



# The Plunge

Fall 2019

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## A Note from the Principal

Dear College Park Families,

Welcome to our quarterly Plunge News and another outstanding start to the school year. In this edition of the Plunge, we have outlined what to do in case of a major emergency at school. We will tell you how and where to pick up your child in the event of a major emergency and what to bring with you, so be sure you read this edition carefully. Our utmost priority is safety for our kids!

This year our theme is "In a world where you can be anything, be kind," and along with providing a rigorous academic program for your child, we are

striving to meet their social-emotional needs. We are working to meet these needs with flexible seating, innovation, student mental health support, and ensuring our students have a home-school balance with our homework policy. Our WIN time (Whatever I Need) helps us focus on our students when they need extra support or extra challenge. I hope you have heard about all of this from both your child and their teacher at conference time!

McTeacher's Night brought in some extra funding for our PTA and we so appreciate your support of our students and school! It was great to see everyone at our McTeacher's Night and Bingo Night, and we hope you can all make it to our Reading

Night coming in December and STEAM night in March! Thanks to our PTA who provides Walk Through assemblies and who is funding STEAM training next week for our primary teachers, as well as the fun farm field trip for our kindergartners. We love having you at our Flag Deck each first Friday of the month which is where we will be giving out all awards this year as well as where we share important info from school that month. Please come to our PTA meetings – this year we will be discussing some great parenting and teaching tips I learned and we are thinking of doing a technology or gaming safety talk for parents, too. We really want to hear from you, and this or School Site Council meetings are the best way to voice your opinions and thoughts! Please join us!

Hope to see you next week at Dolphin Dash!

Respectfully,

*Meg Gwyn*

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where you can  
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BE KIND.

## The Dolphin Dash

The Dolphin Dash is coming soon! Thanks to Mrs. Griggs and PTA for organizing our annual event! College Park's Dolphin Dash will be held on Wednesday, November, 20th. We are trying to reach our goal of raising \$30,000 this year! We are asking for donations of \$30, per child, to meet our goal. Did you know that 100% of the funds raised benefit College Park kids? ALL of the money raised will go directly to the PTA-sponsored enrichment programs that supplement every students' experience at College Park! Please submit your pledges by November 29th. Students can earn prizes based on the dollar amount raised. Also, all students will be receiving a Dolphin Dash t-shirt. [Click here for more information.](#)



## Great ShakeOut

On October 17th, our school participated in the Great California ShakeOut. During the drill, we practiced how to drop, cover and hold on. Each year, staff practice setting up all of our disaster equipment, reunification tables, we simulate a search and rescue, and we set up our command center. By doing this, we are able to problem solve together and improve our process based on our findings. [Please click on the following link](#) to access some tips on earthquake safety. It also outlines other earthquake resources and procedures so you can practice at home. Spend a few moments to discuss strategies with your children and others in your family.



## **PARKING REMINDER AND DRIVER SAFETY**

Please be mindful of the residents that live on our surrounding streets during drop off/pick up. We have had several complaints from our neighbors and they are well within their right to have the police come out and issue tickets or request a tow truck and people have been ticketed recently. Please refrain from blocking their driveways, trashcans, and pulling into their driveways. Finally, the association also reminds us to never park in the pool parking lot. There are police officers that do weekly traffic visits to our school. Please be mindful of the traffic signs around our campus and please be safe. We had a parent that was hit by a car last year, so be on the lookout for pedestrians. Together, we can keep our school and children safer.



# School Safety

## How can you help ensure our students' safety as a parent?

- Always have your child sign-in to the office if he or she is arriving late.
- Always sign-out your child from the office if your child is leaving school.
- Volunteer in your child's class. Make sure to sign-in and out and wear your visitor/volunteer sticker at all times.
- Be familiar with the school site and report anything out of the ordinary to the school office or after school hours to the police.
- Carefully read newsletters, emails, text messages and correspondence sent home by the school.
- Please update your contact lists to include a trusted neighbor or family member that might be able to reach the school more quickly in the event of a catastrophic emergency.

### *In the event of an emergency:*

- Please remain calm and patient. We will release students to families when we are organized and can account for each child. Our main goal is safety for all.
- If we have an evacuation and are unable to return into the school building, walk to the staffing area on the blacktop and wait for our student release procedures. Our reunification team will have two tables set up: last names that begin with A-K and L-Z. To assist with keeping our students safe, please do not approach the student supervision area unless

you have checked in with our student release tables first.

- Ask, "How can I help?"
- Please have your picture ID ready.
- In the event of a "lockdown" inside of the building, we will release students from the office.

[Please click on this link to find out more information from IUSD and safety in the district.](#)

The website also includes parent and student reunification information so check it out!



## Stay Connected to IUSD

As part of Emergency Preparedness Month, we would like to remind our families that Staying Connected to IUSD during an emergency is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Check your voicemail, text messages and email first for the most up-to-date information from the District. If you unsubscribed from school or District emails, you will not receive important updates during an emergency. To re-subscribe, email [helpdesk@iusd.org](mailto:helpdesk@iusd.org).
2. Check [IUSD.org](http://IUSD.org) and your school website for alerts and updates.
3. Follow and like us on social media for real-time updates. Click on the pictures to visit our social media sites.

For more information, visit [iusd.org/connect](http://iusd.org/connect). To make sure you know who is authorized to pick up your student, visit Parent Portal and view the "Contact" page.

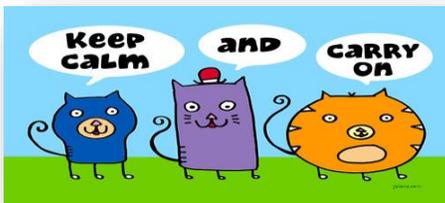
## Safety Power Shutoffs

As you may know from recent news reports, Southern California Edison (SCE) has initiated a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) program when weather conditions may create an elevated fire risk. It is important to note that IUSD has no control over power outages or notification times from SCE. While SCE has communicated to the District that it will strive to provide advance notice, it cannot guarantee notification times due to changing and/or uncertain weather and fire conditions. While we do not expect to be affected by this at College Park, we always need to be prepared. Should our power go out, since we mostly have no windows, we would need to reach you in the slim chance that school will be cancelled. Make sure you are prepared by having your most recent contact information updated in your parent portal.



## HELPING YOUR CHILD REGAIN THEIR CALM

Since our professional development focus for the school year is Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), we have been sharing important articles and books with our staff. There are some great strategies [in this article](#) to support both teachers and parents with children during a behavioral outburst. We are constantly looking at and practicing evidence-based techniques to support all of our students.



## School Site Council

Congratulations to our parents and staff who will serve on our School Site Council for the 2019-20 school year! This council is responsible for working with our teachers and principal to review and approve our school's plan for educational improvement. Our volunteer parent representatives are Michael Yin, Michael Jarzyna, Nora Wong, Tiffany Esmond, and Eric Edwards. Our staff members include Linda Roth, Katie Antunez, Kristal York, Dan Gutierrez, and Meg Gwyn. Our first School Site Council meeting was Tuesday, October 08, 2019 at 2:45. Meetings are open to the public and typically last an hour. Please join us for our next meeting on November 18th at 2:45.

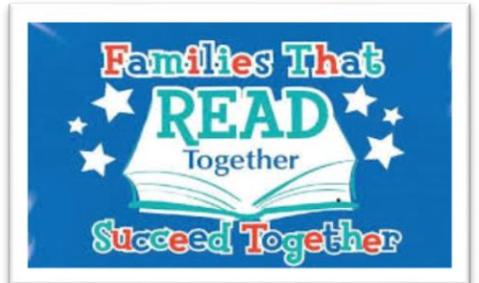


Thank you to all of the teachers, students, and parents that made McTeacher's Night exciting and memorable. We had a large turnout and College Park was well represented. We also want to thank McDonald's for sponsoring the event and supporting IUSD schools. We love our community and are truly lucky to collaborate so closely with our families and local businesses.



## Family Reading Night

We are having our second family night of the year in the College Park MPR on Tuesday, December 3rd from 5:30 -6:30. Please join us for a great night of reading with special guests Mayor Pro Tem, Anthony Kuo, and soccer star Sara Devine. More details are expected to follow, so stay tuned for information in our Weekly Splash. Click on the picture of the flyer below to read about our special guests.



# Upcoming Dates:

## November:

- 11/20 – Dolphin Dash (Jog-a-Thon)
- 11/21 – Make-Up Picture Day
- 11/26 – Minimum Day before Thanksgiving Break
- 11/27 – 11/29 – Thanksgiving Break

## December:

- 12/6 – Flag Deck @ 8:15 am
- 12/6 – Report Cards Released to Parent Portal
- 12/20 – Minimum Day before Winter Break
- 12/23 – Winter Break Begins

## January:

- 1/6 – School resumes after Winter Break
- 1/10 – Flag Deck @ 8:15 am
- 1/13 – 1/17 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Ed
- 1/20 – Martin Luther King Day – No School
- 1/21 – Student/Teacher Holiday – No School
- 1/24 – Winter Instrumental Concerts (During normal music times)
- 1/27 – Talent Show Informational Meeting
- 1/28 – PTA Association Meeting, MPR, 8:30 am – 10:00 am
- 1/30 – Mother/Daughter Tea, MPR, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

## February:

- 2/3 – IUSD Professional Development – Non-Student Day
- 2/4 – Upper Grade Talent Show Auditions, MPR, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
- 2/6 – Lower Grade Talent Show Auditions, MPR, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
- 2/7 – Flag Deck @ 8:30 am
- 2/7 – 2/14 - Scholastic Book Fair
- 2/13 – Open House
- 2/14 – Global Play Day
- 2/17 – President Day Observance – No School
- 2/27 – Kindergarten Roundup – MPR, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm