

Talala Elementary School

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Back to School



Welcome
to the
2017 ~ 2018
School Year!



Talala School Mission Statement

Our mission is to establish a safe environment where a diverse community of children, parents, and educators become responsible, life-long learners through respect, support and collaboration.





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You Decide Your Future!

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Greetings and Welcome Back Talala Families!

We are excited to start a new school year in which we are confident will be full of rich learning experiences, engaging lessons/activities, and spectacular opportunities for new discoveries! Our staff members are committed, dedicated, and compassionate who strive to give their very best to every student!

I wanted to provide a few important announcements as we begin our 2017-2018 school year.

Reminders/Updates:

- NWEA/MAP Testing for K-5 Reading/Math begins August 29th-September 8th. Please make sure your child is on time for school, gets proper rest, and jumpstart their day with a healthy breakfast!
- Please be mindful that students should not be dropped off prior to 8:45 (Breakfast.) There is no supervision at that time. The start of the school day is 9:00 am.
- Our first PTO meeting will be held **Monday, September 13th at 6:00**
- Summer Reading/Math packets are due by Friday, September 1st. Students who complete them will have an ice-cream party with Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Watson on Friday, September 8th

IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

If plans change for your child's transportation home, please send a note to the teacher/office in the morning. Please try to call the office **BEFORE 2:45** at 367-2560 so that we will have enough time to get the message to your child. If there is no call or a note, your child will be sent home the way he/she normally goes home.

Very Important Reminders



Morning Arrival

- ◆ Students may arrive as early as 8:40. Please be sure your child arrives at school no earlier than 8:40. Prior to that time, there is NO supervision available on campus.
- ◆ Breakfast is served at 8:45.
- ◆ Students who are tardy (arriving after 9:20 am) are required to have their parents bring them into the office to sign them in. *If this is not done, the tardy will be considered unexcused.*
 - ◆ Please be sure not to simply drop students off if they arrive after the 9:20 am tardy time.

Transportation Change

The end of day preparations for dismissal are sometimes quite hectic. When we receive last minute transportation instructions and reminders for your child, we cannot always get them delivered on time.

- ◆ Please try set plans before your child comes to school. Calls to change a child's regular after-school pick-up procedure received after 3:00 pm may not be able to be honored.
- ◆ We will not pull students off of the bus once they are loaded or pulling off.

Food Service Information

Please remember that all student lunch accounts need to be kept up to date. Once a student's lunch account reaches -\$10.50, the student will be given a courtesy lunch.

The Crete-Monee School District utilizes an online payment program called e-Funds for Schools. This program offers various options for parent/guardians who choose to make payments online. There is no fee for using this payment program. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Hands at 367-2564.



NEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES?

A limited supply of book bags and school supplies are available to students in need. Please contact Mrs. Jenkins, Social Worker, for further information: (708) 367-2577.



Parent Communications

Keep your eyes open for a variety of ways we hope to improve our school to home communication. Our teachers will be asking for e-mail and other contact information throughout the year. Please provide this information so we can better ensure that you receive important information about your child's school.

Also, please check out our ever-expanding page of school information and resources on Talala School's website. Classroom news, student spotlights, principal's letter, and parent involvement events are available at your fingertips.

A Message from the Health Office

Parents, if your child is bringing an inhaler or any other medications to the school, please make sure that proper paper work is completed to be on file in the health office. Forms are available in the main office and on our website.

Please contact Mrs. Conway in the Health Office at 367-2580.



Crete-Monee School District 201-U
School Calendar for the 2017 – 2018 School Year
(Grades K-12)

ONLY applies to CMHS - Grade levels specified are only students who need to be in attendance

August - 2017						
S	M	T	W	R	F	S
0		1	2	3	4	5
0	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	13	14	15	16	17	18
3	20	21	22	23	24	25
4	27	28	29	30	31	
7						

September - 2017						
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5	24	25	26	27	28	29
20						30

October - 2017						
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5	22	23	24	25	26	27
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November - 2017						
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December - 2017						
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5	17	18	19	20	21	22
0	24	25	26	27	28	29
16	31					

August
 21 - Institute Day - No School
 22 - Institute Day - No School
 23 - Full Day of School - K-12

September
 4 - Labor Day - No School
 20 - Early Dismissal - School Improvement Day (K-12)

October
 6 - Institute Day - No School
 9 - Columbus Day - No School
 20 - Early Dismissal - Record Day - End of 1st Quarter (6-12) / SI Day (K-5)
 31 - Early Dismissal - Record Day - End of 1st Trimester (K-5) / SI Day (6-12)

November
 8 - Parent/Teacher Conf. (6-12) 6:00-9:00PM
 9 - Parent/Teacher Conf. 1:00-9:00PM - No School
 10 - Veterans Day (Observed) - No School
 22, 23, 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

December
 1 - Early Dismissal - Finals - Record Day - End of 2nd Quarter / 1st Semester (6-12) / SI Day (K-5)
 22 - Early Dismissal - Finals - Record Day - End of 2nd Quarter / 1st Semester (6-12) / SI Day (K-5)
 25 - Winter Recess Begins

January
 8 - School Resumes
 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

February
 15 - Early Dismissal - Record Day - End of 2nd Trimester (K-5) / SI Day (6-12)
 16 - Institute Day - No School
 19 - President's Day - No School

March
 1 - Parent/Teacher Conf. (K-5) 5:00-8:00PM
 5 - Casimir Pulaski Day - No School
 16 - Early Dismissal - Record Day - End of 3rd Quarter (6-12) / SI Day (K-5)
 30 - Good Friday - No School

April
 2 - Spring Recess Begins
 9 - School Resumes
 11, 12 - Kindergarten Registration

May
 2 - Early Dismissal - School Improvement Day (K-12)
 25 - Early Dismissal - Students and Staff (K-12)
 28 - Memorial Day - No School

June
 8 - Early Dismissal - Finals - School Improvement Day (K-12)
 11 - **Early Dismissal - Finals - Record Day - End of 2nd Semester / 3rd Trimester - Last Day of School
 **With 5 snow/emergency days added
 Subtract unused days from the end of the calendar

Daily Dismissal Times	Early Dismissal Times
MEC - 1:45PM	High School, MEC - 10:50AM
High School - 1:50PM	Middle School - 12:15PM
Middle School - 2:40PM	K-5 Schools - 1:15PM
K-5 Schools - 3:35PM	

January - 2018						
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February - 2018						
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March - 2018						
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April - 2018						
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May - 2018						
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June - 2018						
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	Pupil Attendance	Parent Teacher Conference	Institute Days	Emergency Days
Q1-40 Q2-40				
Sem 1 (Tri 1)	80 (47)	1	3	
Q3-46 Q4-49				
Sem 2 (Tri 2)	95 (61)	0	0	
(Tri 3)	(67)	(1)	1	
TOTAL	175	1	4	5
		185		