



Palo Verde Middle School

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Dear parents/guardians:

With each school year, we find that there are opportunities to improve our daily operations. This year is no exception. As our current schedule stands, many students and parents have voiced their concerns about students not having enough time to eat lunch, particularly during Lunch B. Additionally, our Wednesday schedule, as it currently stands, has a varied amount of minutes per class to adjust for our Period 4 - Tutorial/Lunch, which is confusing to both students and parents.

With this in mind, we have made some changes to the lunch and bell schedules, which will go into effect on October 15th, 2018, which will be the first day back from the Fall Break Recess. Below you will find our new bell schedules.

Bell Schedule						
		Minutes				
Breakfast	8:50 - 9:00	10	*Lunch B will have a split Period 4 from 11:57 - 12:18 and then from 12:48 - 1:09			
Period 1	9:00 - 10:00	60				
Period 2	10:03 - 10:57	54				
Period 3	11:00 - 11:54	54				
Period 4 - Tutorial/Lunch	11:57 - 1:09	72	Lunch A	11:57 - 12:12	Field	12:12 - 12:27
Period 5	1:12 - 2:06	54	Lunch B*	12:18 - 12:33	Field	12:33 - 12:48
Period 6	2:09 - 3:03	54	Lunch C	12:39 - 12:54	Field	12:54 - 1:09
Period 7	3:06 - 4:00	54				
Wednesday Bell Schedule						
		Minutes				
Breakfast	8:50 - 9:00	10	*Lunch B will have a split Period 4 from 11:52 - 12:13 and then from 12:45 - 1:04			
Period 1	9:00 - 9:40	40				
Period 2	9:43 - 10:23	40				
Period 3	10:26 - 11:06	40				
Period 5	11:09 - 11:49	40	Lunch A	11:52 - 12:07	Field	12:07 - 12:22
Period 4 - Tutorial/Lunch	11:52 - 1:04	72	Lunch B*	12:13 - 12:28	Field	12:28 - 12:43
Period 6	1:07 - 1:47	40	Lunch C	12:34 - 12:49	Field	12:49 - 1:04
Period 7	1:50 - 2:30	40				

We will continue to have special schedules when we have extended testing and assemblies. Please note your child's schedule Period 4 - Tutorial. Tutorial is the block of time that includes lunch, academic assistance and interventions in classrooms, as well as lunch recess. Please note the times for Period 4. If you need to pick up your child during these times, allow additional time for us to get your child to the main office as they can be in multiple locations. If you can assist us by avoiding appointments, etc. during this time, it would be appreciated.

With the state wide focus on increasing instruction in the classrooms and increasing student performance, we ask that you assist us with your child being on time for the beginning of classes at 9:00 a.m. and avoiding picking up students less than 20 minutes prior to the 4:00 p.m. dismissal (2:30 on Wednesdays). We know everyone will have special occurrences with appointments, etc., but we appreciate your help as we continue to increase the effectiveness of Palo Verde Middle School.

Thank you,

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