



Coronado Unified School District

Silver Strand Elementary School

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Dear Parents:

Silver Strand has been busy this past month of school. We have had many programs begin including Peace Patrol, Operation PALS and Operation BIGS, band, choir, and Robotics. In fact, our Robotics Club students just participated in a Lego Robotics competition in Point Loma this past weekend. We are very proud of their efforts and commend them on doing a fantastic job of learning about robotics and representing our school in this competition.

Our teachers have had meaningful learning opportunities this past month too. They have attended various trainings to enhance their teaching abilities in the areas of math, writing, reading, science, English language development, and even handwriting (for our youngest students). Community members and parents have also had opportunities to learn and participate via our *Everyone a Reader* training, Math Night for parents, and PTO and Military Family Connections meetings. Teachers continue to work diligently to make certain that each student's needs are comprehensively met. 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.

We have also celebrated special days here at Silver Strand such as Walk or Ride Your Bike to School Day, final fun-filled reward days from the APEX Fun Run, fifth grade had Parents Come to Lunch Day, PTO's Family Fun Night (space themed) and PTO's annual rummage sale. We have 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.

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1st – Student Council campaign begins
- Nov. 1st – Memorial parade to honor EODC, Jason Finan (fourth and fifth grade classes)
- Nov. 4th and 5th – Attendance incentives for “best” attendance classes for Sept. and Oct.
- Nov. 4th - 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 snacks and family photos
- Nov. 4th – Fourth grade - Students invite their Parents to Lunch Day (12:15 p.m.)
- Nov. 5th – Glitz, Glamour, and Gatsby – CSF Benefit Auction – 5:00 p.m.
- Nov. 6th - Daylight Savings Time ends (clocks fall back)
- Nov. 7th and Nov. 9 Field Trips to San Diego Maritime Museum (5th grade classes)
- November 8th – U.S. election day and Silver Strand Student Council election day
- Nov. 9th – Military Spouse Meeting @ CMS at 8:30 a.m.
- Nov. 11th – Veterans Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 14-18th – Parent/Teacher Conference Week (early dismissal M-F)
- Nov. 17th – Disaster (Lockdown) Drill, 10:20AM
- Nov. 21-25 – Thanksgiving Break, NO SCHOOL

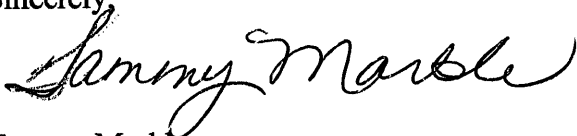
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK

This year, CUSD has made the transition from reporting student progress each trimester to doing so each semester. Our first semester will conclude on January 27 and our second semester will begin on January 30. Semester 1 report cards will go home on February 3. In order to keep parents informed of their child's current academic progress, parent/teacher conferences will be held the week of November 14-18. 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
Principal
Silver Strand Elementary

