



Genevieve Didion K-8

Back to School Night

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Dear Didion Families,

Welcome and thank you for joining us for Genevieve Didion's Back to School Night! We hope you are all as excited as we are for the new school year. Teachers will be giving presentations during their respective sessions to talk about their classroom policies, rules and expectations, and to review the year to come.

Back to School Night Schedule:

- Session 1 (Grades TK, 4-6): **5:30-6:20**
- **Mr. Eder's Blacktop Community Announcements: 6:25 - 6:35**
- Session 2 (Grades K-3 & 7-8): **6:40-7:30**

In Addition to the Teacher Presentations...

- **Fingerprinting Services** – Live Scan fingerprinting will be offered outside of the main office from 5:00 - 7:00 for parents/family members interested in volunteering. The cost is \$67 to get the service done tonight. Only cash or credit will be accepted.
- **Catalina Field Trip Fundraiser** – Look for the middle school booth selling pizza, root beer floats, snacks, and coupon books!
- **PTA and Didion Gear** – Come by the PTA table to learn more about the PTA, sign up to join and/or volunteer at events, and check out how to order Didion gear.

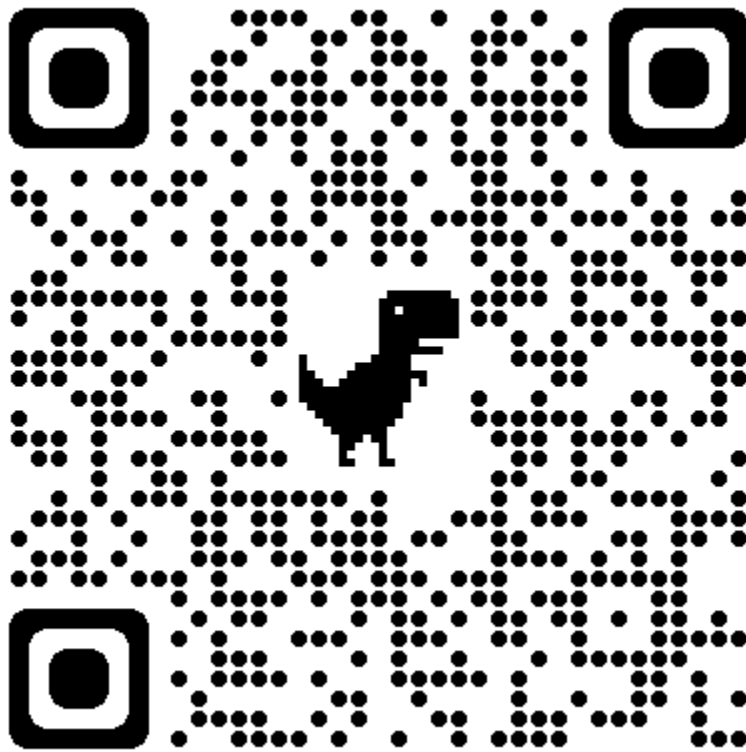
Some helpful information and updates regarding Genevieve Didion:

- Please make sure you have filled out an LCFF form either online or hardcopy. This form is important for our district and school to secure funding.
- Make sure that you have submitted an updated Emergency Card (part of the First Day Packet that your child brought home). Emergency cards are kept in the main office and by teachers to be used in case of emergency. Please log in to your Infinite Campus Parent Portal to update contact information there (separate process from what you submit on the emergency card). The information in IC is what determines where robo-calls and text messages go, along with all mail. Visit Ms. Gail at her table, or the MAIN OFFICE during school hours, if you need help updating what is in our computer system.
- Our collaboration and communication as a community is critical to our students' success! Mr. Eder's door is always open, but parents are always encouraged to reach out directly to their child's teacher when there are concerns or questions.

Important Safety Reminders:

- Whenever an adult is visiting campus, they **MUST check-in with the main office** and get a visitor badge. This is the procedure for one-time visitors, or regular daily volunteers.
- After morning drop-off and before afternoon dismissal, we ask that parents/family members **do not enter the hallways** unless they have checked in at the main office and have an appointment with the teacher.
- Attendance is very important. Family vacations or sleeping in are not considered "Excused" absences by the district.
- We do not have staffing to provide supervision after school. Students should be picked up or be enrolled in one of our after-school programs.

- Morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up are extremely busy times. To insure that we are all safe, efficient, and courteous to our neighbors, please remember the following:
 - Do not park along the curb in front of school during morning drop off or afternoon pick up. **The curb in front of the school along Harmon drive is a loading zone only during those times.** Our morning and afternoon flow is severely disrupted if cars park in this area. City Parking Services has ticketed cars in the past that are left unattended.
 - **Drive with patience and caution** during these busy times. Please do not perform U-turns on Harmon Drive.
 - If you do need to park your car (*not* on Harmon Drive in front of the school), **please be mindful to not block any of our neighbors' driveways.**
 - There is **no dropping off or picking up students in the two staff parking lots.** Also, for safety reasons, do not have your student walk through the parking lots to enter campus.
- **All pedestrians should use one of the crosswalks** or only cross the street where there is a crossing attendant. We ask that parents and family members help us model safe walking habits by always utilizing the crosswalk.
- Furry family members (pets) are loved, but should not be brought onto campus. They are welcome to wait off campus with parents for their children.



Bookmark our Didion Website for an archive of messages from Mr. Eder, the school calendar, important announcements, and more!