



Seaside Splash

September 2, 2018

Principal's Message

Greetings, Seaside Families!

It feels great to be back at school working and anticipating the return of our most important people. Welcome back everyone and welcome to all of our new students! I hope that summer brought some relaxation and fun family time and that everyone is rested and ready to begin again. This will be a great year with some delightful new things to offer.

Remember to come to school after 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5 to get your child's initial classroom assignment and sign up to volunteer. TK and Kinder only have early out the first two days. Please see the letter that was sent home for more information.

New Teacher: Join me in welcoming Mrs. Debbie Gan as our new First Grade Teacher replacing Mrs. Zaleon who retired (along with Second Grade Teacher, Mrs. Kadowaki) in June. Mrs. Gan enters this full time position well qualified as a former LAUSD teacher and Seaside Intervention Teacher. We are so happy to have a hard working, highly qualified, caring and supportive colleague join our team full time.

New Counselor: Also join me in welcoming Mrs. Kerri Martineau as our school counselor. Mrs. Martineau will be with us three days a week and will provide social/emotional skills lessons in the classroom as well as individual and small group support to students in need. Mrs. Martineau's work is one part of our on-going effort to assist students in all areas of development with a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS).

Behavior Expectations: Seaside will continue to participate in the Positive Behavior Intervention training this year. We have included a behavior chart in the first day packet so that you, parents, can be a part of our system of support. Take a look at the behavior expectations and review them with your child (ren). By being on the same page, our support for our children is at its best!

New Science Classroom: The District is planning on installing our new science building over winter break. The building will be installed where the current upper grade learning center and speech rooms are located. Those classrooms are now located in the portable buildings on the lower grade play yard.

Class Assignments: There is no way to predict how many students will walk in the door during the first 5 days of school. We are required to accept all those who live in our Seaside area and enroll within the first 5 days. As a result, the classroom assignment your child receives at the beginning of the year is **temporary**. Please explain this to your child so if we do need to reorganize the classrooms, nobody will be taken by surprise.

We took a risk this year and dismantled all the combination grade classrooms that we established with June numbers. As a result, all classrooms are beyond full. I need you to be prepared for the chance that we will have to dismantle the classes and create combination grade classrooms. As a general rule, people are uncomfortable with change. With your support, we can make this transition smooth for all, should we need to move in this direction.

Sharing Food: I remind you that we have a few students with **severe food allergies**. This requires all of us to be extra cautious. Discuss food sharing with your own child. It is our **school rule that students do not share any food with friends or classmates** to avoid health risks. The cafeteria will contain a nut free table to accommodate those students with food allergies. Always let the health clerk know of your child's allergies and other health conditions.

Coming to Campus During School Hours: Our Buzzer-in Gate is in the process of being installed. Once complete, all visitors will have to ring to be buzzed in and then come to the office for a visitor sticker. Until that time, please come to the office ANY TIME you need to enter campus. We want to keep the children safe. When the campus is free and clear of visitors, we are able to supervise students and spot people who should not be on campus.

Morning Drop-off: Drop off and pick up will continue in the manner it did last year. Fourth and fifth grade students should be dropped off in front of their rooms on Sharynne Lane. First

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through third students can be dropped off in the valet zone in front of the school. As always, students should be ready to make a quick exit with backpacks in hand. Kinder and TK students must be walked to the kinder play yard. They will be able to use the valet later in the year if developmentally ready. See the letter sent home last week.

To keep students safe, parents are not permitted on the play yard. We have teachers supervising starting at 8:35 a.m. Please help us by adhering to this important rule.

After School Pick-up: Please make a **name card** for your front window. Place it on the lower right and I can announce your child's name with the megaphone to speed up the pick-up process. **Do not wait in the parking lot before school is dismissed** to pick up your child. The lot must remain open for employees to leave and for emergency vehicles to have access.

Older students can be picked up in front of the 4th/5th grade rooms. 1st – 2nd can be picked up in the valet area. 3rd grade can be picked up from either location. You may also retrieve your child from the back gate on Reynolds Road. Ask your child to come promptly to the valet area and actively look for your car and be ready to quickly get into the car.

Parent parking is located on the street. By parking on the street, you will help our teachers and paraprofessionals get to work on time.

Use the Sidewalk: Enter the campus on foot, away from the parking lot and the driveway entrance and exit. **Please do not enter the campus by crossing through the parking lot or crossing the grassy hill between the street and the parking lot.** This is dangerous. We don't want anyone to be hit by a car. We teach children by what we do; let's provide a good model.

We will have a great year. The children flourish and grow with the instructional support and loving guidance of us all.

Enjoy!

Michele Bauer-Bean
Principal

PTA President's Message

Greetings Seaside Dolphins!

On behalf of our Seaside Elementary PTA, we'd like to welcome you back to the 2018-19 school year! We are excited to see all of our returning friends and families, and we're looking forward to meeting all of our NEW Dolphins as well!

You're ALL invited to our WELCOME BACKNIGHT this Wednesday, September 5th beginning at 4pm, here on the Seaside campus. Come by and meet our Seaside PTA and volunteers, treat the kids to FREE Otter Pops, receive your student's class assignment, become familiar with the campus and meet a few friends before the first day of school.

We have so many fun events, activities and programs planned for this year. We hope you'll all join us to help make this 2018-19 school year one of the BEST EVER!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding Seaside PTA.

Thank you,

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