



Pleasant Elementary School

**Student/Parent Handbook
2016-2017**

Dear Parents & Guardians,

The 2016-2017 school year has arrived! I would like to welcome you for the first time to Pleasant Elementary School or welcome you back to another wonderful year at Pleasant Elementary School. I hope you had a restful and relaxing summer with your children and are that everyone is ready for a very exciting school year. Pleasant Elementary will continue to strive to create a sense of community and family on our campus. This atmosphere will be created as all staff, students, parents, guardians, and family members work together and communicate to create a positive learning environment for the students.

Pleasant Elementary is a Character Counts® school. We will continue to follow the six pillars of character (Respect, Citizenship, Caring, Responsibility, Fairness and Trustworthiness) and model and follow them each and every day.

As we enter this new school year, the Pleasant school staff and I would like to share with you three guiding principles that we strive to follow in all we do. These principles are the Pleasant Vision, the Pleasant Mission Statement, and the Pleasant Motto.

On behalf of the Pleasant Elementary School Staff, welcome and we look forward to having a positive and rewarding school year.

School Vision

The Pleasant Elementary School Staff believes that each student can learn to their fullest potential.

School Mission

The mission of Pleasant Elementary School is to ensure all students experience success academically, socially, morally, and physically. Pleasant Elementary School staff members utilize current, standards-based curriculum and instructional strategies/practices to improve academic achievement. Staff members use Character Counts! as a common language to develop students' abilities in demonstrating character and responsibility for themselves and their community. Staff, parents, and students work well together to provide a climate that empowers everyone in an effort to maximize learning.

School Motto

We Build Bears of Character!



Bell Schedule
Normal Day K-5th

<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
7:45-8:10	Breakfast Program
8:15	Initial Bell Rings
8:20	School Begins Announcements
10:00-10:15	Recess (K-1 st)
10:25-10:40	Recess (2 nd -3 rd)
10:50-11:05	Recess (4 th -5 th)
11:45-12:05	Lunch (K-1 st)
12:05-12:30	Lunch Recess (K-1 st)
12:15-12:35	Lunch (2 nd -3 rd)
12:35-1:00	Lunch Recess (2 nd -3 rd)
12:45-1:05	Lunch (4 th -5 th)
1:05-1:30	Lunch Recess (4 th -5 th)
2:30	K – 3 rd Dismissal
3:25	4 th & 5 th Dismissal

Shortened Days & Wednesday Staff Development Days

(First/Last Day of School, Days of Parent Conferences, Thanksgiving, Winter & Spring Break)
(Every Wednesday August 24th to April 26th)

11:45-12:05	Lunch (K-1 st)
12:05-12:30	Lunch Recess (K-1 st)
12:10-12:30	Lunch (4 th -5 th)
12:45-1:05	Lunch (2 nd -3 rd)
1:05-1:30	Lunch Recess (2 nd -3 rd)
12:30	4 th & 5 th Dismissal
1:30	K – 3 rd Dismissal

2016-2017
Tara Houston - Principal

Kindergarten:

Lisa Smith
Esperanza Covarrubias
Tamara Dargo
Helen Richardson
Hannah Braaten

Secretary:

Heather Enos
Christina Alvarez

Librarian:

Sandra Barnhill

First Grade:

Silvia Macias-Perez
Rachel Purkiss (SEI)
Michele Prestridge (SEI)
Holly Savage
Jennifer Wells

Psychologist:

Eloysa Segura

Vocal Music:

Nursing:

LeAnn Williamson-Nurse
Rebecca Bellar-Health Aide

Second Grade:

Nicole Bergman
Glenna Dillon
Amy Duffy (SEI)
Krista Borba
Veronica Percival

Instructional Aides:

Virginia Beecher
JoAnn Berbereia
Kyle Taylor
Betty Ward
Eileen Miller
Romelia Hernandez
Cynthia Thomas

Third Grade:

Amanda Forkey
Bernadette Mueller
Rebecca Ray
Danielle Roebuck (SEI)
Rhonda Sousa

Clerk

Rosanne O'Neil

Bilingual Cross Cultural Aide:

Maria Barrios

Fourth Grade:

Aaron Estes
Melody Kelly (SEI)
Lauren Junio (SEI)
Andrea Leonardo

Speech Therapist:

Alisha Ellis

Sp. Ed. Instructional Aides:

Mary Lou Symmonds (Special Friends)
Dominique Hansbur (Class Sup. Provid.)
Regina Aguilera (Class Sup. Provid.)
Breanna Soto (RSP)
Melissa Garcia (RSP)
Lupe Cavillo (RSP)

Fifth Grade:

Celeste Quinonez
Rod Moore
Alice Usher (SEI)
Joshua LaBelle (Head Teacher)

Custodians:

Joe Sanchez-AM
Alex Flores-PM

RSP:

Marvin Brock

Cafeteria:

Johnny Machado
Eleanor Castellanoz

RTI/Programs Teacher:

Laura Gunning

Ways to Connect to the Pleasant Community

In the Classroom

- ❖ Visit your child's classroom
- ❖ Contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns
- ❖ Help prepare materials for your child's classroom
- ❖ Volunteer in your child's classroom
- ❖ Tutor a student or small group in math, reading or writing
- ❖ Help check students' work
- ❖ Volunteer on a field trip

Events

- ❖ Attend all parent conferences
- ❖ Support student events and performances by helping with them and by attending
- ❖ Help set-up before or tear down after school events

On Campus

- ❖ Volunteer in the library
- ❖ Join the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)
 - Attend monthly PTO meetings
 - Help with PTO sponsored events
- ❖ Volunteer for the School Site Council (SSC)
 - This group meets 5-6 times per year to make decisions regarding the school's budget, safety issues and programs
- ❖ Volunteer for the English Language Learners' Advisory Council (ELLAC)
 - This group meets 5-6 times per year to make decisions regarding the school's budget and programs.
- ❖ Volunteer for the District Advisory Council (DAC)
 - This group meets monthly at the District Office to discuss District budgets and programs
- ❖ Volunteer for the District English Language Learners' Advisory Council (DELLAC)
 - This group meets monthly at the District Office to discuss District budgets and programs

Pick-Up & Drop-Off Information

Most of the campuses in Tulare City School District have parking issues and Pleasant has had its share at one time or another. To avoid these problems, I want to inform you on where you can park and/or drop off your students before school and after school.

Campus Access

The campus is closed until 7:45am. If your student arrives at 7:45, they are to report to the cafeteria. The main gates near the office will be open from 7:45 until 8:30 each day. They will reopen at 2:20 each day. Between the hours of 8:30 and 2:20 you will only be able to gain access to the campus by going into the main office.

Parking & Walking

You can park on any street around the school (Milner Street or Pleasant Street) as long as you don't block access to the school parking lot or the neighborhood drive-ways. If you park on a red curb your vehicle will be towed away.

Parking in either of the school parking lots is for school business only or handicap parking. Do not park and walk into campus. You will be required to move your vehicle.

Students who live in the immediate area around Pleasant Elementary are encouraged to walk or ride their bike to school (wearing a helmet). If your child does walk or ride their bike to school we also encourage them to do so with a friend or relative.

Buses

Buses arrive in the east parking lot and students are picked-up for the bus in the east parking lot in the afternoon. Do not block or drop off students in this parking lot.

Car Drop-Offs/Pick-ups

If you are dropping your student off and picking them up, you can do so on Milner Street (north of the school). Please pull near the gate before allowing your students in or out of your car and be careful when pulling back onto the street.

You may also drop-off and pick-up in the main parking lot. There are two lanes that cars can get into and staff members will help students in or out of the cars once the car reaches the cross walk. Do not get out of your vehicle or park in the main parking lot. Your car will be removed. You can enter this parking lot through the north entrance off of Milner and exit onto Pleasant.

I hope this update helps you plan accordingly with the dropping off and picking up of your student. Please remember Character Counts and hopefully we will not have any parking issues. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at 685-7300.

Lunch Payments

Tulare City School District continues to maintain a **NO CHARGE** policy for meal accounts. Therefore, please have monies available in advance for your child. Payments may be made daily, weekly or monthly in the school office. You may also pay online through our district EZ School Pay Program. Please be sure to complete a meal application for your child. Applications are available in the school office.

Child Pick-Up

Remember to pick up your child on time.

The City of Tulare offers “Best Club” on our campus for parents who need after school care for their children (paid program at the City of Tulare).

The Choices Program is also available for our 2nd-5th grade students (on a first come, first serve basis only). Flyers are available in the school office.

Attendance

It is very important to get your child to school on time. The first bell rings at 8:15 am. The tardy bell rings at 8:20 am. If your child is absent, please call the school office as soon as possible and provide a doctor's note whenever possible. Let's keep Pleasant one of the highest rated schools for attendance percentages!



Pleasant Bears

At Pleasant Elementary School, we...



	Classroom	Hallways	Fields	Bathrooms	Cafeteria	Assembly
Trustworthiness	Be Honest	Hands to yourself	Follow directions when not being watched	Enter and leave quietly	Eat just your own food	Follow directions
Respect	Listen to who is speaking	Remember personal space	Take care of equipment	Honor privacy Use toilet appropriately	Use please and thank you	Listen with quiet mouths Raise your hand
Responsibility	Clean-up Do all your work	Walk quietly	Freeze at the bell, then walk to line	Get in and get out	Stand in line quietly Say your first and last name	Sit properly on your bottom
Fairness	Share Wait your turn	Stay in line	Take turns	Wait in line Flush the toilet	Wait your turn	Be a good listener
Caring	Remember your manners Help Others	Wait for others	Use kind words	Put the trash in the trash can	Pick up extra trash	Applaud appropriately
Citizenship	Be a role model	Use silent "hello"	Include others Stay in play area	Wash your hands	Use a whisper voice Set your trash in the trash can	Lend a helping hand

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