



Coronado Unified School District

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Dear Silver Strand Parents:

It's so hard to believe that May is already here. We always have plenty going on this time of year as we enter into this last full month of school. Highlights for the month of May include:

CAASPP/CAST TESTING

A reminder that CAASPP testing for grades 3-5 begins today and will continue over the next three weeks. The testing window for each grade level is as follows:

Grade 5: May 1-5 (CAASPP) and CAST Science Test: Monday, May 8th

Grade 4: May 8-12

Grade 3: May 15-19

All testing will begin first thing each morning, so it's extremely important that students arrive on time and regularly during their testing window. Also, just a quick reminder as to the importance of having students eat a healthy breakfast and get a good night's sleep prior to testing. Lastly, we strongly encourage parents NOT to take their children out of school during our morning testing times. Please reserve all appointments for later afternoon hours (preferably after school).

HONORING OUR TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF

This week, May 1-5 is staff appreciation week. We welcome you to make your child's teacher or other staff member who makes a difference in the life of your child feel special and appreciated this week. We thank the CUSD Board, our district office, and our PTO for the support and kindness shown to our staff this week (and always!). Finally, we would like to honor Silver Strand's *Teacher of the Year*, Chris Preciado. Ms. Preciado represents the fine work that all Silver Strand teachers do each day, but we especially celebrate Chis this year for a job well done. We look forward to honoring her at the CUSD Board meeting on Thursday, May 18. Finally, we would like to celebrate Mrs. Beth Linde, our school librarian for the amazing job she does of supporting both students and staff alike via our school library and beyond into classrooms. She, along with all CUSD's library technicians, will be honored this Saturday at the Greater San Diego Reading Association event called "Celebration of Literacy Stars." We thank Mrs. Linde and our other district library technicians for the difference they make at each of our CUSD's schools each day.

PTO LUAU

Our biggest event and fundraiser of the year, our annual PTO Luau, will take place on Friday, May 19th, 5:00-8:00pm. Students are encouraged to wear Hawaiian themed clothing to school that day as a way to show school spirit and to earn spirit points for their class. There will be lot of games, activities, auction items, and great fun for the whole family. It's always a memorable event for all!

UPCOMING END OF YEAR DATES:

Please note the following "end of year" and related dates.

- May 10 – Spring Fair at CMS – 5th grade students only

- May 19 – 5th grade field trip to CMS for 6th grade orientation
- May 23 – Final ELAC meeting – Room #303
- May 24- Volunteer Brunch in Strand Hall – 9:45 a.m.
- May 26 – Spelling Bee (Grades 3-5), 1:05pm, Strand Hall
- May 29 – Memorial Day Holiday – NO school
- June 9 – Biz Town for 5th grade students
- June 12 – Aquatica field trip for 5th grade students
- June 14 – K-4 Special Awards Assembly, 10:15am, Strand Hall
- June 15 - 5th Grade Promotion, 10:00am, Strand Hall
- June 15 - Last Day of School for all students (TK/Kindergarten dismissal at 11:45 a.m. and all other grades at 12:30 p.m.)

Special thanks to staff, to parents, and to our community for the awesome teamwork demonstrated during this final stretch of the school year!



Sincerely,

Tammy Marble

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Principal