



Begin and End times for school...

Please be reminded our school hours are 8:45-3:00 Monday-Friday. Students are not allowed on campus before 8:30 unless they are eating breakfast in the cafeteria. If they are eating they may be **in the cafeteria** from 8:20-8:30 to eat. They are not allowed on the playground until there is supervision at 8:30. We have had several children dropped off at school by parents or siblings prior to these times. Be sure you make arrangements for your child/children before and after school to begin their day and be picked up on time. NOTE: Calls will be made for students to be picked up in the morning if they are dropped off too early.

Before and After School

Arrangements...

We are concerned for the safety and peace of mind of your children. It has come to our attention that many children are coming to the office after school not aware where they will be picked up. Please be sure when they come to school in the morning that they are clear on what will take place in the afternoon at dismissal. The children get very anxious when their ride/designated pick up person is late or they think they are in the wrong place waiting for their ride to arrive. Please be clear talking to your child about dismissal arrangements.

After School Traffic Issues...

First and foremost your child/children's safety is our main concern at dismissal time here at Sombra. Between 3:00 and 3:15 there are 450 students leaving our campus.

The Albuquerque Police Department (not APS Police) has been issuing citations at our school for unsafe parking/pick up practices that have been taking place. Sometimes convenience and time crunch overshadow safety because of the

fast track our lives are on. We have sent out many reminders in our school newsletters regarding safety issues at our school over the years, please be aware of no parking signs, double parking, calling children between parked cars to your car, stopping in the middle of the road to load children, parking and leaving your car in an area that is designated to have traffic moving through, etc. Please, Please, Please be aware of the areas surrounding the school and the safety of **all** the students at Sombra.

Cafeteria application...

Hopefully you filled out the lunch applications for free or reduced lunches at meet your teacher day or during registration. There has been some confusion regarding payment responsibilities during the 10 day processing period. **You will be responsible for the lunch fees until you are approved for free or reduced lunch. The free/reduced status is not retroactive. WE JUST WANT TO MAKE YOU AWARE.**

Parent Link...

Parent Link is a new phone system that has been implemented by APS to keep parents better informed. It will be making calls regarding attendance, important upcoming events, etc. When you receive calls regarding attendance it will indicate that your child has missed period 1 and 2 during the school day, this represents morning and afternoon classes. We will still be sending home newsletters with our students but you could be receiving phone calls also. Please be certain that the office has current phone numbers on file. It is important to keep you informed of changes for both communication and your child's safety should they be hurt or become ill at school.

Attendance...

Be reminded, you are responsible for letting the school know when your child is absent. Our attendance line, 291-6842 ext. 6 is available 24 hours a day. It is extremely important for you to notify the school; otherwise excused absences will be considered unexcused due to lack of reporting. See APS Student Handbook sent home on Meet Your Teacher Day for details regarding excused/unexcused absences. Arrangements for make up work need to be worked out with the classroom teacher at dismissal in the classroom, not during the school day as they have many students relying on them for a full day of learning.

School Spirit Day...

Don't forget every Friday is School Spirit Day. Show your school spirit by wearing your Sombra Shirts or the school colors, turquoise and yellow.

PFO News...

The Sombra PFO would like to welcome everyone back to a new school year. We would like to introduce the 2008-2009 PFO Executive Board:

Co-Presidents

Skye Holly and Kathy Dobbs

Co-Vice Presidents

Jackie Mares and Sherri Stewart

Co-Treasurers

Shelly Rose and Richard Sanchez

Secretary

Cindee Heronimus

Volunteer Coordinator

Lauren Dwyer.

Our Kick-off for our first fundraiser is Thursday, August 28th with Sally Foster. Our next PFO meeting is scheduled for September 11th from 3:15 to 4:15 in the Library. We would love to have any and all come. This is a way to get involved in your student's school and make new friends. We are always looking for volunteers. We are currently in need of someone for Box Tops/Campbell's Soup Labels.

If interested, please contact Skye Holly at 291-6842 x14. We are looking forward to a great year

Indian Parent

Conference Friday:

Indian Education's 2nd Annual Parent Conference is set for 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Aug. 29, at the Albuquerque Marriott. No cost to

parents of eligible Native students in APS. Some of the topics to be presented include- Prevention of Substance Abuse, Attendance/Truancy, Parent Resources, Bullying, Peer Pressure, Gang Involvement, and School and College Preparation. For more information call the APS Indian Education Office at 884-6392.

Singing opportunities...

Albuquerque Boy Choir for boys age 6-7, is holding auditions now until Sept. 28. Call 363-4621 or go to www.abqboychoir.org.

The University of New Mexico Children's Chorus is a non-auditioned chorus for girls and boys ages 5-15. New members welcome through Sep. 10. Call 277-8816 or go to www.unmchildrensing.com.

OASIS Tutoring...

If you know of anyone over the age of 55 that could be interested in tutoring students during the school day, there is an opportunity through the Macy's Oasis program to get involved in this worthwhile and rewarding program. There will be an informational meeting on Tues., September 16th at 10:30 at Macy's Coronado. Tutoring will be provided on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd and Thurs., Sept. 25th from 10-4. If you have an interest contact Oasis at Macy's 889-0927 or by email at oasisabq@msn.com. Their website is www.oasisnet.org.

Special Thanks...

Sombra del Monte would like to extend a special thanks to Rebecca Cruz for the wonderful tiles on our signs located at Candelaria and Altez. She worked with last years fifth grade and other students to create this beautiful art work.

CALENDAR...

8/28-9/11	PFO Sally Foster Fundraiser Begins
9/11	PFO MEETING Information regarding AYP in the library
9/1	Labor Day -No School
9/5	Picture Day
9/11	*Take Your Parent to School K-2 nd Grades 9:30-10:30 *PFO Meeting 3:15 library <u>Information on AYP</u> (annual yearly progress)
9/12	Professional Development No School
9/16	Take Your Parent to School 3 rd -5 th Grades 9:30-10:30