



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

I would like to extend a HUGE 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 the gift level and your thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated at the holidays and all year long. Many thanks!!

CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS – A SAFE HAVEN

Mr. Tom Torlakson, the California Superintendent of Schools, reminds us of what a gift our schools are and that each school should be a safe haven for all students regardless of race, religion, or immigration status. Please note that is our highest priority that all children feel safe at school and that parents and students alike feel welcome and are encouraged to be an active part of our school community.

INITIAL ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It should be noted that we will be holding our initial English Learner Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, January 19 beginning at 2:30 pm. In Room #303. All parents of English learner students are welcome and encouraged to attend. The district will also be holding the initial District English Learner Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room located on Sixth Street in Coronado. All parents of English learner students are also welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting as well.

COMPASS LEARNING ODYSSEY (CLO) AND EDUTYPING GOALS

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 SBAC test in the spring. Both programs can 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.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

All Coronado Unified School District sites will be holding their annual Strategic Planning meetings in the month of February and each will focus on progress regarding action steps from the previous year and input regarding action steps for the coming year. Ours will take place on the morning of Tuesday, February 21st 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.

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

- Jan. 6th – 2nd grade's "Take Your Parent to Lunch" Day at 11:45 a.m.
- January 10th – PTO General Meeting in Strand Hall at 8:15 a.m.
- Jan. 11th – Military Spouses Meeting in Strand Hall at 8:30 a.m.
- Jan. 13th – Teacher Work Day – No school for students
- Jan. 16th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No school
- January 19th – Late Start Thursday – Students begin school at 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 20th – PTO Family Fun Night at 5:30 p.m. (theme TBD)
- Jan. 28th – Parenting Workshop – Coronado SAFE at COSA Theatre (8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Wishing each of our families a great start to this new year and a wonderful 2017!



Sincerely,

Tammy Marble

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Principal