

Gino Dobrescu, Principal

Rodney Fong, PTA President

## Principal's Message

Dear Pony families,

I hope you all had the best Thanksgiving break yet and that you spent some quality time with your family. We are only three weeks away from our next break – our winter vacation. It is critical that our students remain focused during the month of December and always remember that when everything else fails they need to follow directions. I kindly ask you to continue to support your child at home with at least 30 minutes of quality time every day. Please check their classwork, homework, ask them to read daily, practice math facts daily and always have them ask for help when needed. Our extraordinary teachers are always available to assist in any capacity to make sure that our students remain successful. I also always remind them to reach out to me, personally, if they need anything and all should know by now that I'm always available to serve them with much love.

Parent/Teacher conferences are taking place the first six school days in December. I would like to thank all of our teachers for working so hard this first trimester to educate our students. Pony teachers are second to none, work very long hours, and utilize many resources to make sure our students receive the best education possible and thus maintaining the slogan – *Pony Express Best in the West*. We would like to thank all of our parents for rearranging their very busy schedules to attend these conferences. Teachers have been preparing for these conferences and will provide specific feedback regarding your student's academic progress. Please take some time and discuss with your student their report card regarding their progress in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. It is always recommended that you and your child set new goals for the New Year.

Winter is settling in Sacramento. Please check to make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather. Also, please remind your child not to bring any personal belongings to school to avoid altercations, as well as the loss of such items. Additionally, I kindly ask you to remind your children about proper behavior at school. We absolutely do not tolerate fighting, bullying, use of inappropriate language, and classroom-cafeteria-recess misconduct. When issues arise, students are encouraged to immediately inform an adult and fill out an *Incident Report*.

Traffic in the mornings and afternoons has been flowing almost perfectly thanks to our amazing volunteers that dedicate their time and energy to this very important task. Please continue to use much caution during the drop off and pick up times, do follow all traffic laws, and use the designated areas for crossing. Special thanks to Mr. Covington, Mr. Guzman, and Mr. Fong as well as to all of our parents, grandparents, and guardians for their daily assistance in this matter. We do appreciate all of you so very much!

On behalf of the entire Pony staff, thank you for choosing Pony Express. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year with much love and much health.

*Gino Dobrescu*

### Important December Dates:

DEC 1 <sup>st</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher Conferences
DEC 25 <sup>th</sup> -JAN 5 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Break
JAN 9 <sup>th</sup>	PTA MEETING 6:00PM JAN
JAN 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Night-Huntington Learning Center (Homework Tips Workshop)

# Pony Express Newsletter

December 2017

Principal

## **PTA President's Message**

Hello Pony Parents:

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving Holiday. The family and I took a quick trip up the hill to South Lake Tahoe for a few days. A time to recharge before the holidays/winter break are upon us...and a nice segue way into wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Due to December being a short school month, we will not have a PTA meeting in December. Our next scheduled PTA meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. I do not have an agenda to post for our January meeting at this time. However, two items that have been mentioned previously during our past meetings and will definitely need to be addressed again in January are volunteers to chair Movie Nite and/or Family Dance. Two activities that are much enjoyed by our students. Movie Nite is generally scheduled sometime in late January and Family Dance is scheduled for February 22, 2018. These PTA activities may need to be canceled this year if we are unable to secure volunteers to plan and organize the events. If you have any interest in helping with either of these two events, I ask that you email me at "[ponyPTA@gmail.com](mailto:ponyPTA@gmail.com)".

For those of you that participated in our Holiday/See's Candy Fundraiser, we expect delivery of all merchandise by December 22, 2017.

Sincerely,

*Rodney Fong*  
PTA President