

July 26, 2022

Dear Roadrunner Families,

I am excited to welcome students and families to our beautiful campus on Thursday, July 28th at 4:30pm.. PTO has partnered with Ice Cream Sociables and 10% of the proceeds will go to Desert Willow. We will also have many local groups set up in the MPR. It is wonderful to see our community coming together with local businesses and organizations to support our students! Some changes for our Parent Night this year include: 1) one night for both meet the teacher and curriculum information 2) students stay with parents for presentations (except kindergarteners) 3) many grade-level presentations.

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All visitors to Desert Willow Elementary School are required to sign in at the front office using the Raptor Visitor Management System. All visitors will need a government issued ID (driver's license, Az ID card) to sign in to the Raptor Visitor Management system for this first time. If you aren't sure whether you are already in our system, you may want to swing by the front office next week to double check or on Thursday during Parent Night. **Taking care of this now will help you skip long lines that will undoubtedly form the first days of school as many people sign in for the first time.**

Please know that parents may walk their children into campus for the first day of school (until 9am). This will lead to long lines. While this may take more time than wanted, student safety will always rank higher than convenience, and students will still be expected to be in the classroom by 9am. We appreciate your understanding and support! We will also have staff and Jr. Roadrunners to walk students to the classrooms.

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**Transportation**

[Click here](#) to access the transportation department website. You can find bus routes for DWES [here](#). If your child rode the bus to DWES last year, they will be on the same route as last year. If you have more questions, you can contact the transportation department at 480-575-2089.

A representative from the transportation department will also be available to assist you during our Back to School Night on July 28th.

### **Dropping off Medications**

Jen McNulty, our Health Office Assistant will be on campus beginning Monday the 25th. If you have questions regarding dropping off medicine, immunizations, health plans, etc., please reach out to Ms. Jen at [jmcnulty@ccusd93.net](mailto:jmcnulty@ccusd93.net).

### **Immunizations**

Students must have proof of immunization or an exemption form on file. Immunization requirements do change as a child ages so please keep informed about what updates your child may need. You can find more information here: <https://www.ccusd93.org/Page/8807>