

SELLERS SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK 2018-19

Parents please carefully review the Sellers Student Handbook with your family. A complete copy is available on the Sellers web site at Sellersvikings.org. The following pages are essential information that should be reviewed with your child. This ensures they know and understand the expectations at school as well as helps to reinforce the collaboration between home and school. Thank you for your continued support to make Sellers a safe environment for learning and to reduce distractions to the learning environment.

WELCOME TO SELLERS SCHOOL

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! We look forward to working with you and your children as the entire staff of Sellers School provides your family with an outstanding educational program. We are very proud of what we are able to offer the children we serve as we work together.

Daily student attendance is the key to student success. Be sure your child is in school everyday to ensure a successful school year. There is never a good day to miss school!

To keep abreast of current events at school, be sure to check your child's Wednesday folder every Wednesday and please read the "Sellers Sez," our monthly PTA newsletter, the Seller website to take note of the important people, dates and different ways that you can become involved in the children's education at Sellers.

As the school year begins, please call the school office @ 626.852.4574 if we can assist you or your child in anyway possible or answer any questions that you may have. Lastly, be sure to visit our website at www.glendora.k12.ca.us. Click on our schools, then proceed to our awesome web site!

Thanks for your anticipated support and go Vikings!

Sellers Staff

HISTORY OF SELLERS SCHOOL

Sellers School is located at 500 North Loraine Avenue. The school opened on March 18, 1957, with 574 students occupying sixteen classrooms. The school was named for Margaret R.

Sellers, a former teacher and principal in this district for many years. At one time Sellers was a junior high school.

Today the Sellers site serves elementary students in grades kindergarten through fifth and houses the Glendora Unified School District Office and Education Center. Projected enrollment for the 2016-17 school year is approximately 625 students. Students have available an extensive playground, library, cafeteria facilities, and computer lab. Sellers is proud of its history and continuing tradition of academic excellence. The school's mascot is the Viking and our school colors are blue and white.

DAILY SCHEDULE

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SCHOOL DAY</u>	<u>LUNCH</u>
KINDERGARTEN		
8:15 - 1:30		
11:25-12:05		
FIRST		
		8:15 -
2:00		
11:25-12:05		
SECOND / THIRD		
8:15 - 2:00		11:50-12:30
	FOURTH / FIFTH	
	8:15 - 2:23	12:15-12:55

PARENT CONFERENCE WEEK

(November 9-16 & March $\frac{3}{4}$ -38)

KINDERGARTEN
 8:15 - 11:35
 FIRST - FIFTH
 8:15 - 12:31
(Students who choose to stay and buy lunch will be served at 12:31.)

MINIMUM DAYS / STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

KINDERGARTEN 8:15 - 11:35
 FIRST THROUGH FIFTH 8:15 - 12:31
(Students who choose to stay and buy lunch will be served at 12:31.)

Staff Development activities are to be held on the following Dates:

2018 - August 21, September 4, October 2 & 31 November 6, December 6 *

2019 - January 8, February 5, Feb 27, April 2, May 7, 28, 30.*

*Dates are subject to change - please check the Sellers Sez and our website for any changes!

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Nutritious breakfasts are now served daily from 7:45 a.m. until 8:10 a.m. in our Sellers cafeteria. Breakfast is \$1.50, reduced price 30¢.

LUNCH PROGRAM

Nutritious lunches are served daily. Student lunches are \$3.25. All students are assigned a PIN (Personal Identification Number) for purchasing lunch. Parents may deposit money in their students' lunch account at the Central Kitchen, 500 N. Loraine Ave. between 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily or by making an online payment at www.MyNutrikids.com. Students may also pay for their lunch with cash. Applications for Free and/or Reduced Price Meals are available in the school office. Please check website for a current menu.

LUNCH LOAN POLICY

The school office does not loan lunch money. Students may call home for lunch or lunch money. If a student cannot reach anyone, they may purchase a lunch using their PIN number. **PLEASE SUPPLY THE OFFICE WITH A DOCTOR'S NOTE IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY TYPE OF FOOD ALLERGY.** Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

PRINCIPAL'S REQUEST

Remember to send a lunch or lunch money, or deposit into their account online each morning. Dropping off lunches in the office (regular and fast food) is a disruption to the Educational process as we must interrupt classes to notify teachers, etc.

Thank you!

ATTENDANCE

The importance of regular school attendance cannot be stressed enough. It affects both the student's progress at school and also our school funding, which is based on daily attendance figures. If your child will be absent from school, please call the school office on 852-4574 before 9:30 a.m. that day. If no call is received, the school will attempt to contact you. This procedure serves a dual purpose. It assures the child is accounted for and it expedites record keeping at school. In the event no contact is made with the school office, please send a dated note explaining the reason for the absence when your child returns to school. The reason for the absence is a legal requirement of the state of California. Homework arrangements can be made with your child's teacher.

Students receive an excused absence for the following reasons:

- 1) Illness
- 2) Quarantine under the direction of a county or city health office
- 3) Attending the funeral services of an immediate family member, and court hearings
- 4) Medical, dental, optometric or chiropractic appointments.

Students receive unexcused absences for reasons other than those listed above.

The Glendora Unified School District in conjunction with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office will monitor attendance of students. Please be aware that students with frequent absences may be referred to participate in Student Attendance Review meetings and/or mediation from the District Attorney's office.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

If your child will be out of school for an unexcused reason such as family vacation for five (5) days or more, please notify the school office at least three school days in advance so arrangements can be made for independent study. This program will help each student maintain his/her studies.

TARDIES

It is important that students come to school on time every day. School starts at 8:15 a.m. Students arriving after the 8:15 tardy bell will be considered tardy. **Students arriving to school tardy need to report directly to class at which time it will be determined if they need to report to the office. Students without a valid tardy excuse may forfeit their morning recess after their third tardy.** The number of tardies per trimester will be recorded on the child's report card. The principal will contact the parents of students with excessive tardies. Please make every effort to be in school on time.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Student participation in physical education for 210 min/10 days is required by state law. If your child is unable to participate in the program for one or two days, a written excuse must be sent by the parent or guardian. If a student is unable to participate for more than three

days, a written statement from a physician is required.

LEAVING SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS

No student is to leave the school grounds at any time during the school day without permission from the school office. Students will be released to parents or guardian only through office personnel. *When picking up your child during the school day, please report to the office and the office will call your child out of class.* Your cooperation is much appreciated!

MEDICATION

The school may not administer medication without a form completed and signed by both the parent and the prescribing physician. These forms are available at the school office. Medication should be kept in the original containers and must be checked in at the office. It will only be dispensed by office personnel. This includes nonprescription medication as well. Please contact the school office before sending any type of medication to school with your child.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

An up-to-date emergency card is required for each student. This is **IMPERATIVE** because in an emergency the parent or a designee must be contacted. ***Every effort must be made to keep the school office informed of changes of address or telephone number.***

In the event of injury or illness, these procedures will be followed:

- ✓ Basic first aid is given for minor injuries. The child is allowed to rest in the office if complaining of a minor illness.
- ✓ If there is any question as to the seriousness of an injury or illness, the parent is asked to come for the child.
- ✓ If the parent is unavailable, the persons designated on the emergency card are contacted. Please remember the school will not release your child without your permission.

Please remember the school will not release your child without your permission or to anyone not listed on the emergency card.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Glendora Unified School District does not provide student accident or medical insurance coverage. Student accident insurance is available through a private carrier. The forms are available in the school office.

SCHOOL SAFETY

At the beginning of each school year and at periodic intervals throughout the year, safety instructions are given to all Sellers School students. Parents should also help their children learn the proper and safe way to travel to and from school. A route should be planned by the parents and reviewed with their children. This route should be used daily, with full regard to sidewalks, street crossing, bike lanes, parking lot safety and the property of others.

Sellers students can be dropped off and picked-up behind the district building, behind the school, or in front of the school observing all safety and vehicle codes. ***Crosswalks must be used when crossing the street. Pedestrians must obey all directions of the crossing guard. Please do not call your child(ren) from across Loraine and have them run across the street to meet you. This is a serious safety hazard and poses an unnecessary danger to students and parents.***

PARKING ENFORCEMENT ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY

Board policy 3513.2 provides a code of traffic and parking regulations that will be enforced by the Glendora Police Department at all of our sites. Please remember the following while in the Sellers School parking lot:

- ✓ Park only in designated spaces.
- ✓ Do not park in striped spaces, on the red curbs, or unmarked spaces.
- ✓ Do not leave vehicles unattended in the loading/unloading zones, even "just for a minute!"
- ✓ Follow the directional arrows and safety cones throughout the parking lot.
- ✓ The front curb is for drop off only between 7:30-8:30am and 1:30-3:00pm. Do not leave the vehicle and move forward to the end of the drop off zone.
- ✓ Do NOT make a U-Turn in front of any school.

These rules are necessary to keep emergency lanes clear for ambulances and fire trucks, for the safety of our students, as well as to keep traffic flowing.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Sellers School has an emergency preparedness plan which will be implemented in the event of any disaster. Monthly safety drills are conducted to comply with state law and district policies. Although we hope the plan will never have to be utilized, it is designed to ensure the welfare and safety of all pupils during school hours. The plan is reviewed annually and updated as needed.

Your child may be required to remain in the care of the school in the event of a major disaster until it is considered safe for the child to be released. *Children will be released only to those designated on the school emergency card.* Each classroom is equipped with a box containing emergency supplies, consisting of first aid supplies, blankets, water, and food. In addition, a disaster bin that securely contains our supplies, has been purchased through PTA and school district funds to better help us serve the needs of our students during a disaster. Every effort will be made to keep the children as safe and comfortable as possible while detained at school. *In the event of a disaster, students will be released from the east playground area. Please check in at the student release table.* Your patience and cooperation in such a disaster is much appreciated.

BIKE SAFETY

If a student is in the *third grade or above*, he/she may ride a bike/scooter to school. Bike riders must obey all safety rules and the California Vehicle Code. When a student arrives on the school grounds, the bike must be walked to the bike rack, parked and locked. Remember, bikes/scooters must be walked while in the hallways, and on all school property. The privilege of riding a bike may be withdrawn if the rules are not observed. *For the safety of all bicycle/scooter riders, students must use protective bike helmets as per California law.*

Students in grades 3 and above may also ride skateboards, rollerblades and scooters to school. Storage of these items is the responsibility of the student. Helmets must also be worn when riding the above items. Sellers School and the Glendora Unified School District

are not responsible for any theft or vandalism of any of the above items while on school grounds.

SCHOOL VISITATION IN CLASS AND AT LUNCH TIME

If you wish to visit your child during school hours, please check in with the office first and arrangements will be made for you meet with your child. If you would like to have lunch with your child, the office will make the necessary arrangements for you to eat with your child in a private location. Please be sure to check in at the office when you arrive on campus. For student safety, parents are not allowed to play on the playground with their own or other children. Please come to the office first if you wish to talk to your child. We can then call your child from the classroom and avoid disrupting the learning situation for the entire class. Your cooperation is appreciated!

CONTACTING YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL

When your child forgets his/her lunch, or lunch money, please bring it to the school office and it will be taken to the classroom as soon as possible. Students will be allowed to make phone calls home for emergencies only. Any special arrangements, such as going to a friend's house after school, walking home, or calling home to see how long before someone will be arriving to pick them up, will have to be made prior to the school day.

HOMWORK GUIDELINES

Because of the individual differences and needs of students, homework will vary from day to day with each child. The teacher will assign appropriate homework in order to foster the development of good study habits. Assigned homework may be an extension of the school day or involve special reports or projects.

Parents can help their children with homework by providing a quiet place to study, setting aside a specific time each day for homework, providing necessary materials, assisting with drills (math facts, spelling words) and listening to oral reading. Although a goal of homework is to help the child develop self-responsibility, the child may initially need help in making sure the work is returned on time. If you have any questions, please see your child's teacher directly.

***ABOVE ALL, READ TO AND/OR HAVE YOUR CHILD
READ TO YOU ON A DAILY BASIS.***

CONFERENCES AND REPORT CARDS

Report cards are issued at each trimester. Parent conferences are scheduled in November and March. Parents or teachers may request additional conferences as necessary. These conferences provide an opportunity to discuss student progress, present test scores, when appropriate, and to discuss new goals. Report cards are given to parents during conferences and sent home at the end of the 3rd trimester. In the event a student is at risk of receiving a failing grade, the parent will receive a progress report from the teacher approximately halfway through the trimester.

TESTING AND OTHER EVALUATIONS

Teachers evaluate the progress of their students in a variety of ways. Included may be diagnostic procedures, observation, record-keeping, teacher-made tests, portfolios, benchmark assessments, writing proficiencies and standardized tests. This year grades 3, 4 & 5 will participate in a state wide testing assessment using the Smarter Balance testing format.

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

Vision screening is given to students in kindergarten, second, and fifth grades, or by parent or teacher recommendation. Results are maintained in each student's cumulative file. Parents will be notified of any negative results.

LIBRARY

Students visit the Sellers School Library on a regular basis to check out books for pleasure and for use with classroom assignments. The school library is also used as a reference center under teacher direction during class time. When your child checks materials out of the library, he/she assumes all responsibility for them. Please help your child take proper care of the books and materials borrowed from the library. Reimbursement will be required for lost or severely damaged books and materials. Report cards can be held if matters of lost library materials or textbooks are not resolved by the last day of school.

TEXTBOOKS

Students are requested to cover their textbooks as soon as they are received. It is requested that parents help their children with this task. Protecting textbooks in this way helps insure that they may be used for many years. Most textbooks are used over a seven to eight year span. Your care of these materials is greatly appreciated. Some textbooks also come with a CD version. The CD's need to be returned in good condition or a fine will be charged.

LOST AND FOUND

Children who misplace an article of clothing, lunch box, etc. may check in the LOST AND FOUND located in front of the office. The school cannot assume responsibility for any personal property. Please mark your child(ren)'s belongings with their first and last name. At the end of each semester, all items not claimed are donated to charity. Please periodically check the lost and found cart. Every year we end up with many articles of clothing or other personal items.

SITE COUNCIL

The School Site Council is a parent/staff advisory committee. The purpose of this committee is to assist in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs at Sellers School. The committee consists of 5 elected parent representatives, 4 elected staff members and the principal of the school. Elections are held on an annual basis.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Students will be recognized in grade level assemblies called "Vikings Days." During this assembly, students are recognized for their citizenship or academic achievement. In addition, many teachers have self-esteem activities within their classrooms. New ideas and ways to recognize students will be a continuing program at Sellers. Students and parents may share in the Sellers spirit by purchasing Sellers T-shirts, sweatshirts, and other Sellers items at our PTA operated "Viking Vendor".

RECOGNITION FOR APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

Students will be recognized in the following ways:

1. Verbal praise
2. Good conduct rewards
3. Trimester recognition program with certificates

4. Special classroom recognition
5. Recognition by the principal
6. Recognition by Student Council
7. Blue Ticket raffles at assemblies

DISCIPLINE PHILOSOPHY AND POLICY

In order to provide a safe and productive learning experience at Sellers School, we strive to create a climate in which optimal learning can occur. This means we must all learn to appreciate and respect each other as well as to follow certain rules.

At Sellers School, we believe students are responsible for their own actions at school, as well as, on their way to and from school. Parents and school staff play important roles in helping children develop responsibility if the goals of the group are to be realized. Consequences for inappropriate behavior are necessary. Orderly conduct is both a required condition and an important goal of learning. We encourage children to "stop and think" before they act.

While we are here to assist and encourage at all times, we want children to resolve their differences in an appropriate manner. In helping a child develop individual responsibility, the school has established rules and guidelines.

Student Responsibilities:

- ✓ **Respect** the rights and privileges of others.
- ✓ **Accept responsibility** for his/her own actions and consequences of behavior.
- ✓ **Abide** by the authority of staff, teachers, and other adults.
- ✓ **Make an effort** to do his/her best in school.
- ✓ **Be prompt** in meeting all school responsibilities.
- ✓ **Help** maintain school and personal property free from damage and vandalism.

SPECIFIC SCHOOL RULES

- ✓ Follow the "Big 3" - Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible
- ✓ Students are not to arrive at Sellers before 8:00 am, unless they are participating in the Breakfast Program, when supervision begins.
- ✓ Students arriving before this time must wait in front of the school.
- ✓ Primary students waiting for an upper elementary student must wait at the front of the school from 2:00 to 2:23 p.m.
- ✓ Inappropriate or abrasive speech will not be tolerated.
- ✓ Students need to observe all classroom, playground, cafeteria, and safety rules at all times.
- ✓ Stay in assigned areas. Students are not to play/loiter near classrooms/portables.
- ✓ Walk in the hallways and on the black top.
- ✓ Keep our campus clean.
- ✓ Students are to use recess primarily for getting drinks, using the restroom, and safe play.
- ✓ Inappropriate or rough play will not be permitted.

PLAYGROUND RULES

- ✓ Follow the "Big 3" - Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible
- ✓ Balls should not be kicked while playing on the blacktop.
- ✓ Students are requested to stay out of the hallways and away from the buildings during recess except to use the restrooms. Students will not loiter in the restrooms at any time.
- ✓ All games remain open until they exceed the maximum size for safe play as determined by the supervisors.
- ✓ Unsafe activities such as tackle football, wipe out, keep away, red rover, crack the whip, tag or riding on another's back are not allowed.
- ✓ Students are not permitted to take food from the cafeteria to eat on the playground.
- ✓ Jump ropes are allowed when used appropriately.
- ✓ Students must not throw rocks, sticks, or other *dangerous* projectiles.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

The school must be a place where studying and learning can occur in a safe and secure environment. In order to ensure the safety of all who enter Sellers, the following items are prohibited at school:

- ✓ Knives and other sharp objects
- ✓ Explosives (gunpowder, caps, firecrackers, etc.)
- ✓ Guns of any type, toy guns, replicas, handcuffs or "look-a-likes"
- ✓ Glass bottles or other glass containers
- ✓ Tobacco in any form, matches, drugs, alcohol or "look-a-likes"

OTHER INAPPROPRIATE ITEMS AT SCHOOL

- ✓ Toys or collectibles (ie. sport cards, hacky sacks, yo-yos, Personal Electronics)

- ✓ Laser pointers and other devices
- ✓ Chewing gum
- ✓ Cosmetics (make-up, lipstick, eye shadow, mascara, and hair spray)
- ✓ Wallet chains

OFFENSES AND CONSEQUENCES

Consequences for infraction of school or class rules will correspond with progressive discipline and the severity of the offense. The specific consequences for offenses will be left to the discretion of school personnel taking into consideration the individual child and particular offense. Consequences for infractions may include, but are not limited to the following:

Counseling	Benched at recess
Recess Detention	Parent-School Conference
Verbal Warning	School Service
After School Detention	*Suspension from School
Time Out	*Expulsion

*District suspension and expulsion policies are included in the summer information packet.

BULLYING/SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Bullying is defined as: repeated actions or threats toward a person by one or more people who have (or are perceived to have) more power or status in order to cause fear, distress or harm. Bullying can be physical, verbal, psychological or any combination of these. Sexual harassment includes verbal, visual or physical conduct on the basis of sex that has the effect of creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment. Both bullying and sexual harassment are prohibited and not acceptable at school or school activities. Notify school authorities of any such activities immediately.

AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION

When a student must stay after school for disciplinary reasons for longer than 10 minutes, the parent will be contacted through the school office or directly by the teacher. The reason for the disciplinary action will be communicated to the parent. Students may be detained up to one hour after school with parental permission.

DRESS CODE

STANDARDS OF DRESS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

All students are expected to dress sensibly for school. Students' attitudes, conduct, and safety during school hours can be affected by the clothing they wear. In accordance with the California Administrative Code, Title 5, Section 302, students

shall be neat, clean, and properly attired for school in a safe, appropriate manner for learning. Please use the following information as you plan your child(ren)'s wardrobe.

Standards of Dress for Students

- Students shall be neat, clean, and properly attired for school.
- Students must wear shoes that fit securely and have non-skid soles. Tennis shoes are ideal. Backless shoes, open toed shoes, sandals of any kind, and shoes with a high heel are not permitted. Skate shoes/heelies are not permitted.
- Half skirts, crop tops, tube tops, see-through shirts, shirts with straps of less than 1" width, or short shorts are not permitted. Rear ends must be covered when seated.
- **Hats with a brim and no logo are permitted at recess and P.E. Brim must face forward, not backwards. Beanies are acceptable during cool weather only. Hats should not be worn in the classroom.**
- Shirts or blouses that advertise items that are illegal for minors (such as alcohol or tobacco), contain profanity or suggestive double meanings are not permitted.
- Attire or grooming worn or displayed in such a way as to identify students with gangs/hate groups is not permitted (e.g., T-shirts with gang symbols, wallet chains, baggy pants, etc.)
- Jewelry that dangles is not appropriate. Earrings should be posts or no longer than 1/2 inch.

This district takes a strong stance against gang-affiliated clothing and/or styles of dress or grooming affiliated with gangs/hate groups, due to safety concerns for students while at school or going to and coming from school.

Because of changing trends in such attire, specific clothing, jewelry, accessories, and/or grooming style, restrictions may change during the school year. Notice will be given to students and parents/guardians as soon as it is reasonably possible after these trends have been identified through the assistance of the local law enforcement authorities.

It is hoped that this information will not offend, but rather assist you in determining those clothes that will positively influence your child's school experience. Teachers may also use their discretion in determining if a student's dress is inappropriate. Any time a member of the staff believes that a student is disrupting the educational process by his/her appearance, or believes that the student's safety is in jeopardy, the teacher may send the student to the office. Students whose attire is inappropriate will be removed from class until the attire is corrected.

Related Issues

- Brushes, combs, cosmetics, and/or mirrors should not be brought to school as they can pose a safety issue, cause students to be distracted from classroom

activities, and/or cause problems on the playground at recess times.

- Please label all jackets, sweaters, backpacks, etc. with the student's name for easy identification.

CELL PHONES

Students are permitted to have cell phones in their possession on campus during the school day, however such devices shall be **deactivated (turned off)** and their use strictly prohibited on campus during the regular school day. **Vibrate/silence mode is not considered 'off'**. Cell phones may be used after school to contact parents or secure a ride home. If a student needs to speak with a parent/guardian during the school day, they should go to the office to make the contact. Any device that is on, activated, in use or openly displayed during school hours, will be confiscated and held in the office for parent/guardian to pick up after school. Any subsequent offenses will be considered an act of defiance and appropriate discipline measures will be taken. Ultimately a student may have the right to possess such a device revoked.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are an important component of the educational program offered to our students. Parent volunteers assist with supervision at the request of the teacher. Students must adhere to all school rules while on a field trip. Students are not allowed to bring money on field trips to purchase souvenirs unless directed otherwise by their teacher. Some field trips may ask for a small donation to assist with costs.

SPECIAL SERVICES

A library technician, vocal and instrumental music specialists, and a 4th/5th grade physical education specialist are available to assist staff and students. Identified students may participate in the district's Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program. Sellers has the services of a district psychologist for testing, case studies, and intervention. Also available is a district nurse for student health needs and a speech/language specialist is available to students who qualify for the program.

EXTENDED DAY-CARE

Through the Glendora Unified School District, an extended day-care center for students from kindergarten through the fifth grade is on campus. Hours are from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Fees, which are payable monthly and are subject to change. Parents who wish to reserve a place for their children may complete a form available at the Williams Ed. Center (301 S. Loraine) and return it immediately with a \$110.00 deposit per child to the Williams Ed Center. Additional information regarding Day Care may be obtained by calling 626 /852-4586.

VOLUNTEERS

Sellers School welcomes and appreciates volunteers. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact your child's teacher, or a PTA representative. All volunteers are required to check in and sign in at the school office upon arrival and are asked to wear a parent volunteer identification badge provided by the office. **A valid Driver's License will be requested upon check in and scanned by the Raptor System.** This system performs an instant background check on the National Sex Offenders database. All volunteers are required to fill out an application form and have current TB testing on file with the District Office.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The membership of the Parent Teacher Association of Sellers School is comprised of parents, teachers, staff, students, and interested adults of this community. The requirements are

simply a willingness to help the school and to pay annual dues. The overall objectives of the PTA are:

1. To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, places of worship, and community.
2. To raise the standards of home life.
3. To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of the students.
4. To bring the home and school into a closer relationship; that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child.
5. To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages of physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

PTA board meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Please call PTA President, Mrs. Vanessa King, for further information. Comments or questions may be addressed to PTA c/o PTA Box, Sellers School Office.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018-2019*

- August 15 - Opening Day of School
- August 21 - Early Out- Staff Development
- August 22 - Meet Your Teacher/Back to School Night
- August 28 - Fall Picture Day - *tentative date*

- September 3 - Labor Day
- September 12 - Glendora Day at the Fair
- September 26 - College Shirt Day

- October 2 - Early Out Dismissal
- October 8 - Staff Development Day/Student Free Day
- October 22-26 - Red Ribbon Week
- October 31 - Halloween/ Early Out Dismissal

- November 2 - End of First Trimester
- November 12 - Veterans' Day/Student Free Day
- November 9-16 - Parent/Teacher Conferences/Minimum Days
Dismissal as follows: Kdg @ 11:35 / 1 - 5 @ 12:31
- November 19-23 - Thanksgiving Holiday

- December 4 - Early Out Dismissal
- Dec. 24-Jan. 4 - Winter/Christmas Break

- January 8 - Early Out Dismissal
- January 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- No School

- February 5 - Early Out Dismissal
- February 11 - Lincoln's Birthday Observed- No School
- February 18 - Washington's Birthday- No School
- February 22 - End of Second Trimester

- March 4-8 - Parent/Teacher Conferences/Minimum Days
Dismissal as follows: Kinder @ 11:35 / 1 - 5 @ 12:31
- March 25-29 - Spring Break

- April 2 - Early Out Dismissal
- April 22 - No School

- May 1 - Open House/Minimum Day
- May 7 - Early Dismissal
- May 27 - Memorial Day
- May 29-31 - Early Out Dismissal
- May 31 - Closing Day of School/Minimum Day Dismissal 12:31**

*All dates are subject to change