



## George Peabody Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that your family had a wonderful summer and are as excited as I am about the upcoming 2008-2009 school year! As your child's principal at George Peabody E.S., I look forward to seeing you and your child and welcoming our new families to the George Peabody community.

Our first day of school is Monday, August 25th. Your child has been assigned to room

# \_\_\_\_\_. The teacher for this class is \_\_\_\_\_.

The school day begins at 8:40 am and ends at 2:40 pm. Schoolyard supervision begins at 8:20 am. Please do not bring your child to school before 8:20 am unless you are able to stay and supervise them until a staff member begins morning yard duty. If you use a car to travel to and from school please drop off and pick up on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Please respect the bus-loading zone area and drop off north of the zone. Do not leave your car unattended if you double park. We want to remain on good terms with the neighbors.

The teachers would like to have the after school plans for your child in writing. Please include whether he/she will they ride the school bus, get picked up by an adult (provide the names of all adults with permission) or stay for the after school program. Adults picking up students should plan to arrive 5 minutes early so that students see a familiar face when they exit the classroom. Please have your child bring the written plan on the first day of school.

Included in this mailing is a lunch application. Please complete this and return it on the first day of school. We ask that all families complete the application. Those not interested in participating in the free or reduced lunch program should fill in the child's name, school, sign and write "not interested" on the application. For those applying for a free or reduced lunch please use BLACK INK and UPPER CASE LETTERS. Applications are available in the main office in Chinese and Spanish. The cost of lunch is \$2. Students' eligibility will remain the same as last year though September. Only one application per family is needed.

We will continue to send home an envelope every Wednesday with information for you. Please take the time to read through this information. There will be many forms to complete and papers to read during the first few weeks of school. If you are unsure about the contents of a notice, feel free to call the school, ask your

child's teacher or another parent in our community. Students are required to return the envelope with a parent signature on Thursdays.

Under the leadership of our school superintendent, Carlos Garcia, the District has created a new Strategic Plan. The three goals of the plan are: **Access and Equity, Student Achievement and Accountability**. All schools and district departments are going to develop a scorecard to evaluate how well they are performing in these three areas. As members of our school community your input and participation in the development of the George Peabody Scorecard is encouraged. Much more information about this will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

I am proud of what we accomplished last year at George Peabody. I look forward to building on our successes and adding to them during the 2008/2009 academic year. I feel very fortunate to be starting my fourth year here at George Peabody. We are a terrific school with wonderful, skilled and committed teachers; we have supportive and involved parents/guardians; and our students are kind and happy children.

Again, I truly look forward to working with all of you. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me: 750-8480 or [wvroegh@gmail.com](mailto:wvroegh@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Willem Vroegh

PS-Students who received a summer econnection workbook should turn that in on the first day of school.