



ZEPHYR COVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Back-to-school time is nearly upon us, and the faculty and staff of Zephyr Cove Elementary (ZCES) wish a warm welcome or welcome back to all. We missed you!

START-UP DATES & TIMES

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Wed, August 17, 2011

School Hours

1 st -6 th grades	8:50 am – 3:10 pm
Kindergarten	8:50 am – 11:35 am
Preschool.....	12:50 pm – 3:05 pm

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (1ST-6TH GRADES) Tues, Aug 30, 2011

Pizza provided by the Parent-Teacher Club.....	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Meet the Teachers / See the Classrooms.....	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

OFFICE STAFF RETURNS Mon, August 8, 2011

Office Hours M-F, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

KAHLE COMMUNITY CENTER CLOSEDWed, Aug. 24 – Sun, Aug 28

No after-school childcare available these days (Kids Club or KinderKids)

Before-school care will still be provided.



Mighty Cubs  Mighty Excellent

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION & OTHER “KINDER” INFO.

**Wed, August 17, 2011
8:50 am - 11:35 am; Room 1**

Parents/Guardians, you’re invited—and encouraged!—to visit your child’s classroom on the first day of school to meet the Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Konnie Susich. Ms. Susich will meet with parents and students to introduce you to Kindergarten ZCES-style! Shortly after the school day has begun, faculty specialists will take the students on a tour of the campus while parents/guardians continue visiting with Ms. Susich.

We anticipate that Orientation will end at about 10:30 am. Students are dismissed at 11:35 am.

NOTE! There is no mid-day school bus service, so be sure to let Ms. Susich know what arrangements you’ve made for your child’s after-school transportation.

~ OTHER KINDERGARTEN NEWS ~

After-School Childcare for Kindergarten students *may be available*: Kahle Community Center may provide onsite after-school child care for Kindergarteners if (and only if) enough children enroll in the program.

Call right away at (775) 586-7271 to let them know whether you’re interested and to get pricing and more information.

If you enroll your student (and the program is offered), then your child may:

- purchase a **cafeteria lunch** (or bring one from home). See “School Lunch” on p. 4.
- **ride the School Bus home** at 3:10 pm when the older students are dismissed. See “School Bus Transportation” on p. 4.

NOTE! Students may not attend KinderKids on days they are absent from school.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

State law prohibits students from attending school until ***all*** registration requirements are fulfilled. This means that the school has received a fully completed registration packet and children have all required immunizations.

Call the school office with any questions on or after Monday, August 8th and *before* the first day of school at (775) 588-4574.

NOTE! Nevada schools require two more immunizations than California, *Hepatitis A* and *Varicella*. The school nurse reviews and approves immunization records before students may begin.



IT'S URGENT! EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergency Contact Update forms are sent home the first week of school. Please fill them out and return even if you've recently done so—we know it's a hassle, but it's extremely important that the school has current contact and transportation information on file.

Emergencies arise, phone numbers change, families move. Be sure someone is *always* available for your child!

FRIDAY FOLDERS IT'S HOW WE CONNECT WITH YOU!

Each Friday your student should bring home a “Friday Folder” which contains information you need:

- The week's schoolwork
- Notices & flyers of upcoming events
- Policy changes
- Requests for information
- *The Bear Facts* (weekly schedules and events)
- *The Cubby News* (monthly newsletter which includes the next month's cafeteria menu and updated calendar)
- Parent-Teacher Club events, information, & updates

The first week of school we send home a whole *lot* of paperwork from the school, the District, and the State of Nevada (our apologies, but it's required!):

- District policies
- State laws, including school attendance requirements
- State Honor and Education Involvement Codes
- School rules (which parents and students are expected to know!)
- School Bus & Snow Day Information
- Health Information Update forms
- Emergency Contact Update forms

Please review all materials, respond as necessary, and return the folders each Monday with your student(s). It's information you and your students can use!

EMAIL FLYERS: We can also email newsletters and notices to you. Call Lead Secretary Barbara Truman at 588-4574 or email your request to btruman@dcsd.k12.nv.us.

NOTE! Not all Friday Folder materials can be sent via email, so you still need to review them each week.

Know what's goin' on! Check the Friday Folders!



SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

“IF THEY TAKE THE BUS, THEY CAN’T BE LATE!”

- Children should be at their bus stop at least ten (10) minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- If the bus arrives early, the driver waits at the stop until the time listed on the bus schedule.
- The 2011/12 Bus Schedule and a Bus Permission Form are enclosed. Please fill out the form completely, being sure to include *both* the route and stop names. ***Please return the completed Bus Permission form with your child on the first day of school.***
 - **Note!** ZCES bus routes & stops are named, not numbered. **Route names** are “Upper Kingsbury (UK); Lower Kingsbury (LK); Kahle/Market/Lake Village (KK); and Glenbrook/Skyland/Round Hill (GSRH).”
 - **Important! Morning and afternoon stops may be on different routes.** For example, the morning stop at Michelle Drive is on the Kahle route, but in the afternoon it’s on the Upper Kingsbury route. Same stop, different route. Check the schedules carefully!
- Information about route changes or school closures for “snow days” is included in the first week’s Friday Folder.
- Mr. Ron Christino, Lake Transportation Coordinator, can answer any questions about school bus transportation. Call him at (775) 588-1650.

SCHOOL LUNCH

1ST—6TH GRADES*

The lunch menu is included in the monthly newsletters and online at www.dcsd.k12.nv.us (click “Nutrition Services” on the left-hand side of the page).

🐾 Lunch \$2.50 (includes one beverage)

🐾 Milk 50¢

🐾 Snacks start at 50¢

Snacks are available as a privilege for 3rd–6th graders a couple times a week. You may request that your child not use lunch funds to buy snacks.

Be sure to keep your student’s lunch fund “stocked,” the District cannot extend credit for meals. You may prepay for any number of meals or, of course, students may bring a lunch and snacks from home.

Lunch is served every school day, including minimum days.

FREE OR REDUCED-COST MEALS: Applications for free or reduced-cost school lunches are sent home during the first week of school and are also available in the office. Eligibility depends on family income and is determined by the District’s School Nutrition Program. Participation in this program is strictly confidential.

Families must reapply for this program every year. Call the School Nutrition Program at (775) 782-7613 for more information.

* **Remember!** Kindergarteners may only purchase a cafeteria lunch if they attend KinderKids.



KIDS CLUB & KINDERKIDS
KAHLE COMMUNITY CENTER PROVIDES ONSITE
AFTER-SCHOOL CHILD CARE

The Kahle Community Center offers after-school childcare on the ZCES campus through their “Kids Club” and “KinderKids” programs. Call Kahle at (775) 586-7271 for pricing and more information.

Students are not permitted to attend Kids Club or KinderKids on days they are absent from school.

NOTE! As explained on p. 2, above, Kahle will only offer KinderKids if enough children are enrolled. Call Kahle now to let them know you’re interested!

Remember! Kahle Community Center will be closed August 24th—28th (Wed-Sun), and *after*-school childcare will not be available on those days (Kids Club or KinderKids).

ZCES PARENT-TEACHER CLUB
GET INVOLVED!

A Parent-Teacher Club information packet is sent home the first week of school. Become a room parent! Volunteer to work on one (or all!) of the many events, activities, and fundraisers. Members can always use a hand, and your kids *love* to see you in the classroom and at school events

IT’S A SECURITY THING!
SIGN-IN/OUT AT OFFICE

For security/safety reasons, whenever you visit ZCES during regular school hours, you must **sign in** at the main office upon arrival and **sign out** as you leave.

Visitors also need to **wear a visitor’s tag** while on campus so school personnel know that you’ve checked in at the office.

CUDDIES RULE!
FUN STUFF

- 🐾 **School Colors:** Red & White
- 🐾 **School Mascot:** Bear Cub (see him at the bottom of the page). ZCES students are “Cubs” or “Cubbies.” We even have a live mascot who usually greets the students each morning!
- 🐾 **School Motto:** “Expecting the Best.”
- 🐾 Fridays are “**School Spirit Days.**” Everyone is encouraged to wear the school colors and/or logo wear (logo wear is available for purchase from the Parent-Teacher Club).



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If you have any questions, concerns, or need more information, please call the school at (775) 588-4574.

We're very much looking forward to seeing you on the 17th!

Sincerely,

Nancy Cauley, Ed.S.
Principal

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Enclosures:

- School Bus Schedule
- Bus Permission Slip –**Fill out and send with your student on the *FIRST* day of school**
- DCSD School Calendar
- Save the Dates