



Cherrywood Elementary School

Learning for a life time

A California Distinguished School

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CURRENT CHARGER EVENTS

9/21

HSC/SSC MEETING @5:00PM

Meeting ID: 873 8430 7873

Passcode: HSC/SSC21

9/22

FALL PICTURE DAY

9/27-10/1

SEPTEMBER BREAK

NO SCHOOL

10/13

MIPAC@6 PM

Meeting ID: 816 3739 9521

Passcode: MIPAC21

10/21

PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE/TEA

@4:30pm

Meeting ID: 813 0954 7643

Passcode: COFFEE21

Flat Salute

Olivia V. /4th Grade

FREE COVID-19 TESTING

The district is offering free, drive-up Covid-19 testing for all staff, students, and parents **every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month**

Sierramont Middle School

3155 Kimlee Drive, San Jose, CA 95132 from 1:30 to 5:00.

No appointment will be necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Bay Area Community Health at: 408-755-3904.



QUICK LINKS:

[Cherrywood T-shirt Orders](#)

[Cherrywood Home & School Club](#)

[\(HSC\)](#)

[2021-2022 Quarantine Decision Tree](#)

[2021-2022 TK-12 TEST Result](#)

[Decision Tree](#)

[When to keep ill students home](#)

DISTRICT HOTLINE

If you need additional assistance to understand a document that was sent home, please call the District Office.

(408) 923-1901 (Chinese)

(408) 923-1902 (Spanish)

(408) 923-1903 (Vietnamese)

*A translator will contact you to help you understand the document

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Cherrywood Parents and Students,

Welcome back to school! It's hard to believe that in person learning has been in session for a month already. Thank you for your patience and support while we worked diligently to address the myriad of school challenges created by world health events. I am so glad to be back on site also after being on a medical leave for a month. I really missed not being able to be here during the monumental opening of school after we had been closed down for full in person learning for over a year and a half. I am very thankful that Ms. McDonald could substitute for me as I was away and appreciate her efforts in getting the new school year started.



Our biweekly newsletters are intended to keep you up to date on important school information and happenings. Our newsletters will also be posted to our school website. This is our first newsletter of the school year. First, I want to update you on staff assignments. You may have noticed that some of our teachers have changed grade levels. I look at this as a plus because teachers are then able to bring their expertise from different grade levels to their new grade level. Fortunately, our staffing has remained relatively consistent. The few updates include: Ms. Chan, last year's kindergarten teacher, joined our first grade team. Ms. Quach, last year's kindergarten teacher, joined our 2nd grade team. Ms. Rocchi, last year's 1st grade teacher, joined our kindergarten team. Ms. Pham is now onsite 100% of the time as our resource teacher. We are also happy to announce that the Cherrywood Family is growing. We welcomed three new classroom teachers: Hsuei-Shian Liao joined our 1st grade team, Xian Zhang joined our 3rd grade team, and Xinran Yang joined our 4th grade team. You may have also noticed numerous maintenance and construction projects. First, we have a brand new kindergarten playground next to the field that provides more safe play space for our Kindergartners. It was relocated from the front of the school to be closer to the kindergarten classrooms. Second, a covered outdoor learning and lunch space was built at the front of the school near the Office. Our students are enjoying the open-air environment to enjoy their lunches daily and outdoor learning activities.

Thank you to those of you who attended our annual Back to School Night last night. I enjoyed seeing familiar and new faces at the Principal's Coffee and classroom presentations. It reminded me of how thankful I am for the Cherrywood community that we have all worked hard to build together. For those of you who are new to our school community, WELCOME! We hope you find ways to use your talents to be a part of our thriving school community. I have already heard from parents who want to offer their graphic art talents, social media talents, math expertise and willingness to do whatever needs to be done. We look forward to you being a part of our school community where *Learning Happens for a Lifetime!*

Partners in Learning,

Mrs. Choy

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO WORK AT SCHOOL FOR A COUPLE HOURS?



To ensure the safety and supervision of our students during lunch time, we have an open position for a NOON DUTY SUPERVISOR. This position is a great way to be an active part of our school community on a daily basis and get paid. Noon duty aides get to oversee students during students' favorite part of their school day. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact Duy Tran in HR at 408-923-1851 to apply or click [HERE](#) to apply. We would love for you to join our Cherrywood team.

WE ARE GOLD MEDAL WINNERS!

We are proud to announce that we have been named **Gold Medal winners** once again by the Bay Area Parent Magazine for the Silicon Valley region this year. Last year, we were gold medal winners in the category of **elementary school**. This year, we are gold medal winners in the categories of **elementary school AND language immersion school**. Thank you for your support and your votes in helping us attain this recognition for the Silicon Valley region. Our programming at Cherrywood is extraordinary because we are an extraordinary learning community thanks to our staff, students, and community. Way to go Cherrywood Chargers!



REGISTER FOR PARENT PORTAL

Parent Portal will give you access to your child's school information such as assessment data and report cards. Parent Portal Activation key codes are ready to be picked up from the Office for parents who have **NEVER** picked up a key code in the past. You may stop by our Office between the hours of **10:00 AM-1:00 PM**, beginning **Thursday, 9/23**. If you cannot make it then, please contact the Office to set up another appointment time. You will need to provide ID to receive your unique Parent Portal Activation key code. You DO NOT need to pick up a key code if you had children here at Cherrywood in the past, picked up your Parent Portal Activation key code previously, and activated your account. Your Portal is still active. If you have forgotten your password, click on the [forgot password] link to retrieve your password.