



Coronado Unified School District

Silver Strand Elementary School

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Dear Silver Strand Parents:

Welcome to the new 2016-17 school year at Silver Strand Elementary! We would like to extend a warm welcome especially to our many new families. The first few days of school have gone very well. Students are connecting with old friends and making new ones and they are beginning their journey of learning this school year. We are so excited to see and be a part of the growth that students will make this school year.

Principal's Newsletters will be sent out by mass email via School Connects on the first of each month. Below you will find some school-related information for the month of September.

THINK SAFETY FIRST!

Now that the first few days are behind us and all students have become familiar with their classroom locations, we ask that parents please continue to follow our district security protocols of dropping students off by the front gates/flagpole area in the morning and please wait for them in the front courtyard area at afternoon dismissal time. For parents who drop their children off in the morning by car, please use our drop-off lane and keep moving forward where trained Curbside Host students will help get children safely out of cars. Please remember to never park in the drop-off lane at entry or exit times. Also, please use the yellow crosswalk for crossing safely through the school parking lot during morning and afternoon dismissal times. The blue crosswalk is blocked off for usage in order to keep people from crossing through during high traffic times. Exceptions will be made for those who have a handicapping condition. Please also remember that dogs are not allowed at any time on campus or in the front courtyard (because of safety and allergy guidelines).

NEW FOOD PROTOCOL

It is important that all children have a healthy and nutritious lunch to give them the energy they need to be successful and feeling well throughout the day. We ask that you consider healthful choices when packing your child's lunch at home. We also offer daily food choices via our hot lunch program that are both nutritious and delicious in nature. Student lunch accounts can be paid for by dropping cash or check off at our front office or you may make payments on your child's lunch account via our district website using the link under Child Nutrition Services – Online Lunch Payment - EZSchoolPay.com. Please note that students who have account balances over \$15 will be given an alternate school lunch of a sandwich, fruit, and juice or milk until their account balance is brought current. We encourage you to contact our Child Nutrition Services Department should you have any questions regarding your child's lunch account.

There are a few additional notes that parents should be aware of regarding food at school:

- 1) Please be aware that cookies are served on Cookie Friday but only with the purchase of a school lunch. Cookies are not sold separately. Please refer to school menu for food choices per day.
- 2) Also, Kona Ice will be on site this school year serving icy treats (which meet federal guidelines for food compliancy levels) one Friday per month. This date will always be posted in advance. Kona Ice will be serving treats this month on September 16 after school. The cost is either \$3 or \$6 depending on the size of cone selected. We will occasionally also have them serving during special events on campus. This month Kona Ice will be available at both Back to School Night and during our first PTO sponsored Family Fun Night on September 16 beginning at 5:00 p.m. on both evenings.
- 3) We ask that treats for class celebrations be limited to our three special celebration days throughout the year. You will be notified of these dates in advance. Please coordinate with your child's classroom teacher as to helpful food items or other items that would be best to bring to school on special celebration days. Finally, please do not bring sugary treats to celebrate your child's birthday or other special occasion throughout the school year. We welcome you to coordinate an alternate special treat with your child's classroom teacher should you wish to celebrate your child's birthday at school. Please note that our PTO is offering special birthday marquee and birthday button opportunities to help us all celebrate students' birthdays this year. Additional information about this program is available by contacting PTO members.

Our annual Back-to-School Night will take place this evening, September 1st. Our Book Fair (located in our school library) will be open from 5:00-5:30 p.m. and again following classroom presentations from 6:30-7:00 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., all parents will assemble in Strand Hall for an introduction to staff, some brief comments from the principal, and other presentations containing important information. Parents will then go to their children's classrooms for presentations by teachers regarding curriculum, homework expectations, volunteer opportunities, etc. Parents are also encouraged to visit our "specials" teachers' classrooms and other support staff members' offices this evening. Students who accompany their parents to Back-to-School Night must stay on the upper playground during classroom presentations where they will be supervised by staff member, Tammie Warlick, and Coronado High School NJROTC volunteers. Parents should pick up students on the playground once classroom presentations conclude, and all families are encouraged to visit our PTO's Book Fair event afterwards.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will be taken on Friday, September 16. Flyers will be coming home from Boyd Anderson Photography with all the details.

EXCITING NEW LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

This school year expect to see your children exploring exciting new learning opportunities. Some of our focus areas include mathematics exploration via Ready Common Core Mathematics, students' writing abilities will be enhanced using Lucy Calkins Writing Units of Study, and science will be an area of focus as we dig deeper into the Next Generation Science Standards. Of course there will be other learning opportunities in other subject areas as well and that's not all... Our Academic Support and Enrichment program is alive and well, band and choir are coming soon, Running Club is about to begin next Wednesday, September 7 right after our early dismissal time, and other fun enrichment clubs are coming too!

Please encourage your child to do their personal best each day and to become involved so that he/she may have the best possible experience at school. We welcome you to actively partner with us as we look forward to an exceptional school year!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy Marble". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Tammy Marble
Principal
Silver Strand Elementary