

August 2021

Dear Willow Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We are very excited to welcome our Wildcats to campus for the first day of school on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. We are looking forward to our students being on campus full days this fall. [Please see our Willow bell schedule here.](#) We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new Wildcats who will be joining us this school year!

Last week, Dr. Stepenosky, our Las Virgenes Superintendent, sent out our [2021-2022 Family Resource Guide](#). It holds essential information. Some examples include our enhanced academic opportunities, social-emotional supports, a snapshot of the school day, and our commitment to safety. Also, please don't forget to join Dr. Stepenosky and our entire LVUSD leadership team at our district [webinar this Wednesday, August 11th, at 3:00 PM](#). The link to the webinar will be posted on the [LVUSD.org](#) main page for parents to watch at their convenience.

Some exciting Willow highlights for the 2021-22 school year:

- The school year includes **three additional school days** that were formerly staff professional development. These dates are October 11, January 24, and March 21.
- **Free lunches** will be available for all students, regardless of income levels, during the upcoming school year.
- **Full-time Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) teacher**
- **Full-time Counselor**
- **Full-time Media Center Coordinator** in our library
- **P.E. Teacher** five days a week (Funded by PFA)
- Additional turf installed on campus (funded by PFA)

As Dr. Stepenosky noted in his letter, please be aware of our health and safety protocols:

- Per CDPH guidelines, face coverings are required by ALL persons indoors (on campus), regardless of vaccination status.
- Face coverings will be required for all students and staff when indoors. Face coverings are optional for all students and staff when outdoors.
- Students and staff must stay home if they are exhibiting any COVID symptoms.
- We will continue to practice intensive safety and sanitation through daily cleaning and provide all classroom learning spaces with adequate hand sanitizer, antimicrobial wipes, and air filtration systems.
- Physical distancing is no longer required, and we will be working to ensure that students can come together to play and develop social connections while also promoting student health.
- Visitors will be limited and volunteers must be vaccinated. School-wide events and large gatherings will be held outdoors.

- Should a student or staff member show symptoms commonly associated with COVID, they will be required to follow up with their health care provider and the school health clerk before returning to campus.
- Should students or staff members test positive for COVID, they are asked to isolate for ten days. These guidelines will continue to be updated based on CDPH and LACDPH guidance.

Another top priority this school year will be providing opportunities to bring our Willow community back together! Please mark your calendars for the following events. Our wonderful PFA sent out communications last week with the details of these events.

8/11/21 6:00 - 8:00pm - New Family Orientation @ Willow

8/14/21 9:00 - 11:00am - Journey's/ Kindergarten Playdate @ Kindergarten Yard

8/17/21 3:00 - 6:00pm - Registration Day @ Willow in the courtyard

I am grateful to partner with you and value the positive energy and dedication to excellence that is inherent in our Willow community. I am truly excited and optimistic about the school year we have in front of us. I hope all our current and incoming Willow Wildcats are enjoying their summer break. We look forward to officially welcoming you back to school on August 18th!

With Willow Pride,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tiffane Reynolds".

Principal Reynolds