



# Weekly Announcements

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**What a great week back at school! It is so good to see all of the students and families. If you are new to Sedalia Elementary, Weekly Announcements are sent out weekly and have information about what is going on at Sedalia Elementary.**

**Now that we are back in the swing of things, please read the following reminders and of the policy and procedures that are put in place here at Sedalia Elementary:**

- ★ We ask that all parents and guests to check in at the office and have your license scanned and receive a visitor sticker/Raptor Security System sticker prior to going into the body of the school.
- ★ The beginning of our school day is a time where staff is finishing meetings, preparing the final touches to the classroom or a lesson, or simply taking that last relaxing breath before students come in for the day. Having parents show up unexpectedly can stall these precious few moments before school which can lead to losing time with students later on in the day. If you need to talk with your child's teacher, please either make arrangements to meet with them so they know you are coming or leave a message for them in the office. Office staff will relay your message. Students are not allowed in the school or on school property without supervision before 8:55 AM.
- ★ Some parents come in to help their kids hang up backpacks, coats, and get them started with their days. While this is done with the best intentions, it creates an interdependence on adults that hinders kids' development of independence. Please trust that our teachers have developed systems, routines, and expectations to help students complete all these tasks on their own and teachers support students as needed.
- ★ The end of the school day is where teachers and students are summing up the day's work, packing up, cleaning up, among dozens of other last minute tasks. Teachers have established their ending routines with students in mind. Protecting this time is as important at the end of the day as it is at the beginning. Our policy is that students are not pulled out of class after 3:45.
- ★ If you have a change during the day with student pick up, ex. ride the bus instead of pick up, etc. you can call the office and we can give your student an "End of the Day" message that will be delivered to them (or their teacher) after 3:45 PM. Do not leave a message if there is a change of plans for that day, call back until you speak to someone directly.
- ★ Make sure your student(s) teacher knows the how your student is going home. If you are picking your student up and you are not here at 4:00 PM or by the time the buses leave and we have not heard from you or the person picking up your student, they will be placed on the bus that coincides with what district transportation has provided. Thank you for promptly picking your students up at 4:00 PM. Staff often has meetings and activities that they need to attend and we are unable to watch students.





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- ★ Our goal every year is to limit the amount of absences, tardies and early leaves as much as possible. Please be aware that valuable learning time is missed when your student is late or is pulled out early.

We appreciate your support in keeping our school safe, allowing staff to prepare, and allowing students to develop routines and independence!

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**We have parents that need to complete Express Check In. Please do so as soon as possible!**

**EXPRESS CHECK IN** – This is the most important task that needs to be completed by **EVERY** parent/guardian **EVERY** year. Use your Parent Portal username and password to sign on. If you need to set up an account or need a password reset, please email <mailto:glowry@dcsdk12.org>.

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**Click here to complete a Free and Reduced application. Breakfast and lunches are free this school year, however, transportation fees and other school fees will be waived.**

**Do I need to fill out a Free and Reduced Application?**

YES! While all Meals are now considered free, we still highly encourage you to fill out a Free and Reduced Application. Applications benefits include:

- More Funding for Your School
- Free/Reduced School Fees
  - Athletics
  - Transportation
  - Field Trips
  - AP Fees
- P-EBT
- More Summer Feeding Locations  
\*if approved

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## **ATTENTION 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders!! Band & Orchestra Information**

Hello, Sedalia 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Families!

Hope you're all doing well and had a good Summer.

I wanted to let you know your children have the opportunity to participate in Band and Orchestra classes this year as an extra-curricular activity through our Colorado Chamber Orchestra program, CVEIM.

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So good for them to learn an instrument, and while it takes some effort, it can be a lot of fun too.  
Both Band and Orchestra will be taught by your very own Ms. Walker!

Beginning Band: Wednesdays & Fridays, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.  
Intermediate Band: Wednesdays & Fridays, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
Classes start Sept. 6.

Beginning Orchestra: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.  
Class starts Sept. 5.

So much information available on our website: [www.cveim.org](http://www.cveim.org)

Also, note we will be having a **Meet the Teacher/Rent an Instrument Event Wednesday, Aug. 30, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**, right here at Sedalia Elementary!

The Meet the Teacher/Rent and Instrument Event is a good opportunity to ask questions and rent an instrument, if you're ready, right at your school. We're trying to make it easier for busy parents by doing this. :)

Can't attend the Event or decide later you're interested? No worries, our website has teacher emails so you can ask questions, and links for renting an instrument online.

Useful to know: We do have some Scholarship funds available and there is an application on the website.

Thank you!

Hope it's a good year for your children!

Sincerely,  
Debbie Davidson-Stanfill  
Director, Elementary Band and Orchestra Programs  
Colorado Chamber Orchestra  
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A huge thank you to all of our AMAZING families that have purchased items from our list! It's greatly appreciated!



**Sedalia Elementary Amazon Wish List** – Sedalia Elementary PTO has set up a wish list of needs at Sedalia. If you would like to contribute, click below:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AQ36MT31N626?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AQ36MT31N626?ref=wl_share)

Send this link to friends and family!

