

# Loomis Basin Charter School Update....

August 7, 2009

WOW! I can't believe August is here already. I am thrilled to be welcoming you to our 2<sup>nd</sup> school year! The staff and I are looking for to another great year. They are chomping at the bit to get started!

The first day of school is  
Tuesday, August 18th.



Grade	Start	Dismissal
K-1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00	3:00 Min. Day: 11:30
2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00	3:00P.M. Min. Day: 11:30
4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00	3:00 P.M. Min. Day: 11:30

## Summer Improvements....

### Construction:

Those of you who have been driving by LBCS can see we have had another busy summer improving our quaint campus. Currently, we are finishing up the construction of the three new classrooms and we have a completely new playground with a grass area! Additionally, we have our own bathrooms! I am just thrilled and can't wait to show it off to you at the PTC Back to School Family Social.

### Spanish:

I am also excited to announce that we have a new Spanish Program, Ruth Finsthwait's Sombrero Time. This curriculum has been developed and published specifically for an immersion environment to address all areas of language development-reading, writing, listening, and speaking in Spanish. We will have two native Spanish speaking teachers teaching simultaneously at one grade level. Ruth's expertise in curriculum development and early childhood language acquisition makes the Sombrero Time program a powerful and effective program. Ruth will be at our Back to School Night on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> to go over the program and outcomes. Please check out Sombrero Time at [www.sombrerotime.com](http://www.sombrerotime.com).

## DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROTOCOL:

### 7:45-8:00 Drop-off

Parents may park and walk students up to Mustang Round-up.

Or

Parents may drive through the bus lane (before 8:00A.M.) and let students out.

### 8:00 Mustang Roundup

All students will gather in the amphitheater for Mustang Roundup this year. We will say the Pledge of Allegiance together and review one of the IB profiles.

Parents are welcome to join us for Mustang Roundup.

**(At the end of our first day round-up, I will ask you and the teachers to walk the students to the quad and then I'll have our kiddos give you a big hug and a high five as they go off to class! The bigger your smile the more at ease your child will be at saying good-bye.)**

### 2:50 P.M. Kindergartener's Pick-up

Kinders will walk out to our Pony Corral area right outside the entrance gate. This is where you will pick up your child. Please **do not** come to the classrooms, It is important to the safety of all our students that we have one designated area for pickup and we appreciate your cooperation. If you need to get something from the room, please do so after pickup time.

### 3:00 P.M. 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Pick-up

At 3:00 P.M. students will walk out with their teachers. Parents may park and pick up their students in the amphitheater area.

Or

They may drive through the bus lane and have their children get in and drive on. While we are getting reacquainted with families, please have your family name posted on the right side of your car's window. We will load from five spots for the safety of our children.

**These loading procedures are for the safety of all our students. We appreciate your cooperation and patience.**

We hope to see you at the **PTC Back-To-School Social on Friday, August 14, 2009, beginning at 5:30 P.M.** Attendance will give you an opportunity to look around at the changes on campus, meet our teachers, and spend time with friends.

Classroom Supply Lists are now available on our website [www.loomischarter.org](http://www.loomischarter.org).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

See you soon,  
Cindy Uptain

