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Dear Parents:

Silver Strand has been busy this past month of school. In addition to the excellent learning opportunities taking place in classrooms each day, we have many extension programs now underway. Such programs include Peace Patrol, Operation PALS and Operation BIGS, band, choir, and Robotics, not to mention various after school clubs including coding, golf, chess, cooking, yoga, running, and soon gardening. We look forward to this weekend when our Robotics Club students will participate in a Lego Robotics competition in Point Loma. We are very proud of their efforts and commend them on their hard work as they prepare to do their best at the competition on Saturday. We wish them the best!

MAP/MPG testing was completed this month and these results are being used to further guide teacher's instructional decisions and to make sure that appropriate supports are in place for each child as is most beneficial to him or her. Students have active Personalized Education Plans as well. We want to ensure that each child is working to do their personal best each day and that they have the opportunity to work toward meeting their individualized goals. Teachers similarly have their own PEP goals for the same reasons. In this way, all Silver Strand students and staff work toward their goals and personal excellence.

We have also celebrated special days here at Silver Strand such as the APEX Fun Run, PTO's Family Fun Night and PTO's annual rummage sale. This past Sunday, our band had an opportunity to perform at CHS during the *Fall for the Arts Festival*. It was their first performance of the school year and they did an amazing job. We are so proud of them!

We look forward to hosting our first Take Your Parents to Lunch day this week as fifth grade students have the opportunity for parents to come to school to eat lunch with their child. Throughout this school year, each grade level will have this same opportunity. We invite all parents at each grade level to join your child for lunch on that day. We have also had our students demonstrate excellent character via a week full of Character Counts activities and they modeled their awesome character as they posed for an all-school rainbow-colored character-based education photo. Lastly, we had a story book character pumpkin decorating contest, and we ended the month with Halloween classroom celebrations (in some classes) and an entire school Halloween Parade. We were delighted to have many of our parents join us for a fun time enjoying these events.

We want to invite parents to join us this Friday, November 3 as we celebrate *Silver Strand Honors Its Military Heroes Day* in Strand Hall from 8:30-9:00 a.m. This day allows us to celebrate the military families on our campus who sacrifice so much in order to have a family member serving our country. We would also like to invite the parents of English Learners to the first District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) meeting of this school year. This meeting will be held at Village Elementary School on Wednesday, November 8 in room #710. This meeting offers parents a chance to learn more about issues that specifically pertain to English learners and ways CUSD works to support our English learner students.

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1 – Special pizza lunch for Federal Survey Card 1st return classes at lunch time
- Nov. 2 – Student Council campaign begins
- Nov. 3 - Veteran's Day Event: "Silver Strand Honors its Military Heroes"
All military families are invited to our Flagpole Assembly and then move into

Strand Hall for a celebration including snacks and family photos – 8:30-9:00 a.m.

- Nov. 3 – Fifth grade - Students invite their Parents to Lunch Day - 12:15 p.m.
- Nov. 4 – Robotics Competition at High Tech High in Pt. Loma - 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Nov. 3 – PTO's Craft Fair - 5:00-8:00 p.m. in Strand Hall
- Nov. 5 - Daylight Savings Time ends (clocks fall back)
- Nov. 7 – School Site Council meeting – 3:00-3:30 p.m. in SSES Conference Room
- Nov. 7 - U.S. election day and Silver Strand Student Council election day
- Nov. 8 – PTO meeting in Strand Hall – 8:15 a.m.
- Nov. 8 – DELAC meeting at Village Elementary – 8:30-9:00 a.m. in room #710
- Nov. 10 – Veterans Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 13-17 – Parent/Teacher Conference Week (early dismissal M-F)
- Nov. 15 – Military Spouses meeting at Silver Strand in Strand Hall – 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- Nov. 16 – Disaster (Lockdown) Drill - 1:15 p.m.
- Nov. 20-24 – Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 27 – TK extended days begin
- Nov. 29 – Jr. Achievement Day
- Nov. 30 – Late Start Thursday – Students begin day at 10:00 a.m. (no child care available before school)

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK

Our first semester will conclude on January 26 and our second semester will begin on January 29. Semester 1 report cards will go home on February 2. In order to keep parents informed of their child's current academic progress, parent/teacher conferences will be held the week of November 13-17. All parents will receive a notice with their conference date/time from their child's classroom teacher. As in the past, we have "bookended" multiple sibling conferences. If helpful to family members who cannot attend due to not being present in the area (i.e. deployed parents or those stationed at another duty station, etc.), conferences can be arranged via Skype or speaker phone **upon request**. After conferences with teachers, please celebrate your child successes from the first half of Semester 1, as well as continue to work closely with your child in conjunction with their teachers to concentrate on areas in need of increased focus during the following weeks of instruction. Please note: All students will be dismissed early M-F at Wednesday early release times. We appreciate your punctuality in picking your child up on these days so that conferences scheduled for that day may begin on time.

As we enter into this month of Thanksgiving, I wish each of our families a month where we all focus on what's good in our lives and the many reasons we have to be thankful each day. We especially extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to all of our military personnel and their families who give so much each and every day. We sincerely appreciate your service!

Wishing each family an early Happy Thanksgiving and a month filled with blessings.



Sincerely,

Tammy Marble

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