



George Peabody Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the upcoming 2008-2009 school year! As your child's principal at George Peabody E.S., I look forward to meeting you and your children. We are excited to have you join the George Peabody E.S. community. I assure you that your child's learning development, safety and academic success are my top priorities. I feel very fortunate to work 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.

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

_____. The teacher for this class is Ms. _____.

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 him/her 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 7th 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 kindergarten 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. We will also ask you to complete an emergency card by 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 or at Saturday's orientation. 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. Unfortunately, for families new to SFUSD, until your application is turned in and processed you must pay for your child's meals.

On Saturday August 23rd we will have a kindergarten orientation/social for our new students and parents. It begins at 10:00 am and will end at 12:00 pm. A light breakfast will be served. This will be an opportunity for the students to see their classrooms, meet their teacher, practice the first day procedure and begin making friends. I have invited a number of current Peabody parents to be there as well to help answer the numerous questions I am sure you have. Please RSVP to the main office by Thursday August 21st.

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 that will be used 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.

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

Sincerely,

Willem Vroegh
Principal