



Welcome Back Cougars!

OUR MISSION

*Country Hills Elementary School provides a nurturing environment that supports students while growing strong in character and striving to reach their full potential. Country Hills Cougars **ROAR** - show **RESPECT** for themselves and others, **OWN** their actions & attitude, **ACHIEVE** academic & personal goals, and are **RESPONSIBLE** for making positive, safe choices.*

OUR VISION

Country Hills Elementary School is a community of compassionate, well-rounded problem solvers who see education as the foundation for developing respectful, responsible, resilient global citizens focused on increased opportunities for academic, behavioral, and social/emotional growth.

Hello Country Hills Families,

Welcome to a new school year! I am so excited to begin another year of learning, growing, and creating meaningful experiences together.

This year, our school theme is "It's your year to SHINE!". We will be encouraging everyone to set goals they have always wanted to achieve. Whether it is to raise your hand more in class, make a new friend, or to try a new recess activity; we want students and staff to remember Cougars can do anything they put their minds to! Setting goals no matter how small, and encouraging others to achieve theirs, is important to maintaining our culture of kindness and belonging.

We will continue to build on the Growth Mindset as we help our students develop into Cougars of Character—resilient, respectful, and responsible learners who know that effort and attitude lead to success. With this mindset, every day becomes an opportunity to grow into the best version of ourselves, and to use our R.O.A.R.!

At Brea Country Hills Elementary, we remain committed to delivering a strong academic program enriched with learning experiences in the visual and performing arts. Our dedicated teachers will provide engaging instruction and meaningful opportunities for collaboration and achievement. Your partnership is an essential part of that success—we are truly a team, and together we create a supportive and connected community for all students.

Important Reminders:

- Aeries Data Confirmation must be completed before August 5, 2026.
- Stay informed by following us on Instagram and reading our weekly Cougar News, sent via ParentSquare every Friday afternoon.
- Be sure to check our new school website regularly for important updates and information.

Open and consistent communication is key to a great year. If you have any questions or if I can assist you or your child in any way, please feel free to call our office at 714-990-3221 or email me at slopez@bousd.us.

Here's to a wonderful year ahead—full of effort, kindness, and growth!

Sincerely Yours,

Shelley Lopez

Principal



~ Important Dates & Info ~

- **Tuesday, August 11 @ 4:00 p.m. – Teacher / Classroom Assignments:** Parents will be able to log in to **Aeries Parent Portal** to complete data confirmation and see your child's teacher. Once you complete data confirmation, please be sure to **print and sign the Student Emergency Card**. These will be collected by the classroom teacher on the first day of school.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

7:00am - 6:00pm Child Care Room 714-990-7538

Main Office (Located at Arovista Campus) 714-990-7527

- **Wednesday, August 12 - First Day of School:** See updated schedule below:

SCHOOL HOURS

Grades 1 - 6

M / T / TH / F 8:45 - 2:55p.m.

Wed. Early Release 8:45 - 2:10p.m.

ALL TK- Kinder

M - F 8:45 - 2:00p.m.

- **Monday, Sept. 7, 2026 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day**
- **Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026 - Back to School Night - Early Release @ 2:10p.m.**
- **Friday, Sept. 11, 2026 MINIMUM DAY DISMISSAL**

Grades 1 - 6: Dismissal @ 1:15p.m.

TK - Kinder: Dismissal @ 12:15p.m.

Back to School Night is a wonderful opportunity to meet the principal and your child's teacher. You will hear a formal presentation from your child/ren's teacher as well as Mrs. Lopez, principal, and a brief announcement from PTO. It is a time to learn more about Country Hills and to hear more from your child's teacher about the upcoming school year. Please note this event does not include students. so please plan ahead for child care.

Back to School Night is 6:00-7:30p.m. with a general session with the whole staff in the lunch table area and two classroom sessions with teachers.

*****Minimum Day dismissal time for 1st - 6th grade is 1:15p.m. /12:15p.m. TK/K**

More details to follow in the first newsletter, coming soon!

Other important information:

- School office hours are 7:30a.m. to 4p.m. daily.
- Check our new website for all school information.
- If you would like information about our before and after school Child Care program, please call (714) 990-7538 or visit the Child Development Services tab at www.bousd.us

PTO Information - As you join our community, we hope you find ways you enjoy supporting our school. At the start of the school year we will give you more information about opportunities to become involved.

The Country Hills PTO makes a huge difference for every one of our students! There are a variety of ways to get involved including the following:

- Donate time or supplies for classroom and special campus-wide events
- Attend PTO Meetings ... mark your calendar for the last Monday of every month at 6:30pm in the MPR. The first meeting is Monday, August 31st.
- Assist with a PTO Committee and help with major events throughout the year
- Be a part of the Country Hills PTO Facebook Page, or email our PTO President with any questions or ideas you may have.

Pick up and drop off - Please see the website for information regarding our Safety Procedures. Reminders will be sent out as well.