Dear Parents and Students of Oak Grove,

It is with great excitement that I welcome you, or welcome you back, to Oak Grove School! I am looking forward to a productive school year and am excited to join the incredible Oak Grove community.

Our mission is to be a community working hard towards excellence and academic success. At Oak Grove, our students and staff practice O.W.L.S. - being Organized, Working hard, striving as Leaders, and acting with Self Control. This acronym promotes the traits we want all students to learn and uphold to ensure that they are ready for high school and beyond.

The first day of school is Thursday, August 15, 2019. For pick up and drop off, you can use our school parking lot at the corner of Ferguson and Linwood Avenues - you can enter the parking lot northbound on Linwood Avenue, or from either direction on Ferguson Avenue. The bus lane on Linwood Avenue is also now available for student drop offs. This is new for our school, so we will have to work out the procedures for this throughout the year! There is a crosswalk on Linwood Avenue, and a crossing guard is in place from approximately 7:30 – 8:30 am and 2:00 – 3:30 pm each day.

On the first day of school, look for an additional packet of important papers to come home with your student, including an emergency card and our district code of conduct. The emergency card should be completed and returned no later than Monday, August 19. You may also choose to complete the emergency card for your student online, and a one-time password will be in the first day of school packet.

Classes begin at 8:17 am for all students, and students in grades K-3 are released at 2:10 pm on all school days. Students in grades 4-8 are released at 3:00 pm on most school days, except for Wednesdays when we use an “early dismissal” schedule and those students are also released at 2:10 pm. Some Grade 6-8 students may have a “pre-1st” period that starts at 7:20 am. Unless your student has a “pre-1st” class, please do not drop them off on campus until 7:30 am to ensure adequate supervision. The kindergarten playground opens at 8 am.

All students will soon receive a letter with the name of their teacher for the 2019-20 school year. Letters will be mailed on August 1 and arrive some time after that.

Please plan to join us at our optional “Meet Your Teacher” session on Tuesday, August 13, from 11 am – 12 pm, in the Oak Grove cafeteria for grades 1-8. This will be an informal time to meet your new teacher and introduce your child and yourself. If you have a kindergarten student, you can “meet your teacher” in their assigned classroom, rather than the cafeteria, during this time.
New to Oak Grove? Parents of kindergarten students and any parents who are new to Oak Grove (at any grade level) are invited to a PTA meet and greet on Thursday, August 15, from 8:15 – 8:30 am in the Oak Grove outdoor garden, located on the west side of the Oak Grove main office. Please plan to visit and find out more about our amazing Oak Grove PTA.

Our Back to School Night is the evening of the first day of school - Thursday, August 15, from 5:30 – 6:45 pm. Please plan to attend - this is a great opportunity to visit your student’s classroom and gather information about our school. The time will be broken up into two identical sessions, so that you can visit with two teachers if you have more than one Oak Grove student. Session 1 will be 5:30 – 6 pm, and Session 2 will be from 6:15 – 6:45 pm.

We need your help, too! We are looking for parents/guardians who want to be involved at Oak Grove through our Parent Teacher Association (PTA), School Site Council (SSC), and English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). Nomination forms for our School Site Council will be available from your child’s teacher at Back To School Night. If you would like more information, please contact our office.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with students, parents, staff and members of the Oak Grove community this coming school year. By working together, we will provide an outstanding educational experience for all students.

Sincerely,

Travis Hambleton, Principal

School Contact Information:
Office hours are 7:30 am – 4:30 pm each school day. The school office will be open Monday – Friday starting on July 29, 2019.

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For additional information and updates, please visit us online: http://www.vusd.org/OakGrove

Other important dates (subject to change):
• Grade 6 SCICON (Mrs. Aguilar-Franco and Mrs. Smith): 8/26 - 8/30 (corrected date)
• Walk-A-Thon: Wednesday, 9/25
• Carnival: Friday, 10/4
• School picture day: Thursday, 10/10
• Fall performance: Thursday, 10/17, at LJ Williams Theater
• Grade 6 SCICON (Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Samuelson): December 16-20