



Ortiz Elementary School!

# Family Engagement

**September 2019**

## Activities At A Glance

### Mark Your Calendars!

**Site Council** is an advisory board that meets with the principal a minimum of 4 times throughout the year to help lead the work of school improvement. Site Councils are made up of staff members, parents, community members, and local business representatives. Our priorities for this year include dress code, parking issues, purpose of fund raisers, school-wide events and Standards-Referenced Grading. Come to our first meeting to see what it is all about.

**September 11 at 1:30-2:30**

**PTO** is a school-based organization that unites volunteers to help Ortiz in many ways including fundraising, volunteering, school-wide activities such as Spoktacular, Winter Celebration and Cinco de mayo fiesta!

We meet one Thursday a month. Join us **September 29th from 9:00-10:00** to find out more!

**September 20th is official enrollment day! Please do not plan any doctor/dentist appointments or any other scheduled absence for that day.**

**Plan Ahead...**  
 Sept. 2—No school. Labor Day!  
 Oct. 18—No school. Staff workday.  
 Oct. 21—No school. District in-service.

**Early Dismissal for Conferences**  
**1:00 dismissal Oct. 23rd—25th**

**Arrival and Dismissal**

**8:30-8:50** Students eating breakfast should arrive at this time.  
**8:45-8:50** All students who are not eating breakfast should arrive at this time.

Please do not drop your child off or allow them to walk to school early, as there is no supervision.

**8:50** Students transition to classrooms  
**9:00** Tardy bell—student not in their classroom are tardy  
**4:10** Dismissal—Please wait for your child outside. Be sure your child’s teacher sees you before you take your child.



**Parking Lot Procedures for Before & After School**

We have added staff parking in the back of the school in order to leave the front parking lot open for parents—especially for our PreK parents. We hope that this makes drop off and pick up safer and more convenient for everyone!



**PreK** parents must park and drop off/pick up at the PreK door. Only park in **designated parking spaces**. Double parking blocks people in and slows the flow of traffic.

**K-5** parents may park OR enjoy curbside drop off/pick up along the front of the building. If you’re doing curbside, drive slowly along the circle drive and continue to move forward as far as you can. Driver must stay in the vehicle at all times. Students will only be allowed to load and unload un-parked cars if you are curbside.

- Other traffic safety reminders:
1. **Use the crosswalk** to cross the street or driveway.
  2. Obey the **no parking zones** along 33rd Street.
  3. Please **no parking in the strip mall** parking lot on the NE corner of 33rd and Arkansas.
  4. The **bus lane** is for bus pick up only.
  5. **No left turns** into or out of the parking lot during designated arrival and dismissal times.

Safety is our #1 priority and you can help by driving slowly and following directions and signals. Thank you!