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Dear Silver Strand Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the new 2017-18 school year at Silver Strand Elementary and Preschool. We would like to extend a warm welcome to both our new and returning students and families. We appreciated your patience and support this year as we made some final changes to our class structures in order to best support students and teaching and learning within our classroom environments. As we enter into this school year with a growth mindset, we look forward to the incredible gains students will make this year.

Please Note: Principal's newsletters will be sent out by mass email via our school website the first of each month. Below you will find some important school related information for the month of September.

Back to School Night

Thanks to the collective efforts of parents and teachers, we enjoyed a very engaging and informational *Back to School Night* on Thursday, August 31. As we partner together this school year, your child is sure to enjoy a successful school experience. Please don't hesitate to reach out to school staff should needs arise concerning your child.

Think Safety First

Now that the first few days of school are behind us and 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. At afternoon dismissal times, please plan to wait for your child in the front courtyard area. For parents who drop their children off in the morning via car, please use our drop off lane and keep moving forward where trained Curbside Host students will help children safely out of cars. Please remember to never park in the drop-of 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 time periods. Exceptions will be made for those who have a handicapping condition. Please remember that dogs **are not allowed** at any time on campus or in the front courtyard area due to safety and allergy guidelines.

Everyone a Reader and United Through Reading

We are excited to kick off both these worthwhile reading programs this school year. The *Everyone a Reader Program* allows volunteers opportunities for students to practice their reading skills in the company of trained volunteers. The training day for this program will take place on Tuesday, September 19 in the library at Silver Strand. We are also initiating our *United Through Reading Program* at this time. Mrs. Crystal Messner is leading the charge regarding this program this school year. We encourage you to please fill out the *United Through Reading* form which is located in the front office if you are interested in participating in this program.

NO School – Labor Day – Monday, September 4

School Picture Day

School photographs will be taken on Tuesday, September 12. Flyers will be coming home from Boyd Anderson Photography with all related details.

Lowe's Coronado Bay Fundraising Event

On Friday, September 8 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Loews Coronado Bay invites you to their "Play on the Bay" event which is designed to support local education. Come and enjoy spectacular food, drinks, live music, a silent auction

and more in an unforgettable evening on the bay. For more information please visit <https://csfkids.org/blog/loews-host-2nd-annual-play-on-the-bay/> and to purchase tickets please go to <http://loews.io/POTB2017>. We welcome you to be a part of this exciting evening that will benefit our students.

Running Club

Running Club is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 13 after school dismissal times. Students in grades 1-3 dismiss on modified Wednesdays at 1:05 p.m. and students in grades 4-5 dismiss at 1:40 p.m. Please note that there is not child care or Running Club provided to our TK/Kindergarten students on modified Wednesdays.

Late Start Thursdays

This school year we will have three late start Wednesdays. These days are scheduled to allow for professional development and collaboration opportunities for teachers and other staff members. The following three days are reserved for Late Start Thursdays this school year: September 21, November 30, and March 1. Students begin their school day at 10:00 a.m. on these three days. Child care is not available prior to this time.

PTO Family Fun Nights

Throughout the school year, PTO will offer several PTO sponsored Family Fun Nights. The first event will be held on September 22 in Strand Hall and the theme will be "Minute to Win It." For families who have joined the PTO the event is free of charge. The fee for others is \$5.00 per person. Dinner will be available for purchase that evening. More information will follow soon. We welcome and encourage your entire family to attend these fun-filled events.

Exciting Learning Opportunities and More...

This year you can expect to see your children exploring many new exciting learning opportunities. Some of our focus areas include mathematics via Ready Common Core Mathematics, students' writing abilities will be enhanced using Lucy Calkins Writing Units of Study, and new science curriculum will be explored for all students in grades TK-5 via the Next Generation Science Standards and FOSS kit exploration. In addition, we will be expanding our science, engineering, technology, arts and mathematics opportunities for students via our soon to come STEAM Lab. The arts will also not be left behind. Enrichment Clubs, band, choir, and dance as well as discrete and integrated arts will be a part of the complete curriculum and overall program here at Silver Strand. To provide students both academic and enrichment support our ASE group structures will soon be fully operational with students in all grade levels.

Growth Mindset and "Not Yet..." Mentality

This year we want to foster a spirit of Growth Mindset and "Not Yet" – as in "I don't know how to do that yet, but with enough practice and perseverance I will." On this note, 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,



Tammy Marble

*Principal
Silver Strand Elementary and Preschool*

