



TRAILSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 2, 2022

Dear Trailside Community,

Welcome to a new month of learning! We are getting into our groove here at school and seeing a lot of great things from our entire community. Please take a moment to read some important information about what is happening at Trailside this month.

Academics

During the next week we will be wrapping up beginning of year testing which helps our teachers understand their students' academic strengths and areas for growth. This information also helps us as we begin our P30 time, which is 30 minutes during the day where students receive extra support in a small group or enrichment opportunities. Our school Innovative Team also met for the first time this past week and chose to focus on clear learning objectives that will be visible and referred to throughout the relevant lesson students are learning that day. These are often framed as "I can" statements for students. When you ask your student(s), "what did you learn today?" remind them of their "I can" statements and hopefully you will get a great answer!

Drop-off/Pick-up

You will soon notice new speed bumps being installed in our drop-off/pick-up lane. Please continue to drive slow through this lane for the safety of our community.

Bathrooms

Unfortunately, we have had many issues within our bathrooms recently that are requiring extra time and work for our custodians. In our boys' bathrooms, we have water and urine on the floors and walls. In our girls' bathrooms there has been curiosity regarding the new [period products](#) and some waste of these items. Please speak with your student about the impact and extra work that this creates for others. Teachers will be having these conversations in the classroom as well.

Playworks

We are excited to announce that next week we will begin a new program out on the playground called Playworks. One week per month we will have a coach outside and in classrooms to teach our students new games that engage all students, create a safe environment with conflict resolution strategies, and provide leadership opportunities for students. I want to thank our PTO for supporting this initiative and look forward to having Coach K on campus next week.

One last reminder that we do not have school next Monday, September 5 for the Labor Day holiday.

Warm Regards,

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