



Coronado Unified School District

Silver Strand Elementary School

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Dear Parents:

Greetings as we welcome in the month of December and happy holidays to all. We thank you for being an active part of your child's education and we appreciate you taking time to attend Parent/Teacher Conferences prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. We appreciate you celebrating successes from the first portion of this school year with your child and for continuing to work closely with his/her teacher to concentrate on areas of need as the school year progresses. We especially would like to encourage our students to continue daily independent reading as well as reading with a family member each day, along with time utilizing district sponsored individualized curricular software programs such as Compass Learning Odyssey (grades 2-5) and Ticket to Read (grades TK-1). Partnering together, we support our wonderful children to do their best as they learn, grow, and develop.

Below are a few items that families should be aware of in the month of December:

HOLIDAY NEWS

Holiday Performances

Our K-1 classes kicked off the holiday season with a special performance at Lowe's Bay Coronado Resort on Tuesday, November 29. Then, the next evening, November 30, Mrs. Cavanaugh's fifth grade class delighted the audience at the Hotel Del's winter celebration with holiday tunes as well. Under the direction of Wendy VanLandingham, our wonderful VAPA teacher, students in all grade levels will again entertain families by singing a variety of holiday songs on Wednesday, December 14 at 10:15 a.m. in Strand Hall. All families are invited to attend, and a video link of the performance will be posted afterwards on our school website for any family members who are not able to attend in person (particularly those in the military on deployment or at other duty stations).

Holiday Canned Food Drive

Our holiday canned food drive begins on Friday, December 2 and continues through Wednesday, December 14. Students are encouraged to bring currently dated canned food items to school to share. Canned food items will be collected during this period of time and will be donated to Coronado Food Bank so that families who may need such support will benefit as a result of the generosity of Silver Strand's students during the holidays.

Holiday Shop

Each year students are given the opportunity to shop for friends and family members during the annual Holiday Shop sponsored by our PTO. This year, shopping for students will take place in Strand Hall on Thursday, December 15. A new addition is also being made available to students this year. In addition to purchased gifts, students will have their choice of crafts to design so that they can present loved ones with handcrafted items as well. Gift wrapping and name tags will be provided for all purchased gifts. **Also, it is important to note that our PTO truly needs your support to make this day possible for our children. Please consider signing up to work a session during the day so that**

all children will have an opportunity to enjoy this wonderful experience. Please reference our PTO's website, Facebook page, or newsletter for additional information about this year's Holiday Shop.

Times classes will visit the Holiday Shop are as follows:

TK-K	8:30-9:15 a.m.
1 st grade	10:00-10:45 a.m.
2 nd grade	10:30-11:15 a.m.
5 th grade	11:00-11:45 a.m.
Preschool	11:45 a.m. -12:30 p.m. (with their parents)
3 rd grade	1:00-1:45 p.m.
4 th grade	2:00-2:45 p.m.

Holiday Spirit Day

Silver Strand's Student Council will be hosting their first spirit day on Friday, December 16. Students are encouraged to participate in "Ugly Sweater Day." Students will be showing off their ugliest holiday sweaters on this day.

TITLE I PARENT MEETING

There will be a Title I parent meeting on Friday, December 9 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 701. This meeting is specifically for parents of Title I students. During this meeting information regarding the program will be addressed. If this is applicable to your family such information was shared via a letter from Mrs. Cody, our esteemed reading specialist, during Parent/Teacher conference time. If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact Mrs. Cody or speak with your child's classroom teacher.

WINTER BREAK

All schools in the Coronado Unified School District will be closed for winter break as follows: December 19 through January 2. Students will return to school on Tuesday, January 3.

Wishing each of you and your families a very happy winter holiday season!

Sincerely,



Tammy Marble
Principal

