WELCOME TO
EL CAMINO DEL RIO /RIVER ROAD DUAL IMMERSSION ELEMENTARY!

THIS SPECIAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE READ IT OVER CAREFULLY.

“MEET YOUR TEACHER AND PAPERWORK” DAY
Kindergarten Orientation Tuesday, September 8th, 1:00-2:00 PM
1st-5th Grade Tuesday, September 8th, “drop in” between 2:00 and 4:30 PM

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Wednesday, September 9th
8:20 – 1:40 All Students including kinders.

EL CAMINO DEL RIO BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL
Friday, September 11th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Come prepared to have a great time!
Food available for purchase!
Reconnect with other families!

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

WALK A THON FUNDRAISER:
Kick Off Assembly, Wednesday, September 30th
WALK A THON, Thursday, October 8th

FIRST PARENT MEETING
Tuesday, September 15th 6-7:00pm

ICE CREAM & CURRICULUM NIGHT
Wednesday, October 7th 6-8:00pm
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS Wednesday, September 9th

TRANSPORTATION AND DROP OFF /PICK UP CHANGES FOR 2015-2016

BUS LANE LOCATION CHANGE

Bus will drop off students in front of the school beginning this year.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF LOCATIONS

We created a new drop off lane by the parking lot where bus zone was located. We are now asking that parents drive through the parking lot for pick up or drop off. Please note that we have reversed the entry and exit of the parking. These changes were made to create a safer way to get children to and from school. We request you no longer use the street for pick up or drop off. This change will create a safer environment for our children and our neighbors will greatly appreciate this adjustment.

ALL SCHOOL FAMILY SOCIAL

Friday, September 11 on Camino del Río Playground

It is time to get connected and be social! Join other ECDR families for a welcome back gathering, 6:00 - 8:00 on the playground. Come and play! There will be authentic food available for purchase. There will also be a dessert.

ICE CREAM AND CURRICULUM NIGHT

Wednesday, October 7

6:00-8:00 PM

We want to welcome all of you to Camino del Río Open House on Wednesday, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to visit the school and learn more about how our dual immersion program works as well as get to know your classroom teacher. You will hear about each class and have an opportunity to meet the teachers. Students are welcome to attend!

After school starts, each student will bring home an invitation reminder. We hope all of you can join us for an informative and enjoyable evening.
“Meet Your Teacher and Paperwork” DAY
On Tuesday, September 8th any time between 2:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., we would like all parents and/or students to come by the cafeteria. There will be a short information session at 2:05. During this time, staff will be available to help you pay student fees, and pay for lunch. Student classroom assignments will be available on the front entry windows. In addition, volunteers will be on hand to collect your ECDR Volunteer & interest forms. Background Check registration is done on line at https://www.helpcounterweb.com/welcome/apply.php?district=eugene. If you do not have access to a computer, we will have a computer available at the school.

STUDENT FEES
Included in this packet is a “student fee form” detailing the required fees for students at Spencer Camino del Río.

Please fill out this form and bring it with you on “Meet your teacher and paperwork” Day.

Supply fee (all grades) $25.00
Technology Fee 4th and 5th grade $5.00

Technology/Supply Fee: This $25 fee will help to support the growing costs associated with purchasing and maintaining aging computers, paper, toner, construction paper and other consumable supplies. If your family can make an additional donation, please consider adding it to the technology fee.

Checks should be made out to EL CAMINO DEL RIO/RIVER ROAD ELEMENTARY or ECDR for all fees except lunch money and student insurance. Return completed fee forms with check or cash in the EXACT AMOUNT please (checks are preferred) to school on September 8th (Meet Your Teacher & Paperwork Day) or September 9th.

DO NOT INCLUDE LUNCH MONEY; lunch money is made out to NUTRITION SERVICES and handled directly through the cafeteria staff who will be on hand Tuesday, Sept. 8th.

PAYING FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES
We hope that you understand the need for us to run our lunch program on the same type of business basis as any other lunch provider. We encourage you to pay for lunches in advance in ten or twenty day increments. You may pay on line at www.mymealtime.com. If you should need any assistance with your child’s lunch please call 541-790-4945.

FREE/REDUCED LUNCHES If your child/children is part of this lunch program, you will need to fill out a new application form for the 2015-2016 school year. These were mailed to your home with the district back to school information. If you have not had time to fill one out yet, please come by the office to pick up another one. These must be updated by October 15.

INFORMATION FOR YOU TO PICK UP AT SCHOOL
The following publications and information are available for you to pick up on “Meet and Greet and Paperwork” Day or in the Camino del Río front office.
- Free and reduced lunch applications
- Bus schedules
- Background check website information
- Student insurance information
- Volunteer Forms
SCHOOL NEWS CONTINUED

Daily Schedule beginning Wednesday, September 9
BUSES WILL RUN AS SCHEDULED, AND LUNCH WILL BE SERVED.
OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
Wednesdays are always early dismissal at 1:40

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HOURS OF SCHOOL SUPERVISION
The school provides supervision between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 2:50 p.m., except for 2:00 on Wednesday and during official school events and programs that occur before and after school. Students eating breakfast will have supervision starting at 7:50. Those students not having breakfast should arrive by 8:15. There is no supervision on the building grounds at other times.

SCHOOL DAY
School begins at 8:20 a.m. and ends at 2:40 p.m., except on Wednesday when school ends at 1:40 p.m. Students not eating breakfast may enter the building at 8:15 when the first bell rings. Students eating breakfast may enter between 7:30 and 7:45. Transportation will be provided to and from school for students that live a mile or more from the building on all days.
STUDENT SUCCESS: OUR GOAL FOR ALL STUDENTS AT CAMINO DEL RIO

It is very important for all of us to do everything we can to ensure student success. If we communicate regularly with each other, we can go a long way in meeting that goal. Here are some ways to facilitate communication and understanding between home and school:

When your child is going to be absent from school or late, please call the school attendance line, 541-790-7225. Please leave the name, room number/teacher and the reason for the absence.

• Encourage regular attendance. Research tells us that regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in achieving success at school. We hope to have many 100% attenders at CAMINO DEL RIO! If for some reason your child must be absent from school, please call the office before 8:00 a.m. and have him or her excused. If the school does not receive a call, an attempt is made to contact the parent. Please also be sure that your child gets plenty of sleep and a nutritional breakfast so that she/he has the best chance for success.

• Make sure your child is on time! Class begins at 8:20 a.m. Students who are habitually tardy miss instructional time. Research shows that habitually tardy students fall behind on reading skills and important math concepts. Parents will be contacted concerning any pattern of tardies and/or absences. Excused tardies are only for emergencies or scheduled appointments. “Running late” is not a valid excuse. Tardies add up to become absences.

• Encourage students to talk to teachers if they don’t understand an assignment or have questions about class work or homework. Teachers are eager to help students be successful and are here to help.

• Parents and Guardians are always welcome in our school, however, any time you visit our building during the school day, you must CHECK IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE and get a visitor or volunteer badge.

• Call the school if you have questions or concerns about school. The office can help you get in touch with the person with whom you would like to talk: your child’s teachers, counselor, administrator, or other staff members.

• Talk regularly at home about school. Get involved in school activities and attend Open House and other school events. Let your son or daughter know that you are interested in his/her school work and activities.
MID-DAY STUDENT PICK UP  
If you will be picking your student up at any time during normal school hours, PLEASE be sure he or she brings a note to THE FRONT OFFICE in the morning. The office will photocopy the note for the teacher. **Parents MUST come into the office and sign their student out when they leave the building and students must check back in the office when they return to school.**

VOLUNTEER/VISITOR CHECK IN IS REQUIRED  
Parents and Guardians are always welcome in our school, however, any time you visit our building during the school day, you must **CHECK IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE** and get a visitor or volunteer badge.

PLEASE READ STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK INFORMATION  
For more information on school policies and expectations of students, please consult the student planner or our website, and the District 4J Students’ Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, you received in the mail. Students will receive instruction on policies and procedures the first weeks of school in their classes and should share the school with you during that time.

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<td>Camino del Río is able to provide all co-custodial or non-custodial parents a duplicate copy of all district labeled mailings. Please let the school office know if you would like the name of a co-custodial or non-custodial parent added to the student’s enrollment information. If your child is already enrolled and you would like the name of a co-custodial parent added, please let Edna Ornelas Neuman, the secretary, know.</td>
<td>Our school is committed to dealing seriously and effectively with incidents of this sort. A thorough explanation of our policy can be found in the SBMS Student Handbook and in the District’s Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook: <a href="http://www.4j.lane.edu/files/superintendent/4J_SRRH_2008.pdf">http://www.4j.lane.edu/files/superintendent/4J_SRRH_2008.pdf</a>. Please contact the school if you have any questions or need to file a harassment or discrimination complaint.</td>
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SCHOOL TO INFORM PARENTS IF THEIR STUDENT RECEIVES A THREAT  
It has always been our practice to keep parents informed if their son or daughter receives a serious threat of violence or harm at school, but it is important for you to know about a set of procedures we have implemented to comply with changes in state law.

FIELD TRIP DRIVERS  
If you are planning to drive a car for any of your child’s field trips you will need to come to the office and fill out a volunteer driver form as well as bring in your insurance card and a valid driver’s license. This needs to be done at least 24 hours before the field trip.

CHILDREN ON MEDICATIONS  
We do not dispense medications of any type (prescription, cough medicine, aspirin, etc.) without a parent’s signature. In the interest of efficiency, physician’s signatures are not required when PRESCRIPTION medications are brought to the school IN THE PRESCRIPTION CONTAINER with directions and a current date. The written instructions on the container must correspond with the instructions parents give the school. We will still need to have a MEDICATION FORM filled out by the parent to retain on file for the school year. If there is a change in the directions, then you will need to get that change in writing, from the physician, or ask your pharmacist to make up a new container reflecting the updated directions. We will not accept any medication brought to the school in baggies or any container other than the original prescription bottle. **CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING ANY MEDICATION TO SCHOOL WITH THEM. PARENTS MUST BRING ANY MEDICATION (EVEN OVER THE COUNTER MEDS) TO THE OFFICE.** Thank you for your cooperation in helping to provide the best connection between home and school in your child’s health care needs.
### SOME IMPORTANT DATES
#### FALL 2015

Office open for BTS on August 24-September 8, 8:00-4:00 daily

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<td><strong>First Day of School (Early Release Day)</strong></td>
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<td>First FULL School Day</td>
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<td>All School Family Social</td>
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<td><strong>NO SCHOOL Professional Development/Planning Day</strong></td>
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FALL FUNDRAISER
Join us for our annual
WALK A THON
Thursday, October 8

Students will obtain sponsors for this walk a thon in Emerald Park. This is an opportunity for community building, a chance for students to get exercise, learn about one of our most beautiful North Eugene assets, and have a lot of fun. We will need lots of parental support. (At least 70 volunteers are needed!)

Volunteer opportunities include walking with classes the day of the event, helping with counting distances, set up and running fun activities, assembly, and water station.

This will be a great day for our school community. We’ll be earning money to support classroom extras and student activities such as field trips, festivals, guest artists, OBOB competition, robotics competition, and school supplies, to name a few.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN US ON OCTOBER 8.
All donations are 100% tax deductible.

Save Your Box Tops!!!

Welcome back to school! We are thrilled to have a Box Tops for Education® Coordinator for Camino del Rio. Box Tops is such an easy way for parents and other relatives to get involved in their child’s education. Just by purchasing Box Tops products, clipping the coupons and sending them to school, we earn cash that can be used to buy anything we need. You can find Box Tops on thousands of your favorite products, from Big G® cereals to Avery® office supplies to Hanes® T-shirts to Boise® printer paper. This year our goal is to earn $1,000. To learn more and track our school’s progress, register at BoxTops4Education.com (BTFE.com). When you visit, opt to receive the newsletter. That way Box Tops can send you emails full of helpful information and coupons to save on Box Tops products. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact, "Amy Green" <ruddicka@hotmail.com>. We are hoping to make Camino del Rio’s Box Tops program a huge success!
Get Involved at Our School!!

You can make a difference at Camino del Río! There are lots of opportunities to get involved, help out, and volunteer your time to create the best school experience possible for all Camino del Río students.

ATTEND CAMINO DEL RÍO PARENT GROUP MEETINGS

The Camino del Río Parent Group holds monthly meetings as a venue for parents to stay connected and informed, give feedback and information to the Principal and Site Council Parent Representatives, discuss issues/concerns, and hold parent education events. Watch for meeting announcements in the newsletter. Everyone is welcome!

STAY INFORMED

Read the email newsletters and read classroom newsletters so that you know what’s happening at school, hear about the volunteer needs for current activities, events, and projects, and receive important announcements about school-and community-based issues or opportunities.

VOLUNTEER!!

It is fun and easy to volunteer at Camino del Río! Fill out a new Volunteer Interest Form (on back of this page) each year to let us know how you want to be involved. This will put you on the list to receive information and updates about those particular volunteer roles and activities. Register right away. It takes 10 days to process.

The Camino del Río has detailed information about all the different volunteer jobs, shifts, events, and activities. Come by the office and we will find a way for you to get involved!

Check out the information pages on the Camino del Río Site website!

www.riverroad.4j.lane.edu
Dear Volunteer,

The school district requires criminal background checks on all volunteers who will be performing tasks that could put them in close and unsupervised contact with students. Our purpose is to help assure parents and the community that our students are safe while at school. You may already know that all school employees complete a more extensive criminal check before they are hired.

Volunteers who meet one or more of the following criteria must fill out our confidential volunteer background check application:

- the volunteer will have unsupervised contact with students;
- the volunteer has a regular and ongoing assignment at the school;
- the volunteer will be off campus with students in an unsupervised situation, including driving students on field trips;
- the volunteer is a mentor to a student or students;
- the volunteer is a coach or activity director; or
- the volunteer is unknown to the school or department staff.

If you would like to volunteer in our building, and are not a currently approved volunteer, please complete the confidential volunteer background check application at www.helpcounter.net/eugene. If you do not have Internet access, please contact the school office to set up a time to use the volunteer computer station.

A criminal conviction will not automatically disqualify a person from volunteering in a school. We will consider each situation individually and any decision may be appealed to the 4J Communications Department.

Our schools very much depend on the contributions of volunteers! If you have any questions about this rule or about volunteer opportunities at our school, please contact the school office or your student’s teacher.

Eugene School District 4-J