

We are very busy getting ready for our first day of school. There have been some exciting changes to our campus! When you come to campus you will see our new murals, new outdoor tables and awnings, and our new playground which is under construction. Thank you to our fabulous PTO for their help funding these projects! We are looking forward to another exciting year of learning and FUN!

Please help me welcome the following new teachers to 2nd grade: Donna Bruch, coming to Jackson from Marina Village Middle School, and Kristi Blondino, coming to Jackson from Lake Forest. Welcome back to Kelly Dutton who is returning to second and third grade after moving back to California and welcome back to Kristin Rubow who will be joining our teaching team in TK. Vanessa Nichols is returning this year in her role as our School Counselor. Vanessa joined us in the fall last year after the school year had started. This year we are fortunate to have Vanessa here at the start of school. Tonia Nichols will continue to teach PE full time this year, she will be providing PE lessons for students in 1st -5th grades. Megan Wojan will continue to lead our new Academic Intervention Program again this year, along with Cristina Clemons who will be supporting students as well. Christina Talbort will be joining our support team in Kindergarten in Jackie Tweed's class.

Cheryl Guterriez will be our Artist in Residence this year working with students in Kindergarten through 5th grade throughout the school year. Students will be showcasing their artwork from Cheryl's art sessions at our art show during Open House in May. Our school wide dance program will begin at the end of August for TK-5th grade. We will have three dance performances in mid-October for families to attend.

Our Garden Coordinator, Zoe Hanko, has spent her summer in the garden. When you get a chance, stop by the garden and look at all the beautiful additions that were added over the summer. The plants that students planted last spring have also taken off!

Here are some important upcoming dates: TK/Kindergarten assessments are on August 2nd from 9:00 am-1:30 pm, parents will receive a letter in the mail with instructions. TK/Kindergarten Orientation is on August 8th at 10:30 am in our gym. Our PTO Ice Cream Social for families is on August 10th from 5-7 pm. Back to School Night is August 17th, please see the attached schedule. We look forward to seeing you on campus as we embark on a new school year!

Sincerely, -20

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