

# The Sakamoto Scoop

August 2017 Newsletter

## CALENDAR

[8/14-8/18 Adjusted Dismissal](#)  
1st-3rd 2pm; 4th-6th 2:05pm

[8/14 Tears and Cheers](#)  
8:45am; cafeteria

[8/22 Parent Volunteer Orientation 9-10am; cafeteria\\*](#)

[8/25 Touch a Truck 4:30-7:30pm; field and blacktop\\*](#)

[8/29 1st PTO Meeting 7pm; cafeteria\\*](#)

[9/1 Pennies for PTO due](#)

*\*Click on link for more info*

## PTO News!

Sakamoto's Parent Teacher Organization is for everyone! All families are encouraged to get involved. Whether it's through your generous donations or time, our students benefit! Check out the PTO website at [www.sakamotopto.com](http://www.sakamotopto.com)

## NEWS

**Welcome back to school!** As you can tell, our school has experienced tremendous upgrades this summer! The work is still wrapping up, but we are so happy to have all new led lighting, HVAC system, roofing, perimeter fencing, parking lot, bike rack, garden area, kindergarten playground, YMCA buildings, and office carpeting. Whew! That's a lot of work to get done in just 8 weeks! The final completion date for the entire project is expected to be September 15th.

**Arrival & Dismissal:** There have been some changes in procedures for dropping off and picking up students in our parking lot. We ask that parents pull further forward before loading and unloading. During heavy traffic, the parking lot exit is a right turn only. We ask that pedestrians use the crosswalk in the parking lot and all vehicles will be required to stop at the crosswalk before proceeding through the parking lot. The first days of school will have extra staff on duty to assist drivers in adjusting to the changes. We look forward to a smoother flow of traffic during our drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you all for your support in keeping our students safe!

The **School Site Council** is seeking 2 new parent members. This group of parents, teachers and staff meets monthly to discuss and approve Sakamoto's fiscal allocations and plans for school safety. It's a great way to give input and get involved! Self nomination forms will go home the first week of school.

## EVENTS

This year the 6th grade class will be going to science camp in February. That means they have less time to raise the money it costs to attend! The first major fundraiser is **TOUCH A TRUCK!** This will be a very exciting outdoor event. There will be something for everyone, from firetruck to classic cars, to foodtrucks. Only \$5! Don't miss it!

