



**Arlington Elementary School**  
 ~ A California Distinguished School ~  
 17800 Van Ness Avenue,  
 Torrance, CA 90504



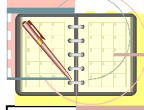
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# SUPER STARS



## Calendar

- PTA Membership Drive begins!*
- 9/8 First Day of School  
New Parent/Family Meeting  
9:10 a.m. - café  
*Hosted by our PTA*  
Come and learn about our school and opportunities to volunteer!
  - 9/12 Monday Spirit Assembly
  - 9/14 Early Out Wednesday  
*Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>*  
Dismissal - 2:27 p.m.
  - 9/15 PTA Board Meeting - cafe
  - 9/19 *Fall fundraiser Kick-Off!*  
Monday Spirit Assembly
  - 9/20 Room Parent & AIA Docent Meeting - Room 11 6:30 pm.
  - 9/21 Early Out Wednesday  
Dismissal - 2:27 p.m.
  - 9/22 Back to School Night  
6 p.m. in the café,  
6:30 – 7:00 Session I  
7:05 – 7:30 Session 2  
*Both sessions are the same. This is to help families with more than one child.*
  - 9/23 ELMAC meeting  
(Parents of students with English Learning Students)  
9:00 a.m.
  - 9/26 Monday - Picture Day
  - 9/26 SSC 3:30 p.m.
  - 9/30 PTA Membership ends

able to provide our Arlington Super Stars with more than just reading, writing and arithmetic! Our Super Stars also have many opportunities to attend field trips, learn to play recorders and pre-recorders, attend family math nights, sing, play, paint, and much, much more! Here is to a great year!  
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## Parking

**P**arking is *very limited* at our school, as many of you know. **ALL** spots are **assigned** to our teaching staff including the spaces on Van Ness and 178<sup>th</sup> Street. **Please do not park** your car in these spaces or in the lots. If you would like to drop your student off *quickly*, please use the drop off area directly in the front of the school on Van Ness. Please use this like a drive thru lane. Please do not stop, park, or leave your car in this area or it will put a stop to the valet drive through lane. If you wish to park your car, please park on the surrounding streets on the opposite side of the street and use the crosswalks to walk onto campus. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.



**T**hursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> is our Back to School Night where all of our parents are invited to learn about their child's instructional program. Each teacher will provide this information twice. However, **we ask that parents select which session** they will be attending to give the teachers an idea of how many parents will attend each session. Please fill out the attached flyer and send it in to your child's teacher(s). The night will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the café with a PTA



**Welcome to the  
 2011-12  
 School Year!**

**W**elcome back to school! I hope your summer was restful and fun! We have another exciting and fun-filled year of instruction and learning planned for our students! Thanks to the partnership with our PTA we are



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meeting and teacher introductions. Session 1 (grades K-5) will be from 6:30 – 7:00, Session 2 (grades K-5) will be held from 7:05 – 7:30 p.m. Please join us to hear all about the excellent programs our PTA will be supporting this year and your child's educational program. Kindly remember, Back to School Night is a **parent only evening** so please arrange for childcare. Thank you.



## Lunch

Students may bring their own lunch to school or they may purchase a lunch for \$3.00. Each student has a PIN number (kindergarten students have a temporary card). Accounts are charged up by the parents through the school office, cafeteria, or the internet. See the first day packet for more information. Students who forget their lunch money may borrow one time. After this one credit, your child will not be served a school lunch but may call a parent to send in a lunch. Parents who wish to drop off a lunch for their child may **leave it in the office**. The cafeteria is open at 8:20 a.m. for parents to pay for lunches. Breakfast is available from **8:20 - 8:50** for \$1.50.

## Parent Volunteers

Research shows the more active parents are in their child's educational journey the more it benefits the child's success. Parents at Arlington are invited to become active participants in their child's education by volunteering. To help ensure the safety of all Arlington students, volunteer procedures are in place. Please fill out the parent volunteer form found in the first day packet and return it to the *school office along with a*

*current TB test and a photo id.* The paperwork will be processed and your child's teacher will inform you when you may begin volunteering. Please remember: **All volunteers MUST (1) sign in and out in the school office and (2) wear a school visitor badge** while on campus. This is to ensure the safety of our campus. It will also help students, teachers, and myself identify who should be on campus. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask in the school office. Thank you.



**Campus Opens 8:20**  
**Playground Opens 8:35 a.m.**

**S**afety is our number one concern. So, keeping students safe by dropping them off when there is supervision is vital. The playground opens AT 8:35 a.m. **There is no supervision on the playground prior to 8:35.** The cafeteria opens at 8:20a.m. for breakfast with a breakfast supervisor. If your child arrives to school before 8:35 they must stay on the lunch benches until the bell rings and supervision is available. If you require childcare prior to 8:20 a.m. please call the YMCA for before school care (310) 325-5885. Thank you.



## Recognized!

**I**t was apparent - Arlington Superstars were in school last year! Arlington was recognized at a district meeting for our daily attendance rates! We were also honored for saving energy! Way to Go, Super Stars!



## Test Scores Up

Arlington continues to do well on California State Tests. We had 84 students who gained in their proficiency bands! This success is attributed to our amazing teachers and their effective instructional program as well as our students with their motivation, application, and learning and their parents with their support! Way to go!

In English Language Arts Arlington overall maintained with 72% of our students proficient or advanced. We gained in the percent of students in the advanced band growing from 38% to 40%! We have 32% of our students in the proficient band. In mathematics, Arlington made a gain with 82% either proficient or advanced!

By grade levels for English Language Arts (ELA) we had many gains. In grade two 66% of our students were proficient or advanced increasing 2% from the year before. Third grade had 62% scoring proficient or advanced. Our 4<sup>th</sup> graders remained pretty steady with 83% proficient or advanced and 5<sup>th</sup> grade grew with 76% of our students either proficient or advanced.

By grade levels for math, 77% of our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders scored proficient or advanced increasing 6% from the year before, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade remained steady with 83% proficient or advanced, 4<sup>th</sup> grade has 91% of our Super Stars in the proficient or advanced bands! Wow! Seventy-five percent of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders were proficient or advanced increasing 5%! Our fifth graders had 78% proficient or advanced in science increasing 7% from the year prior. Way to go, Super Stars!

