



# Coronado Unified School District

## Silver Strand Elementary School

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Dear Parents:

It's hard to believe that our first full month of school has already been completed and now it is the season where pumpkins, fall leaves, and warm soup are upon us. In the month of September, we enjoyed the Loew's Coronado Bay event, teachers set goals for themselves and for their students, fall school picture day took place, and some initial assessments were given to students including our fall MAP testing (see information shared below). Additionally, we hosted our first PTO sponsored Family Fun Night including games and San Diego Padres prizes. Our "On Applebee Pond" character counts program also began for our primary-aged students. In the month of October, we look forward to many more exciting events and opportunities.

Below I share some important news from Silver Strand for the month of October...

### **LOEW'S CORONADO BAY EVENT / SILVER STRAND'S STEAM LAB**

We cannot begin to express our appreciation and gratitude for the support of Loew's Coronado Bay. On Friday, September 8 they hosted "Play on the Bay" which was a Donors Choose event designed to support schools across the greater San Diego area. The Coronado School District was fortunate enough to have been selected to be a part of this evening. Silver Strand was especially blessed in that a portion of the night's proceeds will be going toward supporting our soon to be developed Makers Space STEAM Lab. STEAM is an acronym which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The Coronado Eagle & Journal was present at the event taking pictures and celebrating with us. Sean Clancy, the managing director of Loew's Coronado Bay, presented Coronado School District's Superintendent, Mr. Karl Mueller with a check for \$32,500 as a donation toward Silver Strand's Maker Space STEAM Lab. We are excited to begin the development of our lab. We are very excited about the possibilities it will create for our students' young minds along with their potential future life and career aspirations.

### **FEDERAL IMPACT SURVEY CARDS**

At this time each year, a Federal Survey Card is sent home with each student in grades PreK-12 and parents are asked to please complete the card and return it the following day. The cards will be sent home on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. All classes who **correctly complete** their cards and have them returned by Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> will be treated to a district sponsored pizza party.

Please note: We are required to collect a card for each student, regardless of parents' occupation. We do this as part of the procedures which are prescribed by the Federal Government in order to collect certain funds for the school district. We need the information in order to qualify for these funds, which account for a substantial portion of our district budget.

### **IDENTA KID**

Identia Kid services (fingerprinting services for child protection purposes) will be available for all children after school on Tuesday, October 3 (2:20 and 2:55 p.m.) and on Wednesday, October 4 (1:15 and 1:40 p.m.). Please note the differentiated times due to our modified release schedule on Wednesdays. A table will be set up just outside of the front office on these two days offering services and additional information. We welcome and encourage your participation in this program.

### **MAP/MPG and FALL LOCAL ASSESSMENTS**

Our fall *Measures of Academic Progress* testing (or *MPG* testing for our younger primary-aged students) is in full swing at this point in the school year. The window for this assessment will conclude on October 13, 2017. This assessment is a computer adaptive test designed to obtain real-time data about student achievement in reading, language, and mathematics. Teachers are then able to immediately use this MAP/MPG data to better understand each student's specific strengths and needs in order to tailor instruction to best meet their needs.

Our fall local benchmark assessments will take place between the beginning of October and November 3, 2017. These assessments include math benchmark assessments and end of unit writing assessments (grades K-5) and Read Well and DRA2 reading assessments (also for grades K-5). If you have any questions related to how your child performs on any assessments please contact your child's classroom teacher. We want to acknowledge our teachers for their hard work in supporting their students with testing so that we may best support student needs.

### **NO SCHOOL – MONDAY, OCTOBER 9**

Just a quick reminder that there will be no school on Monday, October 9 in observance of fall holiday.

### **SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL**

Thanks to all parents who participated in our School Site Council nomination process. Please note that all ballots for new parent School Site Council members are due this Wednesday, October 4. All candidates voted into office will be notified no later than Friday, October 6. The first School Site Council meeting of the 2017-18 school year will take place on Tuesday, October 17 from 2:30-3:15 p.m. in the school office conference room.

### **MORNING DROP-OFF TIME AND RED CURBS**

As we enter our second full month of school, please be mindful of the importance of always driving your vehicle as far forward as possible along the front curb so as not to block other drivers in the semi-circle drop-off zone. Also, please do NOT park in red curb zones at any time (no matter the reason or anticipated length of stay). Finally, we ask that parents please NOT park across the street at the Navy Child and Youth Facility as staff and parents from "The Rec" need their parking lot to accommodate their parking needs. We appreciate your support with both of these important pieces.

### **FALL FOR THE ARTS**

A special event, "Fall for the Arts", is sponsored by the Coronado Arts Education Foundation, will take place at Coronado High School on Sunday, October 29 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. This event will feature various musical performances. Please note that children wearing costumes will receive a special Halloween treat. Admission is \$10 per adult and children/students are \$5 each. Meal tickets are also available for that day. For additional information please visit their website at [www.FFTA.Eventbrite.com](http://www.FFTA.Eventbrite.com)

### **PUMPKIN DESIGN CONTEST**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest will begin on Friday, October 13 (all entries will be due that day). Students are to turn all entries into Ms. Pierro in the school library that morning. All entries will be on display in the school library from October 16-27. Contest winners will be announced during Friday flagpole on Friday, October 27. All entries must be taken home on this day. We encourage all students to participate. Please see the flyer that was previously sent home for additional details.

### **KONA ICE**

The first day that Kona Ice will be served after school this year is on Friday, October 13. Please note that prices vary depending on the size of drink selected. Children may choose their desired flavor(s).

### **GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKE OUT DRILL**

This year's California's shake out practice drill will take place on Thursday, October 19 at 10:19 a.m. This drill allows students and staff alike to practice earthquake readiness skills. Teachers will alert students that might benefit from advanced warning of the drill. Parents are encouraged to schedule appointments at alternate times as the office will temporarily be closed during the drill. We thank you in advance for honoring this important drill opportunity.

### **BIRCH AQUARIUM VISITS SILVER STRAND**

An exciting opportunity will be offered to our students this fall. During a few science lab class periods, the Birch Aquarium will be visiting and offering additional enrichment opportunities where students will explore sea creatures (i.e. kelp, fish, and squid) and will engage in sand related exploration. Special thanks to Molly Moy, our science lab teacher, who orchestrated this opportunity for our students.

### **CORONADO SAFE'S "CLUB SAFE"**

We are pleased to partner with Coronado SAFE to offer weekly enrichment opportunities for our students in grades 3-5. Every Wednesday (beginning the week of October 2-6), a representative from Coronado SAFE will partner with our school counselor, Mrs. Sophia Frost, to offer support opportunities to our students. Coronado SAFE's counselor will be on the school playground during lunch times on Wednesdays to interact with students on a drop-by basis. She will also lead activities that support and further develop resilience and emotional intelligence including topics such as improving peer interactions, managing stress, resolving conflicts, and communicating effectively. Should you have any additional questions please feel free to contact our school counselor, Sophia Frost via email at [sophia.frost@coronadousd.net](mailto:sophia.frost@coronadousd.net). Should you desire additional information about Club SAFE and the many supports it offers the community you can visit their website at <http://coronado safe.org/>.

### **ENRICHMENT CLUBS**

Silver Strand is pleased to announce that we will be offering two sessions (fall and spring) of enrichment club opportunities. Ms. Pierro has been working very hard to organize both PTO sponsored clubs and outside entity based clubs. Please be on the lookout for flyers to come home this week detailing each club during the fall session. All relevant information will be available (per flyer). Please do work together with us as adding outside offerings provides our students with more opportunities, but also may create a few unanticipated "glitches." We will do our best to work through any related difficulties. **Very important:** We will do our best to offer club sessions to different grade levels during the spring if not available during the fall sessions.

### **APEX JOG-A-THON**

This year's PTO sponsored APEX Fun Run is coming soon!! The PEP rally will take place on Monday, October 16 with the actual Fun Run following on Friday, October 27. In addition to the PEP Rally and Fun Run, students are taught daily character lessons and individual and/or PE based group prizes can be earned by students. More information soon to follow.

### **HALLOWEEN COSTUME COLLECTION**

In support of a local girl scout troop, Silver Strand will collect Halloween costumes to support underprivileged children at the Monarch School in San Diego. If you would like to participate in the cause, please feel free to donate costumes in the Silver Strand office (donation bins will be available) beginning Tuesday, October 10.

### **HALLOWEEN PARADE**

Silver Strand will host its second annual Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 31. Parents are welcome to stay and watch the parade. It will be held in the center courtyard at the beginning of the school day. All students are welcome to wear Halloween costumes; however this is optional. Students will be encouraged to change out of costumes following the parade so parents should plan to have students wear regular clothing underneath their costumes for easy, independent changing of attire. Please no costumes bearing any insignia that is offensive or inappropriate (i.e. blood) in nature. Also, please no face paint or toys that represent weapons. Additional information will be sent home with your child closer to parade day.

### **CORONADO SCHOOLS FOUNDATION – UPCOMING EVENT**

This year the Coronado Schools Foundation will be hosting another event to support all of Coronado's schools. The event, "Diamonds are Forever 2017 Benefit Auction", will take place at the Hotel Del Coronado on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to attend please directly contact CSF at [www.CSFKids.org](http://www.CSFKids.org). If you are unable to attend or would like to participate in the online benefit auction you may do so beginning Friday, October 6 through Monday, October 23 at [csfkids.org/auction](http://csfkids.org/auction).

### "CHARACTER COUNTS" WEEK

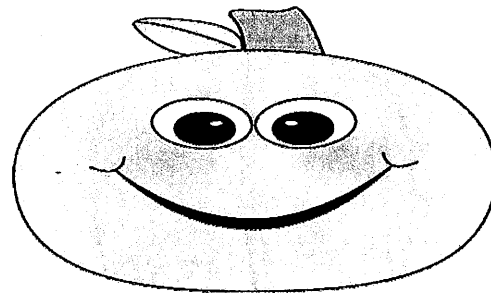
During the week of October 16-20 CUSD school sites will be celebrating the Six Pillars of Character connected to our community-wide Character Counts program. At Silver Strand, we will be conducting grade level specific activities to foster positive choices and overall good character in our students. Students will be given opportunities to draw or write about what each character trait means to them. During our Friday flagpole celebration on Friday, October 20 we will host our third annual "Character Counts Spirit Day" with each grade level wearing a color to represent each character pillar. We will then take an all school picture wearing these colors: Kindergarten (red – caring), 1<sup>st</sup> grade (orange – fairness), 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (yellow - respect), 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (blue – trustworthiness), 4<sup>th</sup> grade (green – responsibility), and 5<sup>th</sup> grade (purple – citizenship). We encourage everyone to participate to show their school spirit.

### SILVER STRAND PTO

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful PTO for all that they have already done for our school this school year under the leadership of Jenni Nesbitt, our new PTO president. They supported teachers with beginning of the school year supplies and food and they have hosted our first Family Fun Night. Upcoming October events include a general session PTO meeting on October 11, a fall garage sale event on October 21, and finally, the APEX Fun Run (jog-a-thon event) on October 27. We encourage you to support our PTO as they work tirelessly to support our school.

We welcome you to be actively involved in our school. We hope that the month of October will be filled with more "treats" than "tricks."

Sincerely,



Tammy Marble  
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