

From the Principal

May 29, 2007

We Are Getting Ready for 2007 - 2008

As the school year comes to a close, it has been a tradition the Principal's Corner has announced the staffing for the following year. Please note the staffing for the 2007 -2008 school year. I am very pleased to announce this arrangement for the upcoming school year.

The members of the Springer Community and many, many friends in the Los Altos School District wish Mrs. Rachel Zierdt an enjoyable retirement after serving students at Bullis and Springer Elementary Schools. Good Luck and Thank you to Rachel Zierdt

Springer Elementary School Staffing 2007 - 2008

Kindergarten:	Mrs. Sandra Edson	KA - AM
	Ms. Marisa Britton	KA - PM
	Ms. Coleen Lovoi	KB - AM
	Ms. Linda Mooers	KB - PM
Grade One:	Mrs. Goldner/Mrs. Farwell	Room 1
	Mrs. Patti Moore	Room 7
	Mrs. Shauna Fulcher	Room 8
Grade Two:	Mrs. Myra Metz	Room 3
	Mrs. Melissa DeMonet	Room 4
	Mrs. Malia Lammay	Room 5
	Ms. Wendy Johnson	Room 6
Grade Three:	Ms. Barbara Pforzheimer	Room 2
	Mrs. Marie Smith	Room 10
	Mrs. Kathy Panec	Room 11
Grade Four:	Mr. Doug Core	Room 9
	Mrs. Beth Rubinstein	Room 12
	Mrs. Sarah Koh	Room 13
	Miss Judi Hultberg	Room 18
Grade Five:	Mrs. Sarah Koh	Room 13
	Mrs. Andrea Jones	Room 14
	Ms. Megan Rice	Room 15
Grade Six:	Mrs. Julie Jenkins	Room 16
	Mrs. Michele Kibble	Room 17

Resource Specialist: Ms. Melinda Hunter

RSP Room

Please note the following additions and changes:

Ms. Britton will be moving from Grade One to Kindergarten. Ms. Britton has extensive primary instructional experience. She will team with Mrs. Edson in Room KA and will serve as the afternoon Kindergarten teacher.

Mrs. Koh will be moving to Grade Five as the third member of the Grade Five instructional team. Mrs. Koh brings a depth of instructional experience to Grade Five. She will be teaching in Room 13.

Mr. Doug Core has served the Springer community in many roles over the past twelve years. Mr. Core has now received his formal credentials and becomes the newest member of our professional staff. He will join the Grade Four staff in Room 9.

Mrs. Melanie DeMonet joins the Springer Staff in Grade Two. Mrs. DeMonet was a primary teacher in Grades One and Kindergarten at Santa Rita the past few years. Mrs. DeMonet brings spirit and interest to our school. She will be the fourth member of the Grade Two instructional team. Mrs. DeMonet will be serving our new Grade Two students in Room 4.

Class Placement

The Springer Staff uses a grade level team approach including support staff and administration to develop the classes for the upcoming school year. The team looks for a match between learning styles and teaching styles. The team seeks to achieve balance and equity within the classroom that includes independent learners, self-starters, as well as students needing more of a coaching approach. Interpersonal relationships are also a part of the equation of creating balanced classes.

All class assignments remain provisional and confidential until announced at the end of August.

If you feel there is information the grade level teams should have about your child that currently is unknown, please communicate this information to me in a confidential note. I regret that our process does not honor requests for specific teachers as it is important for our school to have maximum flexibility in creating heterogeneous classes at all grade levels.

Writing Samples to Come Home on May 31

As you look over your child's writing sample, please remember this is only one snapshot of your child's writing ability and does not provide a complete picture of writing gains made this school year. It does provide the beginning of a year to year process to view your child's skill at performing in an on demand writing setting. More importantly, this assessment does provide each teacher with information to build the instructional program for the following year. Data collected from the rubric essential becomes the core of instruction for a teacher to plan elements of teaching the writing process.

We are indebted to the Los Altos Educational Foundation (LAEF) and to our wonderful families for your continued support of educational excellence in the Los Altos School District.