



# Clarence Lobo Elementary School



## Kindergarten Information

August 10, 2023

Welcome to Kindergarten! We hope that the following information will be helpful to you as your child begins school at Lobo.

### Kindergarten Hours:

<b>M-W-TH-F</b>	<b>7:45 – 1:55</b>
<b>Tuesdays only:</b>	<b>7:45 – 12:40</b>

**ARRIVAL TIME:** Punctuality is always important. Students should arrive between 7:30 – 7:40am and wait in our designated class line on the blacktop. Supervision begins at 7:30 am. Students should walk through the side drop off gate by the bus circle to get to the blacktop. Students must be sitting in line by 7:40 so that instruction can start promptly at 7:45am.

When school is over, your child will be waiting by the Kindergarten gate until released to a parent.

**TUESDAY SCHEDULE:** On Tuesdays, all Lobo students have a shortened day and Kindergarteners are dismissed at 12:40pm.

**FIRST DAY:** School starts on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and will have a special start and end time. This will be a time for students to meet their teacher and explore the classroom and campus. We will meet from 8:00 - 9:13am. We ask that you arrive as close to 7:45am as possible, because the campus will be very busy on the first day. The drop off location will be the large blacktop near the bus circle, and the pick up location will be at the Kindergarten gate. During this initial visit donuts will be provided by the PTA for Kindergarten parents to get to know each other.

**FIRST WEEK:** The first few days of kindergarten are important in establishing a happy and successful school year. You can help make these days a success for your child by creating a consistent routine. It is very helpful to say a quick goodbye to your child

during the first few days. Even if your child is sad, it usually doesn't last for more than a minute or two. We will be busy and having a lot of fun!

**PARKING:** Parents must park and walk in, to drop off your student. **Please do not park in numbered spots** or double-park behind cars in the lot. Teaching assistants and playground supervisors come and go at various hours and need to have their spots available. Dropping off at the red curb is also not allowed. PLEASE help us keep your children safe by parking in available spaces or along the street, cross at the crosswalk, and walk to the kindergarten gate for dismissal.

**WHAT TO BRING:** All students should have a backpack to carry to school every day. It should be large and roomy enough to carry a jacket, and lunch box. Please empty the backpack every day for daily work or communication from teachers. (Backpacks with wheels are not allowed.)

**SNACK (9:25):** Morning recess is a very important time for children to run, play and socialize. Your child should bring only ONE quick, nutritious snack and drink to have during snack time. Please put the snack in a separate, small bag so your child will know how to differentiate between their snack and lunch. **This year all students will be provided with a free snack AND lunch, if they choose to visit the cafeteria. You may still bring an additional snack since the school provided snack is small.**

**LUNCH (10:40)** **All students can receive a free lunch at school if they choose to visit the cafeteria. You can still send lunch from home if your child prefers. The children will need to learn their 7 digit code to receive this free lunch. Please practice this code at home daily until your child knows the numbers.**

**CLOTHING:** Children should wear comfortable, washable clothing for active participation during the day. Art projects can be messy. Please follow the school dress code by always wearing close-toed shoes and no spaghetti straps for girls. Children eat their snack and play outside every day unless it is raining and it can get very cool in our snack area. When the weather gets cold, please wear a jacket or sweatshirt (with name marked inside.)

**LABELING:** Please write student name or initials on ALL water bottles, lunch boxes and clothing brought to school with a permanent marker since there are many duplicates. We would like to be able to return what has been left behind. Any lost and found items will be kept in the kindergarten area.

**SUPPLIES:** As school budgets become smaller each year, teachers very much appreciate donations from families and will send home a list of needed items. We will be sharing all school supplies. Contributions are strictly voluntary.

**ABSENCES:** If your child is absent, please notify the school's Absence Line by phone at 949-366-8432. Please include your child's name, date, and reason for absence. Keep this number handy for future reference. Remember that if the symptoms of a cold or illness appear, **your child should stay home**. Children work in close quarters and illnesses are easily shared. Please do not send children back to school until they have been fever free for at least 24 hours.

**TARDIES:** Children are expected to be sitting in the line on the main blacktop at 7:40am. Our Kindergarten gate is locked during school hours and if your child arrives late, it is your responsibility to **go to the office** to inform the attendance clerk that your child has arrived at school. Not only is it important to develop good habits early in the year, but instruction time is limited and students will be missing important classroom instruction.

**TRANSPORTATION CHANGES:** Please notify your teacher if someone else will be picking up your child from school.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Each teacher will acknowledge birthdays through special classroom activities. Please do not send in food or treats for the class. It is our policy not to allow the distribution of birthday party invitations unless every child in the class is invited. You will be getting a class list in a few weeks.

**TOYS:** Please do not allow your child to bring toys or devices to school. Unless an item pertains to our weekly theme or a special note is sent home, all toys must stay at home.

**VOLUNTEERS:** In the coming weeks we will be welcoming volunteers into our classrooms. If you are interested in being a volunteer, you will need to fill out a Volunteer Clearance through CUSD. Use the QR code below to access the information on the website.

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:** All Kindergarten parents are encouraged to attend Back to School Night on Thursday, September 14, 2023 for important information from your child's teacher about our Kindergarten year. Tuesday, September 12th **will be a special shortened day and all K students will attend school from 7:45 – 11:40am.**

**SCHOOL INFORMATION:** All parents should be registered on the Lobo School ListServe. Please review these messages to stay informed of frequent schedule changes, school events and upcoming activities. [cles.capousd.ca.schoolloop.com/](https://cles.capousd.ca.schoolloop.com/)

Thank you! We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

Warmly,

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Parent Volunteer Information