



TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GRIDLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
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Dear Gridley Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I hope your summer was exciting and fun! It is always a joy to be able to spend time in the summer (even a short summer) with your family and friends. I want to WELCOME all new students and families to Gridley! It is a great place to be! I know the students are getting ready for their return to school and we are preparing for their return as well. ☺

Here are a few reminders:

- 1. School starts @ 8:25 a.m.**
 - a. Supervision will be provided on campus at 7:30 a.m. Please remember that your child should not be on campus before 7:30 a.m. for safety reasons.
- 2. School dismissal is at 3:30 p.m. (Mon, Tue, Thurs., Fri.) and at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday.**

It is very important that your students are on time each day. Tardiness is not acceptable and has a negative impact on their learning. All tardy students must sign in at the front office and receive a tardy admit slip to class. Parents need to accompany their child into the building to sign them in for security purposes. If your child will be absent, please call Ms. Lorena Ramirez, the attendance tech. at 731-4602.

Safety is always a priority at Gridley Middle School. Therefore, all doors to the school and perimeter gates will be locked during the school day. Please remember to use the appropriate drop off and pick up areas located at the South parking lot (off of Stefan Rd.). There are two lanes of traffic. The inner lane is for pick up/drop off and the outer lane is for exiting the area. Please remind students to use the marked crosswalk areas.

We also ask that you pay attention to all our designated parking and no parking area signs. We ask that you stay in your vehicle during drop off/ pick up times for safety of the students and effective traffic flow. Please do not park across the street from the school on Stefan. Parking there makes it difficult for our buses to move into and out of our bus bay. It is also designated as a "No Parking" zone. At dismissal, all students will be escorted to their designated pick-up area (South parking lot).

Gridley Middle School teachers and staff are committed to providing the best education for your students. We need your involvement, ideas, and support. Feel free to call me at 731-4600 or email me at Rosanna.Ortiz-Montoya@tusd1.org You can stay informed about our school and upcoming events by visiting our website at GridleyMS@tusd1.org

The front office IS OPEN for registration and transportation information. Please check our website for updated information and basic school supply lists. You can find our teacher information posted there as well.

See you bright and early on the first day of school, Thursday, August **3rd**!

Sincerely,
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Please make note of the following dates:

★ July 28th – “6th GRADE CAMP”, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Parent meeting from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

August 7th – 1st SEASON SPORTS: **2023/2024 Sports Physical** forms are available in the office or online at <http://central.tusd1.org/sports> . If your child would like to try out and participate in any sport, he/she **MUST** have a cleared physical signed by a physician, dated **after March 1, 2023**. The first sports season are Boys and Girls Cross Country, Boys’ Basketball and Girls’ Volleyball.

August 15th - “GRIDLEY OPEN HOUSE” 6th GRADE ONLY 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

★ August 17th - “GRIDLEY OPEN HOUSE” 7th / 8th GRADE ONLY 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

(Dates should not change unless an unforeseen/unknown conflict arises)

August 18th – Picture Day All students will be photographed. Information for purchase will be sent home.

Below is a Basic Back to School Supply List.

6th – 8th Basic School Supply List:

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| 1 backpack (large enough to carry supplies and laptop, labeled) | |
| 7 – 2 pocket folders (a different color for each class period plus extras) | |
| 7 – composition notebooks | 2 – 1-inch binders |
| 1 box of Sharpened no.2 pencils | Blue or Black pens |
| 1 pk of college rule loose-leaf paper | 1 box of colored pencils |
| 1 pk of colored markers (thin) | 1 pk of highlighters |
| 1 pair of student scissors | Reusable water bottle (labeled) |

Donations are accepted in the office for any of the following: Hand sanitizer, hand soap, disinfecting wipes, facial tissue (Kleenex), Ziplock bags (sandwich, quart, gallon), any new school supplies or backpacks.

Office hours: 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM