



# BONITA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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February 1, 2008

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of the ongoing dialogue on improving teaching and learning opportunities for our students, the school calendar has been reviewed and revised. Some of the many issues that were considered included the schedule for parent conferences and the current alignment of the required testing for students.

At the January 28, 2008 Board of Education meeting, the District calendar for the 2008-2009 school year was approved. Our school year will begin one week earlier than in previous years, with the first day of school for students being August 26, 2008. The school year will then end one week earlier, June 10, 2009. This change brings our District into alignment with most of the surrounding school districts.

Other changes include dates for parent conferences in order to give parents early information concerning their child's progress, holiday schedule, and the Martin Luther King observance. These changes are as follows:

October 3, 2008	Parent conferences for K-8 students Staff at grades 9-12 will have staff development Non-student day for all students
October 31, 2008	Parent conferences for 9-12 students Staff at grades K-8 will have staff development Non-student day for all students
Thanksgiving Week	Monday and Tuesday are regular school days Wednesday and Friday are non-student days Thursday is the District observed holiday
Martin Luther King	Observance will be held the third Monday, January 19, 2009

Although the 2008-2009 school year will be an adjustment for everyone, students will benefit for ongoing years. We appreciate your support as we make this transition. For more information regarding the calendar please refer to the Bonita web site: [www.bonita.k12.ca.us](http://www.bonita.k12.ca.us).

Sincerely,

William J. Brinegar, Ed.D.  
Assistant Superintendent  
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**Bonita Unified School District  
School Year Calendar 2008-2009**

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Student Days	Holiday	Recess	Tchr Days	
Aug 21 - Aug 22																								2	
First School Month	<b>m</b>	<b>^</b>				<b>Sep *</b>																			
Aug 25 - Sept 19	25	26	27	28	29	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	18	18	1	18.5	
Second School Month								<b>Oct a</b>	<b>af</b>	<b>br</b>															
Sept 22 - Oct 17	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	19	19		20	
Third School Month									<b>c</b>	<b>gs</b>	<b>Nov</b>														
Oct 20 - Nov 14	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	18	18	1	19	
Fourth School Month								<b>x</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Dec</b>														
Nov 17 - Dec 12	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	17	17	1	2	17
Fifth School Month					<b>h</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Jan*</b>	<b>x</b>											
Dec 15 - Jan 9	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31	1	2	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	2	8	10
Sixth School Month						<b>*</b>			<b>c</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>Feb</b>														
Jan 12 - Feb 6	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30	2	3	4	5	6	19	19	1	19	
Seventh School Month	<b>*</b>					<b>*</b>					<b>Mar</b>														
Feb 9 - Mar 6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	2	3	4	5	6	18	18	2	18	
Eighth School Month		<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>j</b>																				
Mar 9 - Apr 3	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30	31	1	2	3	19	19		20	
Ninth School Month	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>				<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>May</b>					
Apr 6 - May 1	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	1	15	15	5	15	
Tenth School Month	<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>k</b>							<b>*</b>									
May 4 - May 29	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29	19	19	1	19	
Eleventh School Month	<b>Jun</b>					<b>ce</b>	<b>h</b>																		
June 1 - Jun 10	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10													8	8		8	
<b>TOTAL</b>																					180	180	9	15	185.5

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|--|--------|----------|---|----------|----------------------------------|
| First Quarter Begins                     | Aug 26 | <b>a</b> | Minimum Day - Elementary (Parent Conf)          | <b>^</b> | First day of school              |
| First Quarter Ends                       | Oct 24 | <b>b</b> | Parent Conf K-8 (Student Free)                  | <b>#</b> | Non school/Non Teacher Serv. Day |
| Second Quarter Ends<br>(First Semester)  | Jan 23 | <b>c</b> | Minimum Day - High School                       | <b>*</b> | Legal Holiday                    |
| Third Quarter Ends                       | Apr 1  | <b>e</b> | Minimum Day - Middle School                     | <b>x</b> | Local Recess                     |
| Fourth Quarter Ends<br>(Second Semester) | Jun 10 | <b>f</b> | Minimum Day - K-8                               |          |                                  |
| First Trimester Ends                     | Nov 21 | <b>g</b> | Parent Conf 9-12 (Student Free)                 |          |                                  |
| Second Trimester End                     | Mar 6  | <b>h</b> | Minimum Day K-12                                |          |                                  |
| Third Trimester End                      | Jun 10 | <b>j</b> | Staff Development Days (All Certificated Staff) |          |                                  |
|  |        | <b>k</b> | STAR Testing Window Apr 16-May 14               |          |                                  |
|  |        | <b>l</b> | Teacher Work Day (No School) 1day               |          |                                  |
|  |        | <b>m</b> | Teacher Work Day (No School) 1/2 day            |          |                                  |
|  |        | <b>p</b> | Non-School, Non-Working Day                     |          |                                  |
|  |        | <b>r</b> | High School Staff Development Day               |          |                                  |
|  |        | <b>s</b> | K-8 Staff Development Day                       |          |                                  |

The format of secondary level parent conferences will be a site based collaborative decision