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Dear Parents,

This month we have many exciting things happening here at Silver Strand. Please do read thoroughly as there is a lot going on and quite a bit of information to share.

### **ENRICHMENT CLUBS**

Our second round of student-centered enrichment clubs for this school year are now up and running. Students have the opportunity to participate in coding, Jr. Theater, golf, running club, needlework, gardening, board games, Mad Science, and band/choir. Special thanks to Ms. Pierro for all of her efforts coordinating such clubs for our students.

### **COMMUNITY TALENT SHOW AND SSES TALENT SHOW**

Please look forward to the Coronado community as a whole as it showcases the many talents where both adults and students alike as they perform at the *Coronado's Talent Show* on February 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Coronado High School Theater. Please view this event at [coronadotimes.com/news](http://coronadotimes.com/news) for additional information. Silver Strand's annual Talent Show will be held on Friday, April 13 at 5:00 p.m. More information soon to come.

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**

Silver Strand will be having its annual LCAP strategic planning meeting at Silver Strand Elementary School from 8:15-11:45am on Tuesday, March 6 in the SSES STEAM Lab building. Coffee and a light breakfast will be served that morning. Special thanks to all parent representatives and staff members who have volunteered to participate. Working together, we will generate a great plan for Silver Strand for years to come!

### **SAFETY FIRST!**

It is always our priority that our students and staff members are safe at school. Therefore, each month we practice a safety related drill. Last week, we practiced our annual drill where sweep teams were employed to assist "victims" as needed. Special thanks to Miss Zenny and to Cara for their help with this drill. Thankfully, this was only a mock drill, but such practice does help both staff and students to be best prepared should an emergency take place either on our school site or at the community level.

### **END – SEMESTER 1 / REPORT CARDS and more**

Our mid-year Measures of Academic Progress or MAP testing has concluded. Student score reports will be going home today along with students' report cards as today marks the end of Semester I. If your child participates in our Title I reading program, you will also be receiving progress reports from either Mrs. Cody or Mrs. Protzman. Finally, please also note that progress reports for students who receive special education services will be mailed home. As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please notify your child's classroom teacher.

### **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

This annual event happens each year around Valentine's Day and the proceeds from this fundraiser serve to benefit the American Heart Association and its heart healthy endeavors. We encourage you to support your child as he/she participates in this event during their PE class time on Friday, February 16. Please remember to have your child wear their tennies that day and also please remind them to bring a water bottle. They are sure to be jumping for joy that day!!

### **UPCOMING ISLANDER EVENT**

The Islander Arts winter session is upon us. This session goes from January 29-March 22 and includes digital photography, visual arts, jewelry making, and violin. Classes will be held at CHS, CMS, and at Village Elementary School. For additional information please visit the website <https://coronado.ajoinme.org/IslanderArtsWinter18> or call (619) 522-6202.

### **REQUESTS AND REMINDERS**

At this time of the year, we find ourselves running short on copy paper. Should you wish to make a donation, please bring paper to the front office for distribution.

Also, just as a reminder so that everyone is respectful to others, to keep traffic flowing efficiently, and most importantly to ensure student safety... please do not park in any red curb painted areas at any time. Curbside hosts are available each morning to assist in the process of smooth and safe student drop off, but we do need your support in this area.

We have noticed an increase in smart phone watches following winter break. Students are permitted to wear watches to school, however we would ask that students keep all smart phone watches either in their backpacks or at home as smart phone watches can be distracting for all students while in class.

Reminder... at various times of the school year, photos may be taken of children during special events, clubs, celebrations, etc. Our first priority is student safety, so we encourage parents to please speak with Ms. Susan or Mrs. Junk in the front office if they would prefer their child's photograph NOT be taken. We do currently have a list of student names on file, but we appreciate this "touch base" at this mid-year point as we do have many new students who come to Silver Strand throughout the school year.

### **CUSD STUDENT SIGN-OUTS**

**CUSD Sign-out Procedures:** If it is necessary for a parent or other authorized person listed on a child's emergency card to sign a child out during school hours, the person will now be required to sign the log in the front office AND show identification (if the staff does not recognize the individual as a parent or person listed on the child's emergency card). Also, students will no longer be called to the front office prior to parent or other individual's arrival. Please arrange to arrive early enough for the sign-out process and still be able to make it on time for any scheduled appointments. For the safety and protection of all students, parents must either provide written approval to the school for another person to pick up their child OR the school must make contact with a parent when anyone other than a parent or person listed on the child's emergency card is picking the child up from school. Lastly, even when an individual listed on the child's emergency card picks a child up from school, we must still have verification from the child's parent. Please remember, these practices are in place to ensure student safety at all times.

## **INDEPENDENT STUDY CONTRACTS (ISC's)**

If families need to take their child(ren) out of school for extended periods of time, then an Independent Study Contract or ISC should be requested. This is for every child, each time of extended absence (not to exceed twenty school days per school year). ISC's must be for a duration of five (5) consecutive school days and all assigned work must be completed in order for the child to receive attendance credit. Teachers are happy to put work together for their students, however a minimum of five (5) full school days must be given prior to the child's absence. Requests must be made prior to 8:30 a.m. on the first day of request and student ISC packets can be picked up prior to a family's departure between 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the front office. All completed ISC's must be turned in the day of student's return to school.

## **HOLIDAYS THIS MONTH**

There will be no school on Monday, February 12 or on Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day birthdays. Also, please consult with your child's teacher in advance to see how each class plans to observe Valentine's Day this year. Thank you!!

## **OPEN HOUSE**

Our annual Open House will take place on Thursday, February 22 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend this special evening where students will have an opportunity to showcase all the wonderful things they have been learning at school. Please note that Open House will look a little different this year. We will begin the evening in Strand Hall at 5:00 p.m. After a time of welcoming, our choir and band will be performing along with a dance performance in alignment with our Arts for Learning integrated arts program. Student art and hands-on art activities will be showcased and/or present for exploration that evening between 5:00-5:30 and 6:30-7:00 p.m. in our STEAM Lab area. Classrooms will be open for parents to visit from the 5:30-6:30 p.m. Finally, the Scholastic Book Fair will be open in our school library from 6:30-7:00 p.m. We look forward to our families being a part of this exciting evening of sharing students work in their classrooms, students' art work, and great books to be enjoyed!

As always, thank you for your time and consideration. Wishing you and your family a month of health as we remember those that we love and care for!

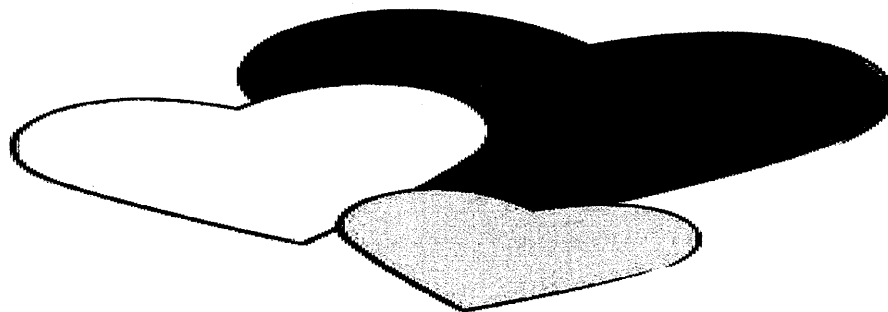
Sincerely,



Tammy Marble

Principal

Silver Strand Elementary and Preschool



**Happy Valentine's Day**