



# **SONORAN HEIGHTS**

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

July 29, 2019

Dear Sonoran Hawk Families,

As principal of Sonoran Heights Elementary School, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to another great year at Sonoran. This year, we are excited for all of the opportunities for students to excel academically and grow socially. At Sonoran Heights we are dedicated to the development of critical thinking skills, infusing technology into instruction, while providing a safe environment of personalized learning through a community approach for all students. We look forward to the continued focus on academics through individualized learning experiences, integrating arts for enhanced student development and through promotion of competitive athletics. This year we also look forward to the development of our Signature Program, with emphasis in the area of health and wellness. Here at Sonoran Heights Elementary we pride ourselves on our positive and collaborative relationships between students, staff, families and community. We look forward to strengthening and enhancing our connections to provide the best experience for every student. With your continued support, we can be better than ever before and that is why we are excited to welcome you all to the 2019-2020 school year.

### **Family Connection**

This year we want to celebrate our families by having a family vision board for all to view when on campus. We would love for you to bring a picture on Meet the Teacher Night or during the first month of school. We are excited to fill a whole bulletin board with our amazing families.

### **Office and School Hours:**

Our office hours are 7:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. With the return of our wonderful office staff, we are here to support your needs. Returning will be: Assistant Principal, Ms. McKnight, Admin Secretary, Debra Isherwood, Attendance Records Technician, Jeff Salamone and Data Records Technician, Maria Perez.

### **Meet the Teacher Night**

Friday, August 2nd 5:30-7:00 p.m.

### **Curriculum & Personalization Night/PTA Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 20th 5:00-6:00 p.m.** for grades KG - 8th Grade.

**6:00-6:30 p.m.** Back to School Ice Cream Social

**6:30-7:30 p.m.** PTA Meeting - Library

### **Parent Information**

During the school year we will send out electronic newsletters and updates with information related to SOHES via our student management system, Infinite Campus. Please make sure you have signed up through the [Parent Portal](#), providing your email and phone number to receive regular school communication. If you would like to view activities, events and additional information be sure to visit our [Website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) for the latest updates.

### **Attendance**

When your child is going to be absent from school, please be sure to call the main school phone line, then select option number one for the attendance line.

### **Arrival & Dismissal**

As our Sonoran Heights family continues to grow, we have procedures in place for our arrival and dismissal process to assist with reduction in congestion and make certain all students arrive and depart school safely.

#### **Walkers to the Northwest**

Students walking to school will need to enter school grounds from the double gates by the bus lane or the front main gate. Students walking from school that live in the neighborhood to the northwest of campus will continue walking through the front gates around the kinder playground to the crossing guards.

#### **Walkers to the Northeast**

Students walking to school that live in the neighborhood to the northeast of campus will enter . Students leaving campus will exit at the northeast corner of the recess field. Please walk inside the fence on the grass rather than on the outside next to the bus lane.

#### **North Parking lot (Staff parking, bus area & Parent drop off/pick up)**

Students will enter and exit buses from the bus lane, using the large main gate. Students may also be picked up or dropped off in this lot. Please be sure to use designated crosswalks and sidewalks, not crossing directly through the bus lane. Curbside pick up/drop off is not permitted, as it is a safety risk due to bus traffic.

Walkers to the South (Park Area)

Students walking to school from the south will enter campus through the front main gates. Students walking home to the neighborhood south of campus will walk along the basketball courts to the open gate at the south side of campus by the gym and exit into the park.

Parent pick/up//Main parking lot

Students that have parents dropping off or picking them up by vehicle will enter/exit through the front gates of the school. Students will line up at the end of the day at their designated spots and load into family vehicles between the crosswalk and the kinder playground in the loading/unloading zone. Parking your vehicle is only permitted in designated parking spaces.

Preschool & Kindergarteners

In the morning for drop off you may choose to park your vehicle in the main parking lot and walk your student to the Kinder gate. During pick up you must park your vehicle in the lot and walk to kinder playground to pick up your student.

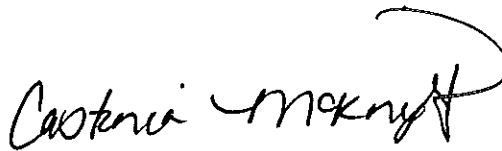
We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support! You may also access our Student and Parent Handbook for additional Dysart District information.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another successful year!

Sincerely,



Andrew Frazier,       and  
Principal



Castonia McKnight,  
Assistant Principal