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Unified School District

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Dear Terramar Parents and Guardians,

We hope you are enjoying your summer and are finding ways to stay out of the heat. As many of you are planners, we wanted to make sure you have had an opportunity to see next year's school calendar, which is available on our district's [website](https://www.dvusd.org) at <https://www.dvusd.org>. The calendar can be found under the Our District tab.

Throughout the school year, elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools will dismiss early for *Professional Learning Community* time. Professional Learning Communities, or PLCs, are school improvement models aimed at improving student learning for each individual student. Early release days provide consistent professional development so that our teachers have time to work with their peers and focus on best practices for student achievement.

For your quick reference, the early release days for the 2019-20 school year are:

1st Semester	2nd Semester
August 16, 23, & 30	January 10, 17, & 31
September, 13, 20, 27	February 7, 14, & 28
October 11, 25	March 6, 13, 27
November 1, 8, & 22	May 8, 15
December 6, 13	✓ No early release days in April due to State Testing.

On the above early release days, school will end 90 minutes earlier than our usual end time. That early release time will be **1:20 (Kindergarten-1st) and 1:30 (2nd-8th) for Terramar**. For families who need before or after-school programs, whether it be for just an early release day or for the entire school year, Before and After School programs are available. Information can be found on the district's website at www.dvusd.org/PlcChildCare or you may simply click [here](#).

There are no adults to supervise students after school ends, unless they are remaining on campus to attend a before/after-school program, all students must be picked up by **3:10pm**. Buses run exactly 90 minutes earlier every early release Friday afternoon. You will find the Start and Dismiss schedule on the District Website at www.dvusd.org/times or click [here](#).

Thank you and we look forward to seeing our classrooms filled with students on August 7!

Please watch for more important information about the start of school coming in the next few weeks.

Office hours are from 7:30am-4:00pm

We look forward to seeing everyone really soon!

Sincerely,

Sharon Wieser, Principal and Julia Aaron, Assistant Principal

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