



Coronado Unified School District

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Dear Parents:

Happy New Year! I am hoping you all had a terrific break spent with family and friends and joyous moments. My best wishes for many positives and good health in the coming year. As we welcome in this new year there are a few important things to be mindful of.

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL SILVER STRAND FAMILIES and PTO

I would like to extend a big thank you to the many Silver Strand families who so generously provided gifts, time, and extra attention to our teachers, support staff members, and office staff personnel. We are so blessed to have such wonderful families here at Silver Strand. On behalf of myself and the entire Silver Strand staff I would like to thank you for your kindness and generosity during the holidays. The gift of having such wonderful children and families extends far beyond gifts and your thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated at the holidays and all throughout the year. I would also like to take a moment to thank our wonderful PTO for their support and assistance each day. We couldn't do all that we do without you. Many thanks!

COMPASS LEARNING ODYSSEY (CLO) AND EDUTYPING GOALS AND BEFORE SCHOOL ASE

A reminder about our site goals to have students in grades 2-5 spend a minimum of an hour per week on Compass Learning Odyssey (CLO) and Edutyping. CLO is tied directly to NWEA MAP assessments and creates an individualized learning path for students in the academic areas where they need it most. Edutyping is a keyboarding program that is especially important in preparation for the state's online CAASPP test in the spring. Finally, we encourage students who have been invited to attend the before school Academic Support and Enrichment (ASE) Program to do so. A few extra minutes working in the computer lab with teacher support can make a big difference in student skills and confidence levels over time. These programs can also be accessed online at home. If you have questions or need additional support please contact your child's classroom teacher or our Technology Resource Teacher, Mrs. Traci Orth.

MAP/MPG WINTER TESTING

Winter MAP/MPG testing will take place in the month of January (testing window is January 4-26). Your child's teacher will inform you as to the specific dates your child will be testing within this time period. Please make certain that your child eats a good breakfast and gets plenty of rest on testing dates so that he/she can do their personal best. Your support and encouragement for your child is appreciated.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

All Coronado Unified School District sites will be holding their annual Strategic Planning meetings in either February or March this school year. Such meetings will focus on progress regarding action steps from the previous year and input regarding action steps for the coming year. Silver Strand's Strategic Planning Meeting will take place on the morning of Tuesday, March 6th at Silver Strand. The Strategic Planning committees are made up of a roughly equal number of staff members and parents and we are actively looking for any interested parents to join this important process. Planning and invitations will be forthcoming. Please feel free to let me know if you would like to participate.

CORONADO SCHOOLS FOUNDATION (CSF)

The Coronado Schools Foundation offers many opportunities to our students throughout the school year. Several teaching/support positions are funded as a result of CSF's generous support for Silver Strand. CSF offers our students Academic Support and Enrichment support, Visual and Performing Arts classes, technology opportunities, science lab, and library class including related materials and extension opportunities for students. CSF also allows staff financial support that allows them to have collaborative time together for planning and analysis of students' learning. Close and regular analysis of students' data allows teachers/support staff the chance to best meet students' ongoing academic and social/emotional needs.

In addition, our Technology Resource Teacher, Mrs. Traci Orth also works closely with other teaching staff to provide technological support and assistance to both students and staff. She provides bi-weekly standards based technology instruction to all students in the Computer Lab and within classroom environments. Skills taught then carry over into classroom projects and other related activities. Band and choir opportunities are also available to students thanks to CSF. Finally, this year, we are in the beginning stages of developing our STEAM Lab. We thank CSF for their support with this venture as well. This exciting lab will provide students the opportunity to explore many educational avenues related to science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics.

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

- Jan. 3rd – Students and Staff return to school following winter break
- Jan. 5th – 3rd grade's "Take Your Parent to Lunch" Day at 12:10 p.m.
- Jan. 9th – Presentation to Coronado Schools Foundation Board at 5:00 p.m.
- Jan. 10th – Military Spouses Meeting in Strand Hall at 8:30 a.m.
- Jan. 12th – Teacher Work Day – No school for students
- Jan. 15th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No school
- Jan. 18th – Late Start Thursday – Students begin school at 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 26th – PTO Family Fun Night at 5:30 p.m. (theme TBD)
- Jan. 27th – Parenting Workshop – Coronado SAFE at COSA Theatre (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Wishing each of our families a great start to this new year and a wonderful 2018!



Sincerely,

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