



# Comet Connection

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Cottage School, Montessori Education

San Juan Unified School District

## **Greetings Cottage Community,**

It was so great to see so many parents at our Back to School Night events. Thank you for your time and we hope that the events were valuable to you.

We'd like to ask for the help of all our families during dismissal times as the front of the school can become very crowded at that time and we are trying to ensure that our children are returned to you safely. For those parents picking up by car or bike, please keep your children on the sidewalks until they enter the car. We teach our students to remain on the sidewalks and appreciate your help in re-enforcing that for their safety.

Also, we'd like to ask parents to not block the hallway in front of the office or by the pick-up benches at the end of the day so that our classes can get out to dismissal on time. On a few occasions it has been difficult for our classes to get to the car loading area due to large crowds in the hallways or in front of the school. We thank you all for your help with this as it will help make our end of the day transitions a bit easier.

**Sincerely,  
Dr. Arthur Estrada, Principal**

## Important Dates

<b>Sept 19</b>	<b>English Language Advisory Committee – 8:45 am</b>
<b>Sept 23</b>	<b>Picture Day</b>
<b>Sept 23-27</b>	<b>Book Fair – Library</b>
<b>Sept 24</b>	<b>General PTA Meeting 6:15 pm</b>
<b>Sept 25</b>	<b>Student Assembly-2:00 pm</b>
	<b>Book Fair – Ice Cream Event 4:00-7:00 pm</b>
	<b>School Site Council 3:25 pm</b>
<b>Sept 26</b>	<b>Special Grand's Lunch</b>
<b>Sept 26</b>	<b>Grands Lunch</b>
<b>October 1</b>	<b>Shelter in Place Emergency Drill 2:00 pm</b>
<b>October 3</b>	<b>Grand's Lunch</b>
<b>October 4-7</b>	<b>No School</b>
<b>October 11</b>	<b>First Friday Parent Workshop – 8:30 am Library</b>

## Grands Lunch Events

One of our favorite things is to see parents involved in the daily school lives of our children.

One way that we encourage families to join us is through our Grands Lunch events. The purpose of Grands is simply for parents, grandparents, or other adult family members to join their child for lunch during their designated lunch time. This might be a little different than previous experiences so below are a few tips that will help make the most of your Grands experience:

1. **Time:** 1-3 graders have lunch from 11:50-12:35. 4-5 graders have lunch from 12:40-1:30. Our students are working hard in class so we cannot let students out early or have them go back to class late.
2. **Location:** We set out tables and have lots of picnic tables in front of the office and in the main quad areas. Please do not use the tables in front of D, E, and G wings as this can become disruptive to other classes.
3. **Sign in/out:** If you are going to take your child home early please make sure they are signed out from the office. Parents should not go directly to classes to sign their children out for the remainder of the day.
4. **Communication:** Please let your child know if you will not be coming to have lunch with them. Each month we have lots of students who want to call home to see if parents will be coming and we do not allow them to leave class to call home.
5. **Siblings:** It is great that younger siblings are able to join you and see that school is important. However, please keep the younger children with you at all times as we have limited supervision to cover playground areas.

## Cottage PTA News

Our first General Meeting is on Tuesday, September 24th from 6:15-7:15 pm. We will be meeting in room H2 to discuss plans for the school year.

This year we have moved meetings to the evening and will have childcare available for your students in the cafeteria. Students will be engaged in activities and will have pizza for dinner while you are meeting with us.

And we are looking for volunteers to help set up the book fair, which begins next week. This Friday, September 20 is setup day. If you are able to volunteer for an hour or two, we could use your help. If you are able to assist, please email us at [PTACottage@gmail.com](mailto:PTACottage@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support of Cottage Elementary and the PTA!

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## Pick up and Drop off

Morse Avenue can become congested during pick up times. While we try to get our children loaded as quickly as possible, safety is our primary concern.

We thank you all for your patience as you pick up your children each day from the front of the school/bus zone area. For those of you who park your vehicles along the street or across at the park, please be careful in crossing the street and ensure that you are using the cul de sac at the end of the park parking lot for U-turns.

Finally, please remember that there is no supervision available for students before 8:15 in the morning. Families should not drop off children for breakfast before that time.