

Kitayama Elementary

September 2024



Upcoming Events

09/02: No school-Labor Day Holiday

09/09: Full day for TK and Kinder begins

09/12: PTA meeting at 6:30pm

09/13: Fall picture day

09/18: Modified day: all students are dismissed at 12:05pm

09/18: School Site Council meeting at 3pm

09/26: Jogathon

Monthly Focus:

Character Trait: Respect

Cultural: Hispanic Heritage Month

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<https://kitayama.mynhusd.org/>

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Message from Mrs. Small

School is in full swing and we have been busy getting to know our students and families.

As we embark on this journey together, I encourage each of you to embrace the values of curiosity, perseverance, and respect that define our school community. Let's approach each day with enthusiasm and a commitment to learning, knowing that every experience contributes to our personal and academic development.

Throughout this month, we will continue to focus on building strong foundations in academics, fostering positive relationships, and creating a supportive learning environment where every student can thrive. Our dedicated staff are eager to engage and inspire your children, guiding them on their path to success.



Reminder:

Please make sure your child arrives at school before 8am. Our arrival gates will open at 7:45am. You will likely avoid the traffic. It can be stressful way to start the day if you are rushing. If you do arrive at school after 8am, please have your child come to the office for a tardy slip. Thank you for your help in making sure that students are on time each day.



Community Corner:

Have you completed your Parent Data Confirmation through AERIES?

During this process, parents will confirm important information about their child, inform the school of any new medical information, and update contact information for individuals who can pick up their child in an emergency.

A key part of the Data Confirmation Process is the Income Survey. This survey will ask you to share the number of members of your household and then will ask you to indicate the total monthly household income. This information is used to determine eligibility for a number of benefits and funding for your student's school and district. We ask that all parents complete this part of the survey to maximize school funding.

Families of students who qualify through the Income Survey may be eligible for several benefits outside of school, such as reduced cost or free home internet, reduced PG&E bill, free bus passes, and others.

If you need assistance, please reach out to our amazing Family Service Assistant, Ms. Anees Law. Her email is: alaw@nhusd.k12.ca.us

Tips for student success

Each month, tips will be shared to help maximize student's opportunities for success at home and/or at school. Please note that not all suggestions work for all families, so please use what works best for you at home.

Suggestions for parents and caregivers as we continue with the beginning of the school year:

- **Promote Healthy Habits:** Encourage balanced meals, regular exercise, and sufficient sleep. A healthy lifestyle supports better focus, mood, and overall well-being, which are essential for learning.
- **Limit Screen Time:** Monitor and limit the amount of time your child spends on screens, including TV, computers, tablets, and smartphones. Excessive screen time can interfere with homework and sleep.
- **Support Homework Efforts:** Provide assistance when needed but encourage independence. Help your child establish good study habits and problem-solving skills.
- **Encourage Reading:** Foster a love for reading by providing access to age-appropriate books and reading together regularly. Reading enhances vocabulary, comprehension, and critical thinking skills.
- **Set Realistic Expectations:** Understand your child's abilities and set realistic academic and behavioral expectations. Celebrate achievements and encourage perseverance through challenges.

By following these tips, parents can create a supportive environment that enhances their child's learning experience both at school and at home.

Respect:

Respect is seeing value in all people and things and treating them with care. Our kids are sharing when they demonstrate respect:

- Raising their hand in class.
- Saying please and thank you.
- Listening to their classmates when they are talking.

We love hearing from our students and appreciate all they do to make our school great.

