

SILVER STRAND SCHOOL

2017-18



Dear Silver Strand Military Parents:

Welcome to Silver Strand Elementary! As you're probably aware, the vast majority of our students are dependents of active duty military parents. We know that our military families face unique and often significant challenges, and we do our best to make transitioning to our school, as well as feeling supported and engaged while here, as successful an experience as possible. Several elements are institutionalized here to help with that goal. These include:

- **Navy School Liaison Officer, Amiee Gillig** – Amiee helps coordinate support for military families across the Coronado Unified School District and at other districts in South County. She also coordinates the district's Family Connections Room (Room 501), which is located here at Silver Strand and provides a wealth of resources for military families and their children. Contact info: amiee.gillig@navy.mil or (619) 991-2509.
- **Military and Family Life Counselor (MFLC)** – Provides a variety of counseling services for military students and families, including a drop-in Military Kids Club (Wednesday recess), counseling groups, 1:1 counseling, grade level deployment clubs (please let MFLC know about upcoming deployments), supervision of our Ambassador Club and other after school enrichment clubs. Contact info: MFLC.Strand@coronadousd.net or (619) 522-8934 ext. 4094
- **Ambassador Club** – These are upper grade students trained to act as hosts to new students on their first day of school. Classroom "buddies" are placed with each new student to assure a smooth transition and inclusion in activities during their first week of school.
- **Operation Bigs** – Provides 1:1 mentoring for military students provided by adult volunteers via Big Brothers and Sisters of San Diego County. This program is for students in grades 2-5 and takes place on Wednesdays after school in Strand Hall and on the adjacent playground.
- **Operation Pals** – After school mentoring and homework tutoring for K/1 military students provided by volunteers from active duty service members. This program takes place after school on Tuesdays in Strand Hall.
- **Before School Academic Assistance Program** – Provides academic support for students who enter school with "gaps" in their learning regarding expected benchmarks in CUSD, as well as for students in need of re-teaching after units of study have been completed in the classroom. This program is for students in grades K-5 and takes place in the computer lab.
- **Tutor.com/military** – Free live one-on-one tutoring available 24/7.
- **Silver Strand Child and Youth Center** – Before and after school care available. More information can be found at www.militarychildcare.com

Students may be referred to any of these programs by their teachers or by parents themselves. Please let our MFLC or me know if you are interested in any of the services noted above or if we can be of any assistance to you as you transition to our school. We look forward to having you as part of our Silver Strand family!

Sincerely,

Tammy Marble
Principal