



**Manhattan Beach
Unified School District**

2017-2018 Important Dates for Elementary Schools

Back to School Night

Date: Thursday, August 31st

Elementary Minimum Day following Back to School Night

Date: Friday, September 1st

Grades 1-5 Fall Fountas & Pinnell Reading Assessments (Minimum Days for Grades 1-5; Kindergarten regular schedule)

Date: September 11th – September 15th

Grades 1-5: Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Conferences (Minimum Days)

Date: November 6th – November 9th and November 13th

Kindergarten Fall Fountas & Pinnell Reading Assessments (Minimum Days)

Date: November 6th – November 9th and November 13th

Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Conferences (Regular Schedule)

Date: December 12th and December 14th

First Semester Report Cards (sent home)

Date: January 19th

Open House

Date: Thursday, March 15th

Elementary Minimum Day following Open House

Date: Friday, March 16th

Spring Fountas & Pinnell Reading Assessments (Minimum Days)

Date: May 29th - June 1st (Wednesday, May 30th will be 1:30 pm dismissal)

Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Reading Assessments – These 1:1 comprehensive reading assessments help identify a **range of books** at each student's independent and instructional reading levels to support planning of differentiated reading instruction by teachers.

- Independent Reading Level = **read, understand, and enjoy independently**
- Instructional Reading Level = read and understand with guidance, support and scaffolding by the teacher or an adult

Goal Setting Conferences – Teachers excited about sitting down with parents during the fall to gain insight into their child's strengths and needs, learning styles, interests, and more. Our efforts to better understand parent aspirations and perspectives foster mutual respect, build a trusting partnership, and foster a personalized learning experience. Parents will leave these conferences with specific goals identified for their child.