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## CALIENTE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### September 2023 Newsletter

Sept. 6, 2023

Dear Families of Piute Mountain School:

Welcome to September and Attendance Awareness month! We begin September with the closing of the first quarter. Students are ramping up to complete assignments and to try their best on assessments. As we look at the end of the grading period, I am reminded that students' assessments in the classroom hold the most weight. There are assignments that are in addition to helping students learn and prepare for the assessments. Mr. Alexander is offering a homework club for those students who are below a 2.0 or have a deficient grade in a core subject. Homework Club runs simultaneously with our STEM activities with Ms. Penney. If you are interested in either of these extra programs, please let us know.

We had our ASB elections and am proud to announce the following officers for the 2023-2024 school year: President- Richard Monzo, Vice-President-Warren Rankin, Emily Warren-Secretary, Eva Ross- Treasurer, Piper McCay – Representative. The officers are planning activities to promote school spirit, Red Ribbon Week, and fund-raisers. They make daily announcements along with leading the school in the flag salute. It is exciting to have our leaders take an active role in their school community.

Our math coaches have arrived! Mr. Hansen and Mr. Sumeet will be on our campus 5-6 times per month. Their coaching of number talks will help teachers become more of a facilitator in the learning process and the students' active engagers. Students are learning more of the why behind the computations by making sense of numbers. Academic Conversations help students to process the learning and our staff and students are going through training of how to have a polite, respectful, and academic conversation while learning to share a new idea, negotiate, clarify, and fortify. This life skill will help with public speaking, interviewing, and responding to others.

In addition to the education of your child, Piute has activities that may be of interest. Here are the upcoming events:



## PIUTE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Caliente Union School District

# Job Announcement

**Piute Mountain School is hiring!!**

**APPLICATION WINDOW – 7/30-9/12/23**

2 Instructional Aides – 6.25 hours when school is in session. Starting pay - \$16.28.

Instructional Aides will work directly with students, under the direction of the classroom teacher. They will assist with clerical work, correcting papers, recess supervision, and assisting students with schoolwork.

Required – High School Diploma and DOJ clearance. Preferred – some college education.

Custodian/Grounds- 6.25 hours Monday-Friday, 5 days a week.

Under the supervision of MOT, the custodian/grounds staff will clean classrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, and other buildings, landscaping, mowing, and yard work will be required.

Required – High School Diploma or certificate and DOJ clearance.  
Preferred – Experience with small yard equipment and cleaning equipment.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT PIUTE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL**

APPLICATIONS MAY BE RECEIVED AND SENT TO 12400 CALIENTE CREEK ROAD,  
CALIENTE CA.

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# Help Your Child Succeed in Preschool and Kindergarten

## Build the Habit of Good Attendance

### DID YOU KNOW...

**Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from preschool forward.**

Missing 10% of school (1 or 2 days every few weeks) can make it harder to:

- Gain early reading and math skills.
- Build relationships.
- Develop good attendance habits.

**High quality preschool and kindergarten has many benefits!**

- The routines your child develops will continue throughout school.
- Make the most of early grades by encouraging your child to attend every day.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

**Work with your child and his/her teacher to develop your child's strong attendance.**

**Talk about it – sing about it – make it an adventure!**

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Share ideas with other parents for getting to school on time.

**Before the school year starts**

- Find out what day school starts and begin a countdown!
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Attend orientation with your child to meet teachers and classmates and find out about health and safety procedures.

**Ready, Set, GO!**

- If you are concerned your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice. Ask for resources to continue learning at home if needed.
- Ask family members or neighbors for assistance if you need help.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 medical appointments and extended trips when school is not in session.
- If your child seems anxious about preschool or kindergarten, talk to the program director, teacher, your doctor or other parents for advice.







## Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

### DID YOU KNOW?

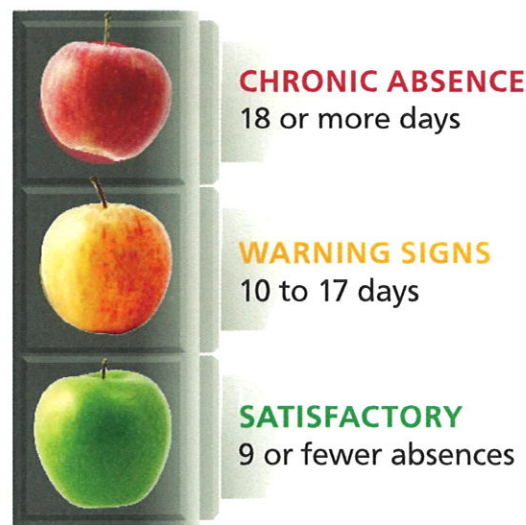
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

**Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.**

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.





# Breakfast Menu

## September 2023

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Choice of milk offer daily  
Menu subject to change  
*\* contains pork*

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4  No School	5  Maple Waffle Fruit Punch Juice Banana 1/2c	6  *Pancake Sausage on a Stick Very Berry Juice Applesauce Cup 1/2c	7  GoodyBun Fruit Punch Juice Strawberries	8  Mocha Crumble Orange 1/2c Very Berry Juice	
11 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Granny Smith Apple1/2c Very Berry Juice	12 Banana Muffins Fruit Punch Juice Banana 1/2c	13 Breakfast Sandwich Very Berry Juice Applesauce Cup 1/2c	14 Breakfast Sausage Wrap Fruit Punch Juice Strawberries	15 Oatmeal Round Strawberries Very Berry Juice	
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# Lunch Menu

## September 2023

Monday

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Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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4	NO School	5	Popcorn Chicken Orange 1/2c Paradise Punch Juice 1/2 vegetable Chili Pinto Beans 1/2c Ketchup	6	Extreme Burrito Applesauce Cucumber Coins 1/2c Broccoli 1/2c Dressing Ranch Cup	7	Fiestada Banana 1/2c Paradise Punch Juice 1/2 vegetable Broccoli 1/2c	8	Corn Dog Pear 1/2c Chili/Lime Carrots Jicama Chunks Ketchup	1	Galaxy Pepperoni Pizza Pear 1/2c Jicama Chunks Chili/Lime Carrots
		11	Grilled Cheese Gala Apple 1/2c Baby Carrots 1/2c Roasted Corn 1/2c	12	BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich* Orange 1/2c Green Beans 1/2c Paradise Punch Juice 1/2 vegetable	13	Loaded mini cheese burger Applesauce Cucumber Coins 1/2c Chili Pinto Beans 1/2c Ketchup Mayo	14	Rotini w/ meat sauce 1/4 vegetable Banana 1/2c Paradise Punch Juice 1/2 vegetable Broccoli 1/2c	15	Sicilian Pizza* Pear 1/2c Jicama Chunks Chili/Lime Carrots
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