Neil Armstrong Community -

   I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer with your family and are making wonderful memories that will last long into the future. My family and I were able to get away for a few excursions and cherished the time together. However, this Monday was my first day back on campus as I am gearing up to welcome your students in a few short weeks. Please give them our best and let them know how excited our whole staff is to have them with us this coming year.

 There is a lot of information in this correspondence so please take some time to read through and understand any changes and information that is pertinent to this school year. Please also note that I will be sending out more information in the coming weeks. There is so much to know, but I just want to make sure you are equipped with all the information necessary for your family.

**NEW NEIL ARMSTRONG WEBSITE:** This summer, our school district transitioned to new website platforms for the ease of use for our community. Please find out new website at [naes.srvusd.net/](https://naes.srvusd.net/) and bookmark that tab in place of our last site. With this transition just occurring, we are still working on updating all of the information. I appreciate your patience with us as we get this up to date.

**Parent Portal Annual Update:** If your child is currently enrolled in an SRVUSD school, you must complete the Annual Update by logging into your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account. The Annual Update should be completed no later than August 9th as this is the emergency card for your student. This allows updates, weekly newsletters, etc. to be sent to the email address(es) you designate in your update. If you do not remember your name or password, please email portalhelp@srvusd.net for help. Contact them now if you need help to avoid delays as we get closer to the school opening date. To complete the Annual Update: Login to the Parent Portal at: [Campus Portal](https://srvusd.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/sanRamon.jsp)

**Neil Armstrong Registration:** Our school registration website is now open for you to access. The website is: <https://naes.futurefund.com/registration> School Registration is a critical component to the functioning of our school as this provides the financial basis of what programs we are able to offer and what supplies our teachers are able to purchase for their classrooms.  School Registration is where your family is able to join our PTA for the 2022 - 2023 school year, sign waivers for your students to attend various events, and donate to our Academic Boosters. **Our school enrichment donation and our classroom donation asks are included in our Neil Armstrong Academic Booster amount.** This is an effort to streamline this process for families and reduce the quantity of donations we ask for.  Although the full donation amount would be ideal, we understand that families are only able to donate what they can.  Thank you in advance for your donations to Neil Armstrong.

**Bell Schedule**: Attached is a link where you are able to find our [bell schedule](https://www.srvusd.net/Students-and-Families/Academic-Information/Bell-Schedules/Bell-Schedules-2022-23/index.html). Please note that our day for 1st – 5th grades moved to 8:30 AM from last year’s 8:45 AM start time. I also know that all of the wacky schedules can be confusing, so please be sure to view the bell schedules and note the assessment days, shortened days, Wednesday times, etc.

**Supply Lists:** We have had a number of inquiries about supplies for this upcoming school year for your students. Please reference our school website for the recommended supplies that we have put together by grade level. [2022-2023 Supply List](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J9XMR0mB3zZzsB9KIxsFUp25PjFPfZ9O/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111757257805312856725&rtpof=true&sd=true) All supplies are recommended, but please do not hesitate to let your teacher or myself know directly if you are unable to purchase any of these supplies and they will be provided for your student.

**Teacher Assignments:** We know that all students and families are anxious to find out which teacher they will be working with this school year. However, the time before school starts is full of changes and edits. Therefore, we do not release the name of the teacher and room your child is in until Monday, August 8th at 12:00. This is a district wide time for all elementary school students. We appreciate your patience and understanding on this.

**Medication at School:** If your child needs medication at school, be sure to bring in the forms completed by the doctor and the medication before the first day of school. Students are not allowed to carry medication on them and no medication can be administered by school staff without proper documentation signed by the parent and doctor. Forms can be [found here.](http://qres-srvusd-ca.schoolloop.com/file/1275118347851/1331967276096/7405627439093828647.pdf)

**Be a Mentor:** We love to welcome parent volunteers into our classrooms as partners in the children’s education. In order to do so, we need to make sure all parents are cleared through the Be A Mentor system. If you can take some time to go through the process on that website, you will be cleared and ready to go when the time comes for you to join us on campus. Please access the [district’s volunteer page here](https://www.srvusd.net/Students-and-Families/Volunteer-Requirements/index.html) to begin this process.

**Lunch:** Even though all SRVUSD students now receive free breakfast and lunch, we still strongly encourage families to fill out the Educational Benefits form! Just one form per family ensures continued funding to support students. Read more about all of the benefits below! The 2022-23 form is now open! Go to <https://family.titank12.com/> and click on "Apply For Meals Today." You do not need to create an account in Titan to submit the form. Please see [this graphic](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JuJW7JF4fAkA4-YAXkMUHlHlzjLyluZy/view) for additional family benefits should you complete this form.

This school year will be different from last year, as students will need to enter their id numbers when getting lunch. We will use the same pin pads as years past for students to enter their information. All grades, TK-5, will need to enter their numbers using the pin pads in the MPR.  Here is a [graphic to show students what the pin pads looks like.](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ShCyI1obhfhaNfja0twxATag0NP_dWrc/view?usp=sharing)  Collecting student information at the pin pads will be a time-consuming process in the beginning of the year. Any help we can give the students now, as well as the first few weeks of school, will be a benefit at meal service time. We appreciate your help!

Thank you so much for all you do to make our school an amazing place for your children.  Enjoy the rest of your summer and I cannot wait to see you all soon!

Sincerely,

Jared Gagnon

Principal
Neil Armstrong Elementary School