

## **Principal's News:**

Dear Ararat Charter School Families,

On behalf of Ararat Charter School, I want to welcome all returning and new parents to the 2016-2017 school year! We are confident that with your support, our students will continue to thrive. It is imperative that students be present and on time as the first few weeks of school are dedicated to establishing classroom expectations and school procedures. We encourage you to continue to have your children read on a daily basis. It's important for students to visit the local library in order to promote their reading literacy. Another way to support your child's literacy is by visiting a local bookstore and purchasing books of his/her interest. In addition, we want to focus on making connections to reading in real life settings. We look forward to working with you in order to strengthen our partnership in preparing our students to be successful in school and life. Please check your child's folder for important weekly communications in order to be informed about events happening in our school.

Students who are determined by the school to be English Learners will be taking the CELDT (California English Language Development Test) from August 29 thru September 23. This test is administered in order to determine a student's language proficiency in English. There will be additional communication going home that will explain more about our upcoming CELDT administration. In addition, students whose primary language is not English will be taking the BINL (Basic Inventory of Natural Languages) test. The purpose of this test is to measure a child's language proficiency in their primary language.

The Los Angeles Unified School District provides food services for Ararat Charter School. Please apply directly through the LAUSD website below in order to find out if your child is eligible for food services. If it is determined that your child is not eligible for food services, parents must pre-pay in order for their child to receive cafeteria food. You may pre-pay by visiting the school and paying the LAUSD café manager directly in the cafeteria.

<http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/852>

We are excited to start the new school year and look forward to seeing you this year.

## **Meal Applications for Food Services**

If you have not submitted your meal application for your child's recess snack and lunch, please do so by visiting the following website. It's important that you complete your application as soon as possible in order to avoid any processing delays.

<https://www.applyforlunch.com/Home/PickDistrict>



## Attendance Matters!

### Boost attendance with regular routines

Whether your child is in kindergarten or high school, routines make life easier for everyone! Following routines will build good habits and help your child get to school every day-on time and ready to learn.

#### Morning

The better prepared you are in the morning, the less likely your child will be to run late, miss the bus or (worst-case scenario) miss school altogether. Keep morning hassle-free and your child's attendance record spotless, by having your child:

- **Wake up at the same time each day.** Have your child use an alarm clock that plays soothing music. No one likes to be awakened by a loud annoying alarm!
- **Get dressed,** brush teeth and make bed.
- **Eat a healthy breakfast.**
- **Grab the backpack,** lunch and head out the door.

#### After School

Unfinished homework or forgotten permission slips may cause for your child not to want to go to school the next day. Avoid these pitfalls with an after-school routine. Have your child:

- **Empty his backpack** and show you all important papers.
- **Unwind and eat a healthy snack.**
- **Complete homework,** if any. Or read for certain amount of time.

- **Relax with some free time.** Encourage outdoor play and exercise. Limit television viewing. Your child can also use this free time to catch up with friends and just chill out!

#### Bedtime

Fine-tuning your child's bedtime routine is one of the most effective ways to make sure your child is ready for school the next day. Have your child:

- **Place all items** that go to school in the same place each night.
- **Check the lunch menu.** Make lunch, if necessary, and put it in the refrigerator.
- **Pick out clothes** for the next day.
- **Get ready for bed.** Wash face, brush teeth and put on pj's. Consider bathing at night instead of in the morning.
- **Read in bed.** Kids need to unplug before lights-out. That means no TV, loud music or computer in the hour leading up to bedtime.
- **Get enough sleep.** Most elementary school kids need between NINE and 11 hours each night. High schoolers need between **NINE** and 10 hours.



## August / September 2016

August 29 – September 23, 2016	CELDT Testing – Campus 1 & 2
September 5, 2016	Labor Day – <b>No School for Students</b>
September 6 – 9, 2016	Book Fair – Only at Campus 1
September 8, 2016	Minimum Day – Dismissal @ 1:35pm Back-To-School Night – Campus 1 & 2 Session 1: 5:00 – 5:30pm Session 2: 5:50 – 6:20pm
September 12 – 23, 2016	BINL Testing
September 17, 2016	Governing Board Meeting
September 20, 2016	Big Smile Dental Visit – Campus 1&2
September 28, 2016	Award Assembly – Campus 1&2



## LAUSD Parent Trainings:

For more information call (800) 933-8133 or (213) 481-3350  
Go to: <http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/643> for LAUSD Parent Training Schedule.

## Reminders:

### SCHOOL HOURS

School begins at **7:50am** and ends at **3:00pm** sharp. Please make sure that students are at school on time as class instruction begins promptly. Late arrivals disrupt class instruction.

### STUDENT LATE ARRIVAL

Parents must walk tardy children into the school’s office and sign them in.

### DISMISSAL/VALET

The safety of our students is our first priority. Please adhere to the school speed limit and DO NOT block drive-ways. Traffic safety officers will be patrolling as a result of high number of violations.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Ararat white polo shirt – short/long sleeve
- Fridays’ spirit wear - Ararat blue T-shirt – short/long sleeve
- Navy blue pants/shorts/skorts / Ararat Hoodie / Ararat Caps only
- Avoid sending students with short skorts. Skorts should be slightly above the knees

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