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Dear Pioneer Families,
It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 2026–2027 school year at Pioneer Elementary School. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, we are honored to partner with you in your child's educational journey. As a 2025 California Distinguished School, Pioneer is proud to uphold high academic standards in a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment.

📅 The following are Important Dates to calendar

- First Day of School: **Wednesday, August 5, 2026**
- Minimum Days (August 5–7)
  - Grades 1–5: 8:00 AM – 12:05 PM
  - General Education Program- TK and Kindergarten classes: 8:00 AM – 11:20 AM
- Regular Schedule Begins Monday, August 10:
  - Grades 1–5: 8:00 AM – 2:05 PM
  - TK and Kindergarten: 8:00 AM – 11:20 AM (until September 4)

🏫 Classroom Assignments

Classroom assignments will be available on the **Aeries Parent Portal** starting Friday, July 31st at 5pm. We kindly ask families to log in at that time to review and update emergency contact information and to view their child's assigned teacher and classroom. Please note that fluctuations in student enrollment may require adjustments to classroom placements during the first few weeks of school.

📣 Family Engagement and Communication

We encourage all families to actively participate in school events and stay informed throughout the year. A variety of enriching programs and activities have been planned for your child, and we look forward to your partnership and participation.

- **Back to School Night & Title I Information Session** will be held on **Wednesday, August 19**.
- Weekly updates in the Home School Connection will be emailed and posted on our school website on **Sundays** to include important reminders and a calendar of upcoming events.
- **Thursday folders** will continue to be sent home with key information from the school and district.

📲 Stay Connected: Communication Tools

A. School & District Websites

Visit our school website at pioneer.mynhusd.org and the New Haven Unified School District website at www.mynhusd.org for updates, calendars, and resources.

B. New Haven Unified Schools App
We have an app for that! Our district's official communication platform. It supports two-way communication through group messages, private conversations, and district-wide alerts. Download our app today!

C. Email Communication
Teacher and staff email addresses are listed on our school website. We encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns.

D. Social Media
Pioneer Elementary maintains both public and private Facebook pages. The private page is moderated by staff to ensure student privacy. We also invite you to follow our district's official Facebook account. You can also follow us at **@pioneerelementary_uc** for updates and highlights from our school community.

F. Parent Teacher Club (PTC)
Our PTC brings together families and staff to support school events and enrichment programs, such as Art Vista. We welcome your involvement!

G. Peachjar
Sign up for Peachjar to receive digital flyers with school and community announcements.

✅ Before the First Day of School

To ensure a smooth start to the year, please complete the following:

1. **Visit our website** at pioneer.mynhusd.org
2. **Log in to the Aeries Parent Portal** to view classroom assignments and update emergency contacts: https://newhavenusd.aeries.net
3. **Download the New Haven Unified Schools app**
4. **Sign up for Peachjar**

We hope you are enjoying a restful and enriching summer break. We encourage daily reading to support your child's literacy development and prepare for the year ahead.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We look forward to a successful and inspiring school year.

Warm regards,
Mr. Rodriguez