

July 2019

Greetings Shumway Families;

I trust you are enjoying some family time over the summer and look forward to hearing all about your adventures when the students return on July 23rd. I am honored to have the opportunity to partner with you and the Shumway staff for the 2019-2020 school year. I have spent the past thirteen years as principal of an elementary school and am eager to begin my seven year in Chandler with the Shumway community.

It is with great excitement and high expectations that the Shumway staff and I welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year. I am looking forward to seeing each of you when school starts on Tuesday, July 23rd.

Mark your calendars for our **Back to School Kick-Off Thursday, July 18th**. This is a fantastic opportunity for you and your child to meet his/her teacher, join PTO, purchase school shirts, check bus routes, put money on lunch accounts and meet new friends. School representatives will also be available to answer questions regarding transportation and our before and after school programs.

Communication between home and school is vital. For this reason, we utilize Infinite Campus to send frequent newsletters, updates and reminders electronically. *If this is something you would like to ensure you are a part of, please make sure your child's teacher has an updated e-mail address for you throughout the year and/or update your email address in the Infinite Campus system if it changes.* Once school starts, please watch for these newsletters and updates – they contain important dates as well as school and district information. All newsletters are also posted on our website at www.chandler.k12.az.us and can be accessed by clicking on the "Select a School" link at the top and then selecting Shumway Leadership Academy.

Additionally, Chandler Unified School District has gone paperless. Progress reports and report cards can be printed from the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. Each parent is encouraged to activate their account at the start of the school year to ensure they are well informed of student progress. Portal accounts will allow parents to check their child's academic progress at any time during the school year. Please visit http://www.tinyurl.com/cusdportal to set up your parent portal account.

Please take a few moments to read through all of the items in this back to school packet. You will find valuable information and important school dates.

Class lists will be sent by email and posted in the front office window after 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16th. Please stop by at your convenience to see which class your child has been assigned to for the 2019-2020 school year. Lists will remain posted throughout our Back to School Kick-Off night.

I hope to see all of you at our Back to School Kick-Off and look forward to an exciting 2019-2020 school year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Korry Brenner, Principal

THE SCHOOL DAY



School hours are from 8:10 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.Breakfast is served in the cafeteria from 7:40 a.m. - 8:05 a.m.

Students should not be on campus prior to 7:40 a.m., as there is no supervision on school grounds until this time. As students arrive on campus they are to report directly to their classrooms or to the cafeteria for breakfast. At the end of the day, students should leave the grounds immediately after dismissal unless they are taking part in an organized after-school activity.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is a most important factor in the establishment of a good scholastic record. Work missed through absences is difficult to make up. There is no substitute for the actual participation in the daily classroom, discussion and work. Regular attendance is a necessity for two reasons: (1) it is required by state law; (2) it is essential to success, enjoyment and achievement in schoolwork. Irregular attendance may lead to a loss of interest in school, poor and careless study habits, a lack of achievement and possible failure.

Please help your child have an excellent experience at Shumway by having them attend regularly and <u>be in their classroom</u> when the second bell rings at 8:10am.

Absences:

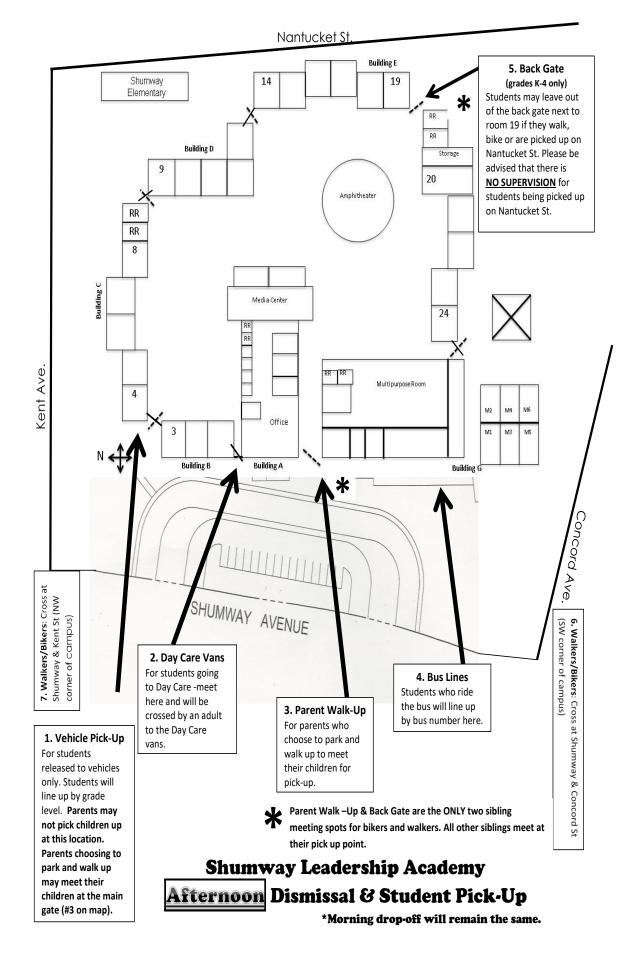
- Students who are not in school 90% (18 absences) of the school days may be retained. Documentation and successful completion of the grade level is required before a student will be considered for promotion. Students who are not in school (90%) of the school days in which they have been enrolled may be reported to the county as truant. The complete attendance policy is available in the school office.
- All students should be in class every day unless they are ill. It is very important that the school be notified as soon as possible if a student will be absent. If the school is not called by nine in the morning, a call will be made to the student's parent/guardian.
- If notification is not received, the student will be given an unexcused absence. The student must then present a note to the school attendance clerk stating the date and reason for the absence and signed by the parent/guardian.
- Parents/guardians are urged to schedule doctor, dentist and other appointments for students at times outside the school day. This will reinforce the importance of school and will prevent the student from getting behind in his/her work.

Late Arrival (Tardy):

• If a student is late arriving (after the tardy bell), he/she must report to the office before going to the classroom. The student will be given an admit slip to take to the classroom teacher. Parents/guardians should notify the school office when a child will be late. Tardies will affect perfect attendance.

Signing Students Out:

• For the safety and protection of the child, a student will only be released from the classroom before the regular dismissal time when the parent/guardian comes to the office and signs the child out. Students will only be released to persons authorized by the parent/guardian. For a student to be released to anyone other than the parent/guardian, the school will require specific written authorization from the parent/guardian.



Shumway Leadership Academy Before & After School Drop-Off & Pick-up Procedures

As you may know, drop-off and pick-up times at Shumway are busy with parents driving vehicles, pedestrians, students riding bikes, and school busses. Please help ensure the safety of all students, parents, and staff by following these procedures and obeying school zone speed limits and signs.

BUS TURNAROUND (south of the school)

The bus turnaround is utilized for drop off and pick up of students before and after school. This area is monitored by staff members before and after school. Parent vehicles are not permitted in the public school bus zone, and blocking access to its driveway is prohibited.

DROP OFF/PICK UP "LOOP"

This loop is designated to make it easier to drop off students in the morning and to pick up students in the afternoon. When using this loop PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE. Do not park your car or leave your vehicle to go to the office, meet with teachers, walk your child to class, or find your child after school. Do not wait in the west side of the Loop where there is parking. Private school busses use this area to pick up students for after school care. Drop Off/Pick Up Lane (right hand lane) – Students must exit the vehicle from this curbside lane. Parents – please do not exit your vehicle to assist your child in getting out of the car.

Drive Thru Lane (left hand lane) – This lane is utilized to drive off after your child has been dropped off, or picked up. Do not let your child enter or exit the vehicle from this lane. (We will provide a BRIGHT COLORED sign to display in your front dashboard during pick up in the afternoon to help identify cars and make this process move smoothly. Please write your child's first or last name and grade level on the sign and place in your front window-passenger side.)

PARKING

Parents who want to park and meet their child on school property are not permitted to park in the **Drop Off/Pickup Loop** or **Bus Turnaround**. The south parking lot on Shumway Avenue is accessible to parents, as well as street parking in the surrounding neighborhood (Kent, Nantucket, Orchid, & Concord). Please do not block or park in private driveways.

WALKING/BIKES

Students in grades 2-6 may walk or ride their bikes without a grown up. Those who walk or ride bikes to school will need to utilize the sidewalks and crosswalks around the school. Students are required to walk their bikes on school property.

Kindergarten and 1st grade teachers walk all students to the front of the school. Students not picked up by 2:50 pm are escorted to the office for safety. Grades 2-6 are dismissed from their classroom. Please determine a designated meeting place to pick up your student.