Annie W. Kellond Elementary School



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Hello Kellond Families,

Welcome back to another exciting year! We hope you and your families have had a restful and rejuvenating summer break. My name is Angela Schiavone and I am the proud principal of Kellond Elementary.

As we embark on this new academic year, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. We are honored to have the opportunity to guide and support them as they grow and flourish.

At Kellond, we believe in igniting a passion for learning and personal growth, within an environment they adore, ensuring that their experience at our school becomes an extraordinary journey of love and inspiration. Our dedicated team of educators is committed to creating an atmosphere where learning is not only engaging but also enjoyable.

This year, we have exciting plans and initiatives in store for our students. We pride ourselves in providing a well-rounded education that encompasses academic excellence, social-emotional development, and the cultivation of essential life skills. We are committed to offering a diverse range of opportunities for your child to explore their interests, discover new talents, and develop a strong sense of self.

We strongly believe in the power of open communication and collaboration between parents, teachers, and the school community. We encourage you to actively participate in your child's educational journey by attending parent-teacher conferences, joining our PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) and engaging in meaningful conversations with our staff. To ensure you are getting all our communication, please update your information on Parentvue and follow us on Facebook (Kellond Elementary School) and/or Instagram (kellondes). We are better together, and we can create a supportive network that nurtures the growth and success of every child.

Please review the information below and do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. We are here for you, and together, we will make this academic year extraordinary.

Have a wonderful rest of your summer and we will see you soon!

Angela Schiavone Principal Kellond Elementary School <u>Angela.schiavone@tusd1.org</u> **Arrival:** Students can be on campus as early as 8:30am, either in the cafeteria for breakfast or on the playground. At 9:10am, we will do an all call for students to line up with their teacher. K-2 line up on the North side of campus (primary playground) and 3-5 line up on the South side of campus (intermediate playground). Please say goodbye to your student here, as you cannot walk them inside the building. Students are in class and ready to learn at 9:15am. All students who arrive after 9:15am are considered late and must be signed in at the front office by an adult. Please see the attached map for drop off and parking areas.

Boohoo! Yahoo! Breakfast Social: After you wave goodbye to your student on the first day of school, please come to the library for a PTO sponsored social. This is a great opportunity to connect with other families, enjoy some donuts, and learn about joining our wonderful PTO.

Dismissal: M/T/TH/F dismissal is at 3:25pm and on Wednesday it is 2:25pm. Please make sure your student is aware of how they are getting home. If there is a change to the routine that they need to be aware of, please let the front office know at least 15 minutes prior to dismissal. We will also not take call aheads to release your student before you get here. Please see the attached map for pick up areas.

Building Access: In the interest of safety and to honor instructional time during the day, we are requesting that parents not be in the instructional building from 9:10am - 3:25pm without prior approval. This includes walking your students to the classroom in the morning, picking them up from the classroom in the afternoon, or bringing them any material from home. If you need to get a forgotten item, like a lunch or a backpack to your student, please bring it to the front office and we will deliver it for you. Exceptions to this are below:

- For special occasions, like a birthday or celebration, please notify the teacher at least 24 hours in advance that you would like to be a visitor in the classroom. Come to the front office that day to sign in and get a visitor badge.
- If you would like to have lunch with your student, please come to the front office to sign in and get a visitor badge. Please remain in the cafeteria and do not go to the playground or in the instructional building.
- If you would like to consistently volunteer in your student's classroom, please register with tusd1 as a volunteer. The process is easy, and the application is on the <u>TUSD Volunteer</u> <u>Website</u>. Once TUSD approves the application, we will give you a Kellond badge to wear with pride! Make sure to work out a consistent schedule with your student's teacher and approve it with Ms. Schiavone.

Supplies: Teachers will give their supply lists out at the Meet the Teacher event on <u>Wednesday, 7/31</u> from 2:00-3:30. Some general items that can be purchased ahead of time include backpacks, lunch boxes, water bottles, crayons, markers, and colored pencils.

Open House: Please attend on <u>Friday, August 23rd at 5:30</u> in the cafeteria. Food trucks will be here at 5pm if you would like to eat with your family.

Meals: We are pleased to announce that through the expansion of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program, we are now able to provide breakfast and lunch at no charge to all students effective immediately. All students enrolled may receive one breakfast meal and one lunch meal at no charge every school day. All 87 Tucson Unified schools qualify for this program, and household applications for free and reduced priced meals are no longer required.

For any questions, please contact TUSD Food Services Department at <u>foodservices@tusd1.org</u> or call (520) 225-4700.

Kellond Drop Off and Pick Up Zones

- For parents dropping off or picking up their student in a car and not wanting to get out, please use our south parking lot valet system. Refrain from using the front lot that is a fire line or having students get out at the cross walk.
- For parents who want to park to drop off or meet their student on the playground, you can also use our south parking lot, or park to the East of the school by Palo Verde Park. Refrain from using the front lot fire line or parking in front of the houses on Lehigh.
- 🚟 For students taking the bus home, teachers will be at the bus bay assisting them.
 - 👃 Cannot park or drop off/pick up on Lehigh or Mann or in the front lot fire lane.

