

Hollister Elementary TK/Kindergarten



Family Information Night
February 2024

About Hollister



Principal

Kristina Munoz



376

Students Preschool-6th enrolled for
2023-2024

Mascot

Hawks

Colors

Blue & White

TK or K?

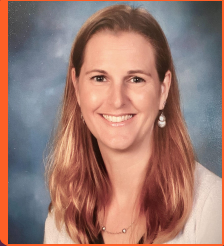


TK/K

★ **TK:** Children **turning 5 between September 2 - June 2** and reside within Goleta Union School District boundaries

★ **Kindergarten:** Children **turning 5 on or before September 1st** and reside within Goleta Union School District boundaries

Meet the TK/Kindergarten Teachers



Phoebe Ball

TK



**Loriann
Mastromarino**

TK



Veronica Flores

K



Jennifer Conway

K



Mateo Ochoa

K

Number of classrooms and staffing depends on enrollment and district class size guidelines.



What's the Difference?

TK (Transitional Kindergarten)

- ★ Content standards are **introduced**
- ★ **Play-based** learning
- ★ Activities are more hands-on and open-ended, developing fine motor skills, etc.
- ★ Developing independence
- ★ Students move on to Kindergarten
- ★

Kindergarten

- ★ **Mastery** of content standards is expected
- ★ Lessons/Activities are differentiated depending on students' readiness and needs
- ★ More attention is given to paper and pencil activities
- ★ Developing independence
- ★ Students move on to first grade
- ★

TK (Transitional Kindergarten) Program

- Program focuses on **exploration, exposure, and experience**
- 2 adults per classroom (teacher + paraprofessional)
- Class times follow Kindergarten schedule (8:15- 1:30)



Become comfortable with the school environment

- Learn school routines
- Follow multi-step directions
- Develop confidence, take risks, explore



Fine Motor Skills

- Use scissors
- Hold drawing/writing tools



Social-Emotional Skills

- Manage emotions
- Express needs/feelings with words
- Develop positive social interactions



Independence & Self Control

- Develop self-care skills
- Keep body to self
- Develop impulse control
- Wait for a turn
- Sit & listen to story



Kindergarten Readiness

01

**Follow
Multi-step
Directions**

02

Self Control

- Keep body to self
- Wait your turn
- Sit & listen to story

03

**Communicate
Needs**

- Can you help me?
- I need to use the bathroom.

04

Fine Motor

- Use scissors
- Hold drawing tools



[More Ways to Prepare for Kindergarten from First 5 California](#)

Toileting:

Potty train
over the
summer!



- If your child is fully potty trained, it will help them be more successful in TK and K!
- Keeping consistent bathroom routines at home is helpful.
- Accidents happen! Focus on being positive and celebrating successes.

At school:

- Consider how easily pants can be undone (snaps vs. buttons, sweats vs. jeans).
- A change of clothes should be provided and left at school. May include an extra pair of shoes.
- Staff will verbally coach young children in changing wet clothing. Parents will be notified and expected to change in the case of a bowel movement.
- Pull-Ups to be provided by parents if students are not potty trained.
- No longer a requirement to have your child potty trained, but required to start working on it.

Breakfast/Snack & Lunch

- ▶ Breakfast and Lunch are available to all students.
- ▶ Monthly menus on GUSD website and sent home in Friday Folders.
- ▶ Breakfast is offered before school or snack is offered at morning recess.
- ▶ Students eat and then play.

Free for all
students.

How do I stay informed?

Parent Square

Classroom newsletters, school-wide events, PTA information, and district information posted.

Accounts made for new families in the fall.





You may be asking yourself, what is ParentSquare?

Get Involved with Hollister School

- ★ Hollister PTA
- ★ School Site Council
- ★ District Advisory Council
- ★ District Committees
- ★ English Language Advisory Council
- ★ Classroom Volunteer



Support your school!

Immunization Information



School Nurse
Yan Lebeau

Immunizations are...

- **REQUIRED BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**
- **STATE MANDATE**
- **Special circumstances contact the school RN**

Vacunas necesarias...

- Polio 4 doses
- DTap 5 doses
- MMR 2 doses
- Hepatitis B 3 doses
- Varicella (Chicken Pox) 2 doses

Contact: Yan Lebeau
(School Nurse)

ylebeau@gusd.us
(805) 681-1271 ext. 1546

Medical Conditions



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Yan Lebeau

- If your child has any medical conditions please use ParentVue in Synergy to add them
- OR let the office staff or school nurse know



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Medications at School



**School Nurse
Yan Lebeau**

- If there is a need for medication related to your child's medical condition OR if your child requires medication for whatever reason contact the school nurse
- The medication authorization form completed by your child's doctor is required for the following:
 - Prescribed medications
 - Over-the-counter medications
 - Anything used to treat illness (like cough drops)



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Illness

Please do not send your child to school sick!

Please do not give medications to hide symptoms.

Please be available if your child needs to be sent home or have a reliable back-up person-KEEP EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS UP TO DATE!



Attendance

As long as your child is healthy, please bring them to school every day when school is in session. Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as connect to peers and their teachers.



Julee

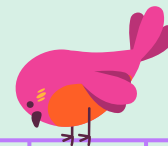
Registration Information Experts

Julee Perea - jperea@gusd.us
School Office Manager

Lucie Espinoza - lespinoza@gusd.us
School Office Assistant



Lucie



Registration

February 20: GUSD Online Registration Opens

- Go to Hollister Website → Parents → Online Registration
- Need help with Online Registration?
Enrollment Questions: [Julee Perea - jperea@gusd.us](mailto:jperea@gusd.us)

⌘ **Register ASAP!**

Registration Information

Online registration through ParentVUE

Information needed:

- **Student's Birth Certificate***
- **Immunizations/Physical (after March 1)***
- **Two proofs of residency***
- Emergency contact info (keep it current)
- Doctor and Dentist contact info
- Previous schools attended
- Custodial documentation
- Home Language Survey
- Health Questionnaire



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After School Care

Expanded Learning - 4 to 5 day enrollment required

- Kinderbridge Only Enrollment- TK/K 1:30pm-3:00pm (Monday- Friday)
- Kinderbridge & After School Session 1:30pm-5:30pm (Monday- Friday)
- Check website for fees, financial assistance available

Enrollment window: February 20- May 1

GUSD Expanded Learning Website:

- ➔ GUSD Homepage
- ➔ “Parent Tab” drop down menu
- ➔ Select “Afterschool Program”



Program Contact: Rocio Melchor
805-681-1200, Ext. 2211



GUSD Dual Language Immersion Program (DLI)

Neighborhood School: El Camino School

- DLI classes: TK - 4th
- TK/K Model - 90% Spanish/ 10% English
- Students engage in all CA State Content Standards

DLI Parent Information Session (TK/K)
Tuesday, March 12th 5:30pm

Applications **DUE April 16th, 2024**

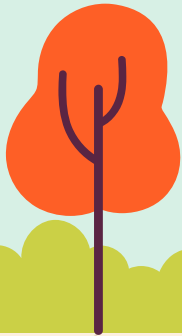
Many benefits to multilingualism!

Become bilingual

Higher academic achievement & cognitive flexibility

Improved health and mental wellness

Prepared for education and work in a global world





Goleta Family School (GFS)

K-6 GUSD program at Foothill Elementary

- Multi-age classrooms
- Focus on environmental education and outdoor learning, including field trips & camping trips
- Parent involvement (volunteering/ chaperoning) is required.
- www.goletafamilyschool.com

GFS Parent Information Session (required)

Tuesday, February 27: 6-8pm

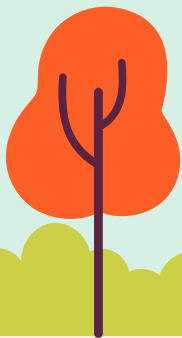
Spanish interpretation available

GFS Tour (required)

Wednesday, February 28 - 9am-10am

Applications:

DUE Feb. 29, 2024



Inclusion



“Inclusion refers to including children with disabilities in educational settings, together with their peers without disabilities; holding high expectations and intentionally promoting participation in all learning and social activities, facilitated by individualized accommodations; and using evidence-based services and supports to foster their development (cognitive, language, communication, physical, behavioral, and social-emotional), friendships with peers, and sense of belonging.”

Special Education and Inclusion (IEP's)

Inclusion: This applies to all young children with disabilities, from those with the mildest disabilities, to those with the most significant disabilities.

Continuum of Support

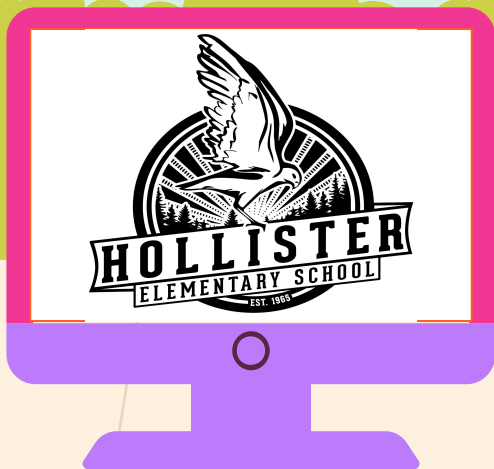
All GUSD Schools:

- General Education and Mild/Moderate Support Education Specialist Teachers
- District Adopted Curriculum
- School Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Support
- Service Providers: Speech & Language Pathologist, BCBA, Occupational Therapist, School Psychologist

Extensive Support Needs Special Education Programs

- Access to General Education
- General Education ↔ Modified Curriculum
- Behavior/Social Skills Supports
- Individual Services as Stated on IEP
- Embedded Classroom Supports

For more information visit...



[Hollister School](#)



[Goleta Union
School District](#)

www.gusd.us

Thank you!



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We look forward to
seeing you on the First
Day of School!
August 21, 2024