of attendance and grade level

Participation in school activities or sports

Height and weight of athletes

Honors and awards (including honor roll)

Student's photograph

If you object to the release of such information, please notify the principal of your child's school in writing within 10 days of this publication. Be sure to include your child's name and grade.

Your Child's Placement This Year

Each teacher will have a presentation in his/her classroom the day of the open house.

All 3rd Grade Teachers– 2:30-2:50

All 4th Grade Teachers– 3:00-3:20

All 5th Grade Teachers– 3:30-3:50