



Alice Birney Elementary School

BEEKEEPER'S REFERENCE SHEET—BIRNEY AT A GLANCE

KEY BIRNEY ELEMENTARY CONTACTS

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2023-24 SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ACADEMIC CALENDAR

	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	
JULY	3	4 H	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31					
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SEPTEMBER					1	4 H	5	6	7	8 FF	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29	
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NOVEMBER			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10 H	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23 H	24 H	27	28	29	30		
DECEMBER					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29	
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MARCH					1	4	5	6	7	8 FF	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29	
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BIRNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

Morning

7:00 SAY / Prime Time extended day starts
 8:00 Birney office and phones open
 8:45 Front Gate opens, Breakfast program, Running Club
 9:05-9:10 Students move to class lines for First Bell at 9:10
 9:15 Tardy Bell, all students expected to be in class

Lunch

11:00-11:35 UTK lunch/recess
 11:15-11:50 Kindergarten lunch/recess
 11:20-11:55 Grade 1 lunch/recess
 11:35-12:10 Grades 2-3 lunch/recess
 11:50-12:25 Grades 4-5 lunch/recess

Afternoon

1:35-1:50 Grade 1 recess; UTK on kinder yard
 1:50-2:05 Grades 4-5 recess; kinder class on kinder yard
 2:05-2:20 Grades 2-3 recess; kinder class on kinder yard
 3:35 Dismissal (Early @ 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays)
 4:00-5:00 Homework Clubs
 4:00 Office closes
 6:15 After-school programs close

FF = Family Friday SS = Saturday School

H	Holiday	Blue
F/L	First/Last Day of School	Orange
NI	Non-Instructional Day (No School)	Green
	Instruction Day	Yellow

KEY BIRNEY BEE CALENDAR DATES:

- September 8: Meet the Class
- October 2: Picture Day (Make up on 10/9)
- October 14: Int'l Day of Peace
- October 21: Fall Festival
- Nov. 13-17: Teacher Conferences
- January 12: Mother Language Day
- February 9: Kindness Challenge ♡
- March 8: Read Across America
- March 15: Run-for-the-Green
- March 25-29: Teacher Conferences
- April 19: Student-Led Conferences
- May 17: Jump for Heart
- May 18: Passport to Adventure Fest
- May 31: Field Day

PARENT'S CHEAT SHEET

KEY INFORMATION & FUN FAQs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS) ABOUT ALICE BIRNEY ELEMENTARY

What's in a Name?: Our school is named in honor of *Alice McLellan Birney*, a mom and 19th century child education advocate who co-founded the National Federation of Mothers, which later became the Parent Teachers Association (PTA).

Why I.B. Learning? International Baccalaureate (IB) programs help students understand the complexities of the world around them and gain the skills to succeed in life both academically and personally through dynamic cycles of inquiry, action and reflection.

How to join Birney's After School

Opportunities?: There are two afterschool care programs: *Primetime* (www.shorturl.at/wDKU2) and *SAY San Diego* (www.saysandiego.org). Demand for entry to these programs is very high, so be sure to get more information, sign up early, and be patient!

How Can I Get Involved?: Alice Birney Elementary relies heavily on its active parent volunteers who work under the *Birney Beekeeper Alliance*, which raises funding through a private foundation (FOABE) and registers and mobilizes parents through the school's PTA chapter. Get informed and get involved by registering as a member on the Totem registration system (see QR code below).



Become a Birney Beekeeper Today!



ALICE BIRNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SUPPORTED BY THE BEEKEEPER'S ALLIANCE

KEY LINKS

Alice Birney Elementary: www.birney.sandiegounified.org

San Diego Unified School District: www.sandiegounified.org

Birney Beekeeper Alliance: www.birneybees.org

FREQUENTLY USED SITES & APPS

Power School Portal: www.powerschool.sandi.net

ClassDojo: www.classdojo.com

Kids A-Z: www.kidsa-z.com

¡FUN TIMES FOR BIRNEY PARENTS!

The *Birney Beekeeper Alliance* helps parents get involved and stay informed at our regular planning meetings held at 6pm on campus on 9/21, 10/19, 11/30, 2/22, 3/21, 4/25, and 5/16.

Busy parents need to make friends and have fun, too! So, get to know other parents over a cup of Joe at our monthly *Morning Buzz* gathering. And be on the lookout for on-campus childcare opportunities during our *Birney Parent Night Out* activities.

BIRNEY SPECIALS & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Thanks to generous support from Birney families and donors, our school offers year-round "special" courses that are entirely (100%) paid for through the fund-raising efforts of our parent volunteers. Specials provide our students' curricular enrichment while also giving our classroom teachers an additional 2 hours of preparation and collaboration each week. No wonder Birney is so amazing!

Art: "Creativity takes courage." Developing kids' imagination and expression is what art is all about.

Dance: Getting our students moving through dance develops their physical abilities & cultural awareness!

Garden: Our students learn about science and nature from the ground up, worms and all!

Music: A musical education stimulates kids' brains, makes them smarter, and spreads joy!

Spanish: *¿Se habla español? ¡En Birney, sí lo hablamos!* Language skills will take our kids far in life.

HOW TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Each year, parents help fund-raise over \$180,000 (\$350 per student) to pay for our specials and other amazing programs, activities, and events that take place on campus. Family and friends of Alice Birney can help by volunteering and participating in school fundraisers. Learn more about three of the most important Birney fundraisers:

Fall Fundraiser: Every fall, we invite students, families and friends to solicit funds to the school through a catalog sale and tax-deductible donations.

Big Give: On December 7, Birney organizes its end of calendar-year fundraiser—the Big Give—through direct solicitations to ask family, friends, and local businesses to dig deep and give BIG!

Run for the Green: Birney's Spring fundraiser involves an all-grade fitness challenge that encourages our little Leprechauns to "run for the green!"