



School Messenger 22 July 2016

Greetings Gator Families! This is Teresa Caswell, Principal of Alston Ridge Elementary School, and I am calling with a bi-monthly update. As always we appreciate your partnership and support. We are off and running with the 2016-17 school year! Tracks 1, 2, and 3 have all settled in, including our new Kindergarten friends, and we are eagerly awaiting Track 4 joining us on August 1st. Reminder that Track 4 families will have their Teacher “Meet and Mingle” at 10am, July 29th in the combined café and gym. Class lists will be posted on the windows outside the main doors by 5pm on July 28th. Track 4 Kindergarten students will have their staggered entry dates August 1st – 4th and then their Teacher “Meet and Mingle” at 2pm, August 5th. I am excited to meet the remainder of our new families on these dates and at the PTA’s second “Welcome Wagon,” 9am on August 8th. All in all, it has been a very smooth transition to our second multi track year and the whole staff is buzzing with new ideas, integrated concepts, and a focus on being great!

Please note the following dates and improvements:

We have a new, shiny, **website!** wcpss.net/alstonridgees. There continues to be a link to the PTA website where a new newsletter, including new-year information from yours truly will be included next week. Stay tuned!

Don’t forget we have TWO **twitter accounts:** Mine @TeresaLky3 and the School’s @AlstonRidgeES

August 4th – 5:15pm: Parent Chat, then at 6:00pm – General PTA Meeting followed by Open House for Tracks 1 and 2. There will be two, repeated, sessions: the first at 6:20, a 5 minute transition (for those with siblings), followed by the second at 6:45. This is a parent-focused event to share classroom expectations and grade level curriculum.

August 25th – 5:45pm Parent Chat followed by Open House for Tracks 3 and 4 (same format as Aug. 4th.)

As always, thank you so much for your partnership and support. I am excited for all the phenomenal progress our school community will experience this year!