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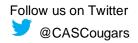


Student/Parent Handbook

2018-2019

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California Avenue School

NATIONAL SCHOOL OF CHARACTER

WHERE TEACHING AND LEARNING COME FIRST

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year at California Avenue School. The entire staff joins me in saying that we are happy to have you as part of the California Avenue family. We anticipate that this will be a successful and satisfying year for you and your child.

We are dedicated to providing each child with the best educational experiences and opportunities possible. We realize the importance of fostering self-esteem, good character, and academic excellence in each child. Parents are our partners in this mission.

This handbook will provide you with a wealth of information about California Avenue School. There are many policies, regulations, and services discussed in these pages. Collaboration between the home and school is essential to promote the best interests of every student. We encourage you to communicate regularly with your child's teacher, and to attend scheduled meetings and activities. Information regarding school activities and events can be found on our website: *cas.uniondaleschools.org.*

Please review the information provided in this handbook with your child and **return the tear-off below to your child's teacher.** We look forward to a terrific school year for one and all at California Avenue School!

Educationally yours,

| Bryan Bruno Principal | Dr. Samantha Lacy Assistant Principal | | | |
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| I have received the California Avenue School 2018-2019 Student/Parent Handbook. | | | | |
| I have reviewed the information with | my child. | | | |
| Child's Name | Teacher | | | |
| Parent/Guardian's Name | | | | |
| Parent/Guardian's Signature | | _ Date | | |



SCHOOL HOURS

Kindergarten through Fifth Grade:

8:40 a.m.- 3:25 p.m.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND STUDENTS TO SCHOOL BEFORE 8:00 A.M.

Supervision cannot be provided at this time. Students will not be permitted in the building prior to 8:00 a.m. unless they are attending a club activity or extra-help. Students coming to school early for extra-help or clubs **MUST** have a pass from the teacher or club sponsor to enter the building. We ask your cooperation in this matter to insure the safety and well-being of your children.

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP NO LATER THAN 3:25 P.M.

Please make the appropriate arrangements to pick up your child at this time. Parents who pick up their children at the close of the school day are requested to remain to the side of the exit doors, thus allowing enough clearance for an orderly exit from the building. Parents and/or students will not be permitted to access teachers' classrooms after hours to retrieve forgotten items. Please remind your child to bring home everything he or she needs for the evening. **Supervision of students will not be provided after dismissal time.**

"No School" Signals

When schools must be closed because of weather conditions, residents will be notified by the long siren sounded at various Fire Houses throughout the District at 7:00 a.m. In addition, announcements of the closing of the District's schools will be made between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on radio stations WHLI 1100 AM and WTHE 1520 AM, on Cablevision Channel 12, and online at the Uniondale School District website at uniondaleschools.org or at cancellations.com. Also, call 560-8800 for emergency school closings. Finally, a district wide electronic phone call will be sent in the event of school closing.

Code of Conduct/Classroom Discipline

The Uniondale Union Free School District has adopted a Code of Conduct for all students attending the Uniondale Public Schools that is mailed to students' homes. Both students and parents must sign a document stating that they have read and reviewed the summary of Uniondale Union Free School District's Code of Conduct and return it to their teacher. This signed document is to be placed in the student's cumulative file.

Excellence can be achieved and maintained most effectively in an environment that is quiet, safe, and orderly. To promote this environment, we have written rules of expected behavior and posted them in each room. Your child's teacher will send home the classroom rules and assertive discipline plan for you to review with your child. Copies of each teacher's plan is kept on file in the Main Office and updated annually.

Notice of Non-Discrimination

The Uniondale Union Free School District does not discriminate on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived race, color, religion, religious practice, national origin, ethnic group, sex (including sexual harassment and sexual violence), gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, age, marital status, military status, veteran status, disability, weight or any other basis prohibited by New York state and/or federal non-discrimination laws in its programs and activities. Inquiries regarding the district's non-discrimination policies should be directed to:

Office of Human Resources Uniondale UFSD 933 Goodrich St. Uniondale, NY 11553 hrcomplianceofficer@uniondaleschools.org

MORNING PROCEDURES

Breakfast

8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. in the GP Room/cafeteria

Students are permitted to eat breakfast and then line up in the designated area with their class. Breakfast is free. Students must arrive by 8:20 a.m. to eat breakfast.

Morning Line-Up

Children in grades 2-5 will enter the school through the red doors next to the faculty parking lot and line up in their designated areas outlined below. Children in grades K and 1 will enter through the main entrance. Unauthorized vehicles will not be allowed into the parking lot at any time. To insure student safety, parents are not permitted to drop off students in the parking lot.

Children will not be allowed to enter before 8:00 a.m. unless they have a pass for a morning activity.

Upon entering the line-up areas, all children are expected to have an appropriate book or magazine to read. This is not recess or social time. Students who come to school early are expected to engage in quiet reading.

Students demonstrating inappropriate behaviors during line-up may receive a yellow or red light and may not be permitted to come to school before our regular start time of 8:40 a.m. Students who are unprepared with reading material will receive a yellow light.

Each class has been assigned a morning line-up area. Teachers' names have been printed and are posted on the walls in designated areas. The general list of line-up areas is as follows:

| Gymnasium | Yellow Corridor | Grade 2 Wing | GP Room | GP Room |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------|---------|---------|
| Grade K | Grade 3 | Grade 2 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 |
| Grade 1 | | | | |

Supervision for morning line-up areas begins at 8:00 a.m. Teachers pick up students from line-up locations at 8:40 a.m.

Late Students

If a student arrives at school later than 8:40 a.m., he/she must enter through the main entrance doors and obtain a late pass at the security desk. The parents of frequently late students will receive notification from the Principal's office.

Late arrival to school results in disruption to the instructional program. Please make every effort to arrive at school on time.

Absence Excuses

- 1. If you are keeping your child home from school, please call the California Avenue School nurse in the Health Office at 918-1880. Your call to the school to report that your child is ill and will not be coming to school, will greatly assist us in monitoring student attendance.
- 2. It is necessary for parents to send a written excuse if a child has been absent, even if they called the school. These notes are required by law and kept on file.
- 3. If a parent does not send a written excuse note to the school or call the school during his/her absence, the student's attendance record will be marked illegal for the day/s the child has been absent. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that you comply with this important regulation.
- 4. If your child is hospitalized, kindly send in the necessary hospital release forms. A child will not be permitted to return to school without the proper documentation. All communicable diseases (chicken pox, measles, etc.) must be reported immediately to the school nurse.
- 5. Vacations and trips are considered unexcused absences unless travel is due sickness or death of family member.

LUNCH HOURS AND INFORMATION

Our goal at lunchtime is to provide a nutritious, balanced meal while maintaining a disciplined, healthy atmosphere for all children. All children will eat lunch at school. Hot and cold lunches are available daily for free.

Lunch Hours

| Grade | Time |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Grades K and 1 | 11 a.m 12 p.m. |
| Grades 2 and 3 | 12:05 p.m 1:05 p.m. |
| Grades 4 and 5 | 1:10 p.m 2:10 p.m. |

- 1. Parents who wish for students eat lunch off school grounds need to have a written permission slip sent to the classroom teacher. Students who wish to leave the building for lunch must be picked up by a parent or guardian and signed out in the main office. After returning to school, the parent must escort their child to the main office and sign him/her in.
- 2. Parents are advised not to bring lunches to the main office on a daily basis. It is disruptive to the office and to the lunchroom procedures.
- 3. Information regarding the School Lunch Program will be mailed to all students' homes in August to all K-5 students. The forms for free or reduced lunch are also available in the main office. PARENTS MUST PROVIDE AND COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY OCTOBER 1, 2018. PARENTS MUST COMPLETE A NEW APPLICATION EACH SCHOOL YEAR.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

- Walkers will go straight home and not loiter around the school building or enter the building after dismissal.
- 2. If a student attends clubs, the student will go directly to the meeting place and follow the teacher's directions.
- 3. Children may not be signed out of school by anyone NOT listed on the emergency contact form. Parents may not remove students directly from the bus during dismissal. Children must be signed out in the main office first.
- 4. Students in Kindergarten or first grade who are picked up after 3:25 p.m. must be signed out from the gymnasium. After 3:40 p.m., any student not picked up must also be signed out. The parents of students who are frequently picked up late will receive notification from the Principal's office.

General School Rules

Please read the following rules with your child.

- Students will be courteous and respectful to all.
- Students will never hit, kick, push or fight. Physical violence and/or bullying will not be tolerated and is grounds for suspension from school.
- Students will not leave the building, playground, or classroom without specific permission from an adult in charge.
- Students will comply with any directions given to them by adults in charge.
- Students will walk in the building at all times.
- Students will never curse or use profane language at any time.
- Students will not bring gum, candy or toys to school. Gum, candy or toys will be confiscated.
- Students will not deface any part of the school corridors, bathrooms, doors, or outside walls.
- Students will not bring iPods, toys, cell phones, electronic games/devices or dangerous objects (such as knives, screwdrivers, etc.) to school. All items will be confiscated. Bringing dangerous objects, weapons, or a facsimile of weapon to school is grounds for suspension. This includes explosive or incendiary devices such as Bang Snaps, Snap-its, poppers, or firecrackers.
- Students will dress appropriately for school. Students will not wear excessively short shorts, shirts with inappropriate pictures or language, tube tops, or halter-tops. No hats or head coverings are to be worn in the building.
- Students will line up in the indoor line-up area when they arrive in the morning (bus riders at 8:10 a.m. and walkers at 8:30 a.m.) For safety reasons, students may not enter the building prior to 8:00 a.m. unless they have a pass from a teacher or club sponsor.

Any child who displays inappropriate behavior in school will be given a consequence by a teacher, adult in charge or administrator. Any child who displays inappropriate behavior in school may lose participation in clubs, parties, special assemblies, field trips, school fairs, and/or membership in school groups such as safety patrol, conflict mediation, etc.

Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)

The Board of Education's goal is to provide an environment in which students' rights and freedoms are respected. The Board assures district students that they shall have all the rights afforded them by federal and state constitutions, statutes and regulations. The Board also recognizes all federal, state and local laws in connection with these rights, and reminds students that certain responsibilities accompany these rights.

It shall be the right of each district student (age appropriate):

- to have a safe orderly, respectful and courteous school environment
- to take part in all district activities on an equal basis regardless of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender
- to attend school and participate in school programs (e.g., student government) unless suspended from instruction and participation for legally sufficient cause as determined in accordance with due process of law
- to have school rules and conditions available for review and, whenever necessary, explanation by school personnel; whenever necessary, provide written explanation
- to be suspended from instruction only after his/her rights pursuant to Education Law, Section 3214 have been observed (Time out of class for elementary students shall be the equivalent of one secondary period.)
- in all disciplinary matters, to have the opportunity to present his/her version of the facts and circumstances leading to imposition of disciplinary sanctions to the professional staff member imposing such sanction; and to address building administration, central administration and/or the Board of Education

It shall be the responsibility of each district student and parent/guardian (age appropriate):

- to be familiar with and abide by all district policies, rules and regulations pertaining to student conduct
- to work to the best of his/her ability in all academic and extracurricular pursuits and strive toward the highest level of achievement possible
- to conduct himself/herself, when participating in or attending school-sponsored extracurricular events, as a representative of the district and as such hold himself/herself to the highest standards of conduct, demeanor, and sportsmanship, and accept responsibility for his/her actions
- to seek help in solving problems that might lead to discipline procedures
- to be in regular attendance at school and in class
- to contribute to the maintenance of an environment that is conducive to learning and to show due respect to others
- to dress appropriately for school and school functions in accordance with standards promulgated by the Board and the Superintendent
- to make constructive contributions to the school, and to report fairly the circumstances of schoolrelated issues.

Prohibited Conduct

The following discipline code applies to the behavior of all district students while attending school, and/or on school grounds, in school buildings, and/or participating in school-sponsored activities. Students may be subject to disciplinary action including detention, in-school suspension, suspension from school and expulsion. Examples of punishable offenses include but are not limited to:

- fighting or engaging in violent behavior
- bullying (bullying is understood to be hostile activity which harms or induces fear through the threat of further aggression and/or creates terror.)
- threatening another with bodily harm
- intimidating students or school personnel
- making unreasonable noise that disrupts the instructional and learning environment
- using abusive language or gestures, including racial, ethnic, or sexual remarks which are improper
- creating a hazardous or physically offensive condition
- failing to comply with the lawful directions of teachers, school administrators, or other school employees in charge of the student
- missing or leaving school without permission
- harassment (the creation of a hostile environment by conduct or by verbal threats, intimidation or abuse that has or would have the effect of unreasonably and substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits, or mental, emotional or physical well-being; or conduct, verbal threats, intimidation or abuse that reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause a student to fear for his or her physical safety)
- vandalism or any destruction of real and/or personal property (including graffiti or arson)
- theft or robbery
- discrimination (is the act of denying rights, benefits, justice, equitable treatment or access to facilities available to all others, to an individual group of people because of the group, class or category to which that person belongs)
- lewd behavior
- possession or use of obscene materials
- stealing
- throwing objects in classrooms, cafeteria, halls, etc.
- hazing (is an induction, initiation or membership process involving harassment which produce public humiliation, physical or emotional discomfort, bodily injury or public ridicule or creates a situation where public humiliation, physical or emotional discomfort or public ridicule is likely to occur)
- school computer/electronic communication misuse
- displays or threatens to use what appears to be a weapon or facsimile of a weapon

Green Light Program

One of the goals of the Uniondale Public School District for this year is to infuse Character Education into all school curricula and activities. At California Avenue School, we will be encouraging respect, kindness, friendship, responsibility, and honesty. We seek to instill these values in our students through the GREEN LIGHT PROGRAM, assemblies and the second step violence prevention program, as well as the daily instructional program.

The "100% Green Light" Program was designed to recognize students who continually exhibit positive behaviors throughout the school building. "Green Light" students follow the school code of conduct, are respectful, do their class work, complete homework, and do not exhibit prohibited or defiant behaviors/actions.

In order to be a "Green Light" student, children must exhibit these behaviors during morning line-up, at lunchtime, in hallways, during their specials, during bus line-up and during pullout programs.

Students who do not engage in silent reading during morning line up may be issued a "yellow" light.

Positive Rewards for "Green Light" Students

All "Green Light" students will be invited to attend Treats Day each trimester. Students who have earned "100% Green Light" for all three trimesters will participate in the Green Light Finale celebration at the end of the year. Please encourage good behavior choices and reference "Green Light" behaviors when discussing school expectations with your child.

Bus Procedures/Rules

- Students are issued bus passes each year. These passes must be carried on a daily basis by each bus rider.
- 2. Students who are not eligible for bus transportation may NOT ride the bus.
- 3. Students are not permitted to ride on buses other than their own.
- 4. If a parent does not wish for his/her child to take the bus home on any given day, written notification to the teacher is required that morning.
- 5. There is one late bus daily at 4:30 p.m. Only students who have stayed for after-school help or co-curricular activities may ride this bus.
- 6. Students in Kindergarten and first grade must be met at the stop by an adult.

Please inform your child of the following safety rules:

- 1. Be courteous, friendly and obedient to the driver at all times, recognizing his/her authority while on the bus.
- 2. Wait for the driver's signal before crossing the road. All children must cross ten feet in front of the bus so that the driver can watch them.
- 3. The bus driver is authorized to assign seats.
- 4. Children must remain seated while on the bus and keep the aisles clear during the trip.
- 5. Fighting, profanity, bullying and vandalism will not be tolerated and is grounds for suspension.
- 6. The drivers have been instructed to submit bus conduct reports to the school principal in the event of bus rider misconduct.
- 7. All students must respect the property of the people who live near the bus stop.

Possible Consequences for Bus Rider Misconduct:

- 1. Verbal warning.
- 2. Parent contact and temporary suspension of riding privileges (5-10 days).
- 3. Parent contact and permanent suspension of bus privileges (remainder of the year).

Lunchroom Assertive Discipline Plan

Lunchroom/Breakfast Program Behavior Rules:

- 1. Students will follow directions at all times.
- 2. Students must show respect to all adults.
- 3. Students must sit only at their assigned tables.
- 4. Rough play and bullying are not permitted.
- 5. Students must cease talking immediately when someone speaks on the microphone.
- 6. Students must keep hands, feet, and objects to themselves.
- 7. Students must never throw food.
- 8. Students must remain in assigned seats unless given permission to do otherwise.
- 9. Student must speak in a soft voice. There is no yelling or screaming permitted.
- 10. Students should not leave their seats or the cafeteria without permission.
- 11. Students should raise their hands to ask a question.

Consequences:

- 1. Verbal warning.
- 2. Yellow/Red light
- 3. Detention Table
- 4. Go to the office of the Assistant Principal/Principal.

Severe Disruption:

1. Students will go directly to the office of the Assistant Principal/Principal where further disciplinary action will be taken.

Positive Reinforcement:

- 1. Verbal praise
- 2. Class commendation/certificate
- 3. Individual certificate

Playground Assertive Discipline Plan

Rules:

- 1. Students must keep hands, feet, and objects to themselves. There is **no play fighting or bullying!** Students may not throw objects such as sand, rocks or sticks.
- 2. Students must remain within designated areas.
- 3. Student must follow all directions from teacher assistants, lunch aides and Principals.
- 4. Students should use equipment for designated purposes only.
- 5. Students must cooperate with one another.
- 6. Students must share equipment.

Consequences:

- 1. Verbal warning
- 2. Yellow or red light
- 3. Detention table
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SCHOOL POLICIES AND REMINDERS

- 1. All visitors will enter California Avenue School by the main front doors, show identification, sign in at the front Welcome/Security Desk and proceed to the main office.
- 2. Parents should not go directly to their child's classroom. Please stop at the main office and the secretary will issue a visitor's pass or arrange for items such as lunch, snack, sneakers, etc. to be delivered to the child.
- 3. A child must have his/her teacher's permission to call home. Other than forgotten lunches, permission slip or permission to remain after school, phone calls will not be allowed.
- 4. You are urged to contact your child's teacher when any question arises which may need attention. Please send in a note to your child's teacher, contact the teacher via e-mail through the school's website, or call the Main Office to leave a voicemail message for the teacher.

Dress Code

In 2002, the Uniondale Board of Education adopted a policy that all students in grades K-12 would be required to wear a school uniform.

The following uniform will be required to be worn by all students in grades K-12:

Male:

- Navy Blue Pants
- Light Blue shirt (oxford-button pullover with collar, or a traditional button-down shirt)
- White, blue or black socks
- Black footwear (shoes or sneakers)
- Optional for males: sweater-navy blue, tie-navy blue, school emblem on shirt or sweater, turtleneck-light blue

Female:

- Navy Blue pants or skirt (pleated or straight) or jumper.
- Light blue shirt (oxford or traditional button-down shirt)
- · White, blue or black socks
- Black footwear (shoes, sneakers)
- Optional for females—sweater-navy blue (crew neck, V-neck or cardigan), tie—navy blue, tights-navy blue or black, turtleneck-light blue

Due to the general nature of the uniforms, they can be purchased in any retail store of your choice. These uniforms can also be at any traditional store that sells uniforms.

Students generally conduct themselves in a manner similar to the way in which they dress. Any type of attire, which is disruptive, will not be permitted. Short skirts or shirts, midriff shirts, spaghetti strap tops, shirts with inappropriate words or pictures, open toe shoes/sandals will not be permitted during recess.

In the event that you do not want your child to wear a uniform, you have the right to secure an exemption from the uniform requirement. Exemption forms indicating your desire to refrain from having your child wear a uniform, may be obtained through the main office. The form must be returned to the main office by October 1, 2018.

Building Security

- 1. All visitors will enter California Avenue School by the main front doors, show identification, sign in at the front Welcome/Security Desk and proceed to the main office.
- 2. All doors to the school are closed and locked during the school day. Students are not to open doors for visitors.
- 3. Students who leave school prior to regular dismissal times must be signed out by a parent or guardian at the main office.
- 4. Teachers escort students to dismissal bus areas and out of the building at dismissal.

Bicycles

Students are not permitted to ride bicycles to or from school or after school events.

Toys, Cell Phones, and Electronic Games

Students will not be permitted to bring iPods, cell phones or electronic games to school. Toys of any kind including action figures and trading cards are also prohibited. These items will be taken away from students. A parent may retrieve these items by calling the main office and scheduling a pick-up date and time.

School Books and Instruments

- 1. Each student will be issued (by number) the necessary books/instrument (band students) for instruction.
- 2. Each student's guardian is financially responsible, not only for the book or instrument itself, but also for the condition.
- 3. Payment for lost books and/or instruments, or fines for damaged books and/or instruments must be paid promptly on request to the teacher. Failure to do so will result in the report card being withheld and/or disciplinary/legal action.
- 4. Textbooks must be covered at all times.

Change of Address

It is very important that every student maintain an up-to-date address and telephone record at the Main Office. Notify the school immediately if you have a change of address or telephone number during the school year.

Interim Progress Reports

Interim progress reports are issued towards the middle of each marking period (October, January, and May) for every student. Please carefully review your child's progress and contact your child's teacher if you have questions regarding your child's progress/grades.

Report Cards

Report cards are issued following the completion of each grading period. Please refer to the district calendar for distribution dates. Please carefully review your child's progress and contact your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding grades.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

| Date | Time |
|----------------------------|--|
| Thursday, December 6, 2018 | 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. |
| Friday, December 7, 2018 | 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m 3:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, March 14, 2019 | 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, May 21, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m 3:00 p.m. |

School will be closed for students on these days.

Class of the Month Program

How to Earn Awards:

- 1. Respectful and responsible behavior at lunch.
- 2. Quick and quiet line-ups.
- 3. Excellent behavior at a special (Art, Music, Library, Physical Education, or Science).
- 4. Quiet lines in the hallway.
- 5. Cooperative class response in a school activity or contest.
- 6. A compliment from a substitute teacher.
- 7. Returning signed tear-offs.

The earned awards are displayed in each classroom. At the end of the month all awards are collected and counted.

Rewards:

- 1. The winners are announced over the PA system along with second and third place winners. The winning classes receive an extra period of recess.
- 2. The winning classes are placed on our "Class of the Month" bulletin board.
- 3. They get a trophy to keep for the month.

National Elementary Honor Society

Fourth grade students who receive all 4's in all academic areas and meet Honor Criteria for all marking periods will be inducted into the National Elementary Honor Society. A ceremony is held in June and those students participate in National Elementary Honor Society activities during 2018-2019 school year.

School Pictures

Information regarding prices and picture dates will be sent from the photography company prior to Picture Day. Pictures will not be taken unless cash or money orders are enclosed in the envelope. The Main Office is not equipped to provide monetary change.

Parties

Birthday parties are allowed with teacher permission only. Please refer to the District's Wellness Policy (separate packet) for guidelines and recommendations. Activity-based celebrations and non-food options are strongly encouraged to support positive choices for students. **Food or drink items are not permitted at school parties.**

Make-Up Work

The school is obligated to provide make-up work for excused absences. Students or their parents are responsible for requesting make-up work immediately upon the student's return to school. If dates of a student's absence are known in advance, the teacher should be notified and planned assignments may be given.

Medications

Contact the school nurse (918-1880) if your child must take medication during the school day. Children may **not** self-administer medications.

Parent-Teacher Association

PTA officers are elected every year. For a current list of officers and contact information, refer to your Uniondale School District calendar. We hope you will join PTA this year. Check your calendar for PTA sponsored functions and meeting dates.

Co-Curricular Activities

California Avenue School club programs begin in late September or early October. Afternoon clubs are open to students in grades three through five only. Afternoon clubs end promptly at 4:30 p.m. Late bus transportation is available at 4:30 p.m. for students who stay for clubs. Please be advised that late bus stops are different from your child's regular afternoon bus stop.

Please ensure that your child knows how to walk home from the late bus stop.