



# Coronado Unified School District

## Silver Strand Elementary School

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Dear Silver Strand families:

We are so excited to begin the 2016-17 school year with each of you. As the new principal at Silver Strand Elementary, I can't wait to meet everyone and begin our first fantastic school year together. Silver Strand is a place where all children and staff members feel safe and excited to get to come to school each day. Parents are very welcome and encouraged to be an active part of their child's education.

Silver Strand has historically been a school with a continuing record of high student achievement that has a highly trained staff that is professionally skilled and personally committed to meeting the individual needs of every child. Our students take pride in working toward a standard of excellence while having fun in the process. We are so grateful to the many people who devote their time and energy to help make Silver Strand an exceptional place to learn and grow.

The Coronado School District uses the recently adopted Common Core State Standards to guide instructional practices and student learning outcomes. Goals and action steps are developed and evaluated on an annual basis to help ensure that established objectives are being met and revised as needed to ensure student success. Student achievement is paramount at Silver Strand and teachers are afforded multiple opportunities throughout the school year to hone their professional skills via ongoing professional development. Further, innovative programs are designed to meet the unique learning needs of a broad range of learners found at Silver Strand. We understand that many of our students have experienced a variety of diverse life experiences and come to Silver Strand from both near and far away places. It is our goal to meet children where they are at and to help them to achieve their personal best.

At Silver Strand, we are fortunate to have support from a number of funding sources which allow for a variety of learning opportunities for our students. Student achievement is increased via small group, instructional level-specific teaching through Silver Strand's Academic Support and Enrichment (ASE) program. Other enrichment opportunities also help to enhance student learning and engagement. Weekly specials and activities consist of gardening, science lab exploration, cross-aged buddies, student council, student interest-based clubs, and the Everyone a Reader program just to name a few. Silver Strand is also grateful for the support provided through extension programs such as Operation Bigs and Operation Pals as well as support from our Military Family Life Consultant.

Silver Strand is extremely proud of its Culture of Character which is based upon the district's Character Counts Program. This program emphasizes the Six Pillars of Character (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship). Such character traits will be focused on during specific months throughout the year and students exhibiting these positive character traits will be honored. Specifically, students will be encouraged to be young people who demonstrate strong academic commitments and strong character and those "caught being good" will be rewarded accordingly via *Voyager Way* tickets and incentives.

Parents are encouraged to watch the short videos posted on our school website about the ASE program, the emphasis on having a Culture of Character throughout campus, and other important informational pieces about Silver Strand.

Finally, student safety will always be a top concern at Silver Strand. Please be certain to follow all safety procedures established when entering or exiting campus. Students are to arrive on time, but are not allowed on campus prior to 8:00am. School begins for all students at 8:10am. Parents are highly encouraged to respect all drop off and pick up procedures for the safety and well-being of staff, students, and parents alike. Curbside Hosts will be available to assist during student drop off and pick up times. Students in preschool and Kindergarten are met at the front gate by their classroom teacher and walked to their classroom. Students in first grade and above are to walk to class unaccompanied by parents in the morning. Teachers will walk their students out each afternoon at dismissal times. All visitors must check in at the front office and receive a visitor's badge prior to entering campus – no exceptions please. We also ask that parents refrain from entering classrooms without prior teacher approval after instruction has begun. Other important pieces of information can be found in our Parent Handbook which is updated at the start of each school year and is available on our school website.

I am certain that we will all have much to explore together this coming school year. Please feel free to stop in and say hello. I am excited to get to know your child and your family. We are looking forward to a great year together in 2016-17!

Sincerely,

Tammy Marble  
Principal