

2010-2011 Back-to-School Information

Work Parties *Help beautify the campuses and get them ready for the new school year...*

River Bend Campus

When: Saturday, August 7th from 8:00am – 11:00am

RSVP: To Sue at 325-5514 (more details to follow by email)

Presidio Campus

When: Saturday, August 14th from 8:00am – 11:00am

RSVP: To Sue at 325-5514 (more details to follow by email)

Back-to-School Social *A chance to meet, eat and socialize...*

When: Friday, August 20th from 5:30-7:00pm

Where: The River Bend Campus (3605 E. River Road)

This will be a great time to meet other Tucson Waldorf School families and socialize! Please bring a potluck dinner item with ingredients labeled (for those with food allergies) and a picnic blanket. Please be responsible for supervising your children. There will be administrative tables set up to collect your school forms, to check that we have all of your family information correct and to provide you with a new parent handbook. Also, all parents of newly enrolled children will need to sign up for an Essential Parent Orientation.

First Day of School, Wednesday August 25th

School begins promptly at 8:30 am: All students from both campuses will start the first day of school at the Presidio Campus for the Rose Ceremony from 8:30-9:00 am. This is an annual ceremony to welcome the first graders as they embark on their journey into the Grades. All parents are welcome! Students in grades 4-8 will then proceed to the River Bend campus to continue their day.

Food Allergies on Campus: Our school has a number of students who have severe food allergies. For this reason there are areas of campus that are designated as free of certain allergens. You will receive a letter before the beginning of school with information about specific food restrictions at both campuses.

Please bring Completed emergency cards and Early Childhood Extended day contract if you have not returned them already.

Schedule:

Early Childhood: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. M-F (see extended day sheet for afternoon options)

Grades 1-2: 8:30 a.m. - 2:10 p.m. M-F

Grades 3-8: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. M-F

(Grades 1-3: Early Dismissal Thursdays @ 1:20 p.m.)

Presidio Campus:

Parking: The Presidio Campus is located on a residential street and has limited parking so please use caution and be considerate of our neighbors when parking. For safety reasons the lot will be closed to through traffic during drop-off time between 8:15 - 8:45 am. Please park on the street and escort your child/children across the street. Parking in front of mailboxes (including the school mailbox) and trash cans is prohibited. If you use the parking lot, use only designated parking spaces. Please do not park parallel to the sidewalk or leave children unsupervised in your car.

Presidio Campus Cont.

Security Gate: The entrance to the Presidio Campus is now through the main gate only. Each parent will be given the access code during the first week of school which is to be used only by parents and guardians. Guests may press the call button to speak with office staff who can open the gate and register those guests with the office.

Signing in Your Children: All children must be signed in and out each day. There are separate sign-in areas for the Early Childhood Program and the Grades classes. When signing in and out, you must use your whole signature—no initials. If you are signing for more than one child, you must sign each line separately. This applies to siblings as well. If a child is scheduled to be picked up by someone other than that child's parent, their name must be included on the emergency card or written on the sign-up sheet. You may also notify the office by phone.

Early Childhood Before Care and Extended Day: See attached information sheet and contract.

Grades Before Care and Extended Day: Available for Grades 1-3

River Bend Campus:

Parking: Please use the parking lot on the northwest side of the property at all times. Parking on the street is only permitted for special events and overflow parking. The parking spaces in front of the classrooms are for handicap and faculty use only. **PARKING (EVEN TEMPORARY) ANYWHERE ELSE ON THE PROPERTY IS PROHIBITED.**

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures: Parents must use the outer right lane of the driveway (staying close to the white barricades) to pull forward and drop-off/pick-up students from their vehicle. Students must be dropped off and picked up at the designated drop-off/pick-up zone **ONE VEHICLE AT A TIME**. A greeter will be at the drop-off/pick-up zone to welcome the students and sign them in to the appropriate programs. Students must exit vehicles from the right, sign in for the day and for aftercare if applicable, and proceed to their classrooms behind the vehicle barricade. At the end of the school day students staying for aftercare must check in with the Aftercare Director; students who are being picked up will be released by the teacher to their parent. Students must be picked up at the designated drop-off/pick-up zone.

If parents need to exit the vehicle for any reason, or students are not immediately prepared to exit the vehicle at drop-off (or enter the vehicle at pick-up), parents must pull forward and park in the parking lot. The drive through lane must continually move forward for your child's safety. *Please! No cell phone use permitted while driving anywhere on campus, even hands-free cell phones.*

River Bend Before Care: Before care will be offered from 8:00am to 8:20am every morning. Parents will be responsible for their students before 8:00am and until they are signed in to before care by the greeter.

River Bend Extended Day: Basic aftercare will be provided in addition to specialized extra-curricular after school programs. These will include music and art programs.

School Communication

- **Friday Flyer:** A monthly electronic newsletter informing the community of upcoming events and important school news. This is a primary method of communication.
- **Weekly Events Calendars:** There will be weekly events calendars posted at each campus and sent by email to all families.
- **Family and Classroom Folders:** Folders are located by the sign-in sheets at the Presidio Campus and in the classrooms at the River Bend Campus.
- **Email :** The administration will send out email updates from time to time.
- **Sonoran Sun:** A quarterly newsletter for the extended TWS community.
- **All School Directory:** This will be given to families during the second week of school.
- **Parent Handbook:** All families will receive a new parent handbook at the Back-to-School Social. This is a reference guide to the policies of the school.
- **Website:** www.tucsonwaldorf.org.