



*Our Mission: Together, provide the tools and experiences every student needs to create an individual, viable and valued path to lifelong*



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August 19, 2023

Happy August, Tiger Families!

Welcome back to the World's Greatest Elementary School! We are so excited for ALL our Tigers to return for the 2023-2024 school year.

We have been working hard to prepare our school for our Tigers to return. Our custodial staff has been tending to numerous projects to ensure our building is clean and in tip-top shape for learning. During our hot summer, the grounds crew has been working to help our campus look as inviting as ever and ready for our Tigers to run and play. Our warm and welcoming office staff has been preparing many details to support ALL our Tigers returning. Our expert teaching staff and paraeducators are working to ensure that classrooms and learning materials are ready this year for ALL our Tigers.

Please join us at our **Meet the Teacher event on Monday, August 28th, from 5:00–6:00 PM**. You can meet your teacher, see your classroom, and drop off school supplies.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for Thursday, October 12th, from 6:00–7:30 PM for our Open House.

We look forward to continuing to focus on EVERY Tiger belonging to our school community and on growth for ALL. We are going to have an AMAZING year of learning and fun!

Today and every day remember: It's a Great Day to be a Tiger!

With Tiger Pride,

*Kellie Christiansen*

Principal, Shadow Lake Elementary  
It's A Great Day to Be a Tiger!





Below are some important notes to help you get prepared for the new school year!

## PLACEMENT

Recently, all class placements were emailed. If you did not receive yours, please contact *the World's Friendliest Registrar*, Susan Kelder via email [skelder@tahomasd.us](mailto:skelder@tahomasd.us)

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Supplies lists are posted on our school website [here](#).

## TRANSPORTATION

Bus route schedules are available, and all transportation information can be found [here](#).

## THE WAY HOME!

**Very Important:** Please let the office know how your child will be getting home every day by filling out a survey form. The information we receive is an integral part of making sure every student gets home safe. We need to hear from every Tiger family. Fill out one form per student attending SLES. If you have questions, please email the office, [sloffice@tahomasd.us](mailto:sloffice@tahomasd.us).

👉 Fill out **[THIS FORM](#)** by Friday, August 25

## NURSE

Check out notes from the nurse posted in our June newsletter [here](#).  
Questions for Nurse Munsell? Email: [SLNurse@Tahomasd.us](mailto:SLNurse@Tahomasd.us)

## FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION

Reduced/free lunch online applications, pay for meals, menus and more are available [here](#).

## EXTENDED ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (EEP)

Before school or after school childcare information [here](#).

## 2023-2024 SCHOOL HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:40 A.M. to 3:20 P.M.  
Friday Early Release 8:40 A.M. to 1:20 P.M.\*

\*Unless otherwise noted [TSD calendar](#)

Earliest drop off time: 8:25 AM



## CALENDAR DATES

THU 8/24 3:00- 6:00 PM, Popsicles in the Park! Everyone welcome!  
MON, 8/28 5:00-6:00 PM, Meet the Teacher (and drop off school supplies)  
WED 8/30 First day of school 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades  
FRI 9/1 Full Day Friday (no early release)  
MON 9/4 No school/ Labor Day  
TUE 9/5 First Day of Kindergarten  
FRI 9/8 Early Release Friday; students dismissed at 1:20 PM  
THU 10/12 6:00- 7:30 PM, Open House  
TUE 10/17 Picture Day

## SLES PTA

Join us for Popsicles in the Park on Thursday, August 24, 3:00- 6:00 PM! Everyone welcome!

PTA news [here](#). Stay current with what's happening by joining their private FB group [here](#)!



The poster features a central mountain graphic with the SLES PTA logo above it. The logo consists of two blue boxes with white text: 'SLES' and 'PTA'. Below the mountain is the text 'Build community. Cultivate learning. Support staff.' The event details are listed in red and green text: 'WHEN August 24, 2023 3 pm till 6 pm' and 'WHERE Lake Wilderness Park'. The main title 'POPSICLES IN THE PARK' is in large blue and red letters. Below the title is the text 'MEET YOUR FRIENDS AFTER A LONG SUMMER BREAK AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS IF YOU ARE JOINING THE WORLD'S GREATEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!' and 'FREE EVENT FOR SLES STUDENTS'. The background is decorated with colorful popples and clouds.

**WHEN** August 24, 2023 **WHERE** Lake Wilderness Park  
3 pm till 6 pm

# POPSICLES IN THE PARK

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## TIGER PRIDE!

Our Spirit Wear store is OPEN until September 8. Check out the merchandise and order online [here](#).

## OPT-IN FOR TEXT MESSAGES

If you would like to get occasional short text message reminders from the school, you are invited to opt-in to receive them [here](#).

## VOLUNTEER CLEARANCE

We love volunteers! Do you have some time to help in the classroom, chaperone a field trip, or help at a school event? You can get ready for the school year by making sure your volunteer clearance is up to date [here](#). Many applications expired July 2023, so please check your status soon!

## QUESTIONS?

Be sure to check out our school website, <https://shadowlake.tahomasd.us/>  
You can also call the office (425) 413-6100 or email [sloffice@tahomasd.us](mailto:sloffice@tahomasd.us)

With Tiger Pride,  
Shadow Lake Administration Team



*The Administrative Team pictured left to right:*  
Nicole Smith, Library/Office;  
Katie Koppes, Building Manager;  
Kari Gordulan, Instructional Coach;  
Kellie Christiansen, Principal;  
David Aaby, Dean of Students;  
Susan Kelder, Registrar/Office;  
Shannon Kiefer, Administrative Assistant;  
Melanie Person, Counselor;  
Nicole Munsell, Nurse