

Horace Mann School

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Dear Horace Mann Kindergarten Parents,

Welcome to the beginning of an exciting adventure – the start of your child's formal education. On behalf of my staff and faculty, we at Horace Mann are honored and delighted to be a part of this amazing growth and discovery process.

I want to personally assure you that we strive to make your initial experiences at Horace Mann positive for you and your child. As parent involvement is at the cornerstone of our culture, our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) has organized several family friendly events that will help to prepare your child for the first day of school.

On Saturday August 9th, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the courtyard in front of the main entrance, our PTA will be sponsoring our annual "New Families Ice Cream Social". I strongly encourage you and your child to attend this event. It's an opportunity to meet other new families, school administration, PTA members and receive important school information. I personally will take you on a special Kindergarten tour and walk through the first day activities, and answer all the questions you may have. Please sign in at the Kindergarten table. Welcome & tours will begin promptly at 4:15pm.

The next day, Sunday August 10th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. is our annual "Welcome Back Breakfast" where our PTA offers a complimentary breakfast and another opportunity to meet other Horace Mann parents and students. After the breakfast, class lists will be presented. We will have a separate viewing area for our Kindergarten classes.

Please visit the Horace Mann Website, <u>http://hm.bhusd.org</u>, and click on our "**Back to School Packet**" which contains important school information, including schedule, procedures. Please note there are no Kindergarten class supplies listed as the Kindergarten teachers will meet with you on the first day to explain the supplies needed for the year. The first day of school is Monday, August 11th beginning at 8:30 a.m. Should you have any immediate questions, you can also contact our Kinder Buddy parents at <u>HMKbuddy@gmail.com</u>. I look forward to meeting you in person and am hopeful that the upcoming school year will be a positive and productive one.

Respectfully yours,

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