

## **Principal's Message**

Dear Pony Families,

I wish this letter finds you in peace, health, and much love!

We have 10 days of school left. This doesn't mean that we can already check out of school. We cannot afford to do so as the remaining days are full of very important activities. These include learning the remaining standards at each grade level, field trips, and some of the usual end of the year activities.

We have completed state testing. I would like to thank our students for taking it very seriously. I was able to observe how they were focused, took their time to complete all assessments, and followed all the directions. I know they did their absolute best and they proved they are at least on grade level.

### **Here are some important dates:**

**Mrs. Bowland's 1st grade class performance – June 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:45 – 11:15** in the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

**Awards Assembly – June 7<sup>th</sup>**, from **11:20 – 11:30** on the black top. This is the time when some of our students will be recognized for their achievements this year.

**Picnic on the Green:** Friday, **June 7<sup>th</sup>**, from **11:30 – 12:40**. Please come and have lunch with your student at our annual Picnic on the Green. Bring a picnic lunch, blanket, umbrella, and spend lunch with us for this cool activity.

**Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony – June 11<sup>th</sup>**, starting at **10am** in the cafeteria.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony – June 12<sup>th</sup>**, starting at **9:15** in the cafeteria. Following, all 6<sup>th</sup> graders will attend the after party at the Cabana Club.

**Last School Day/Play Day/Shortened Day** - *Please remember to check out the lost and found tables as we will donate all unclaimed items to Goodwill.*

Primary grades (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>) will be dismissed at **1:40pm**.

Intermediate grades (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>) will be dismissed at **1:49pm**.

### **Reminder : Proper Attire for Students:**

Please follow these guidelines before you decide what to wear during the warmer days:

- No tank tops
- No midriiffs
- No spaghetti straps
- No flip-flops
- Shorts must be fingertip length or lower
- Closed-toe shoes with socks are best

Let us all work together to finish this school year on a very positive note.

Much love, everyone and thank you from the bottom of my heart for being part of this great community of ours!

*Gino Dobrescu - Principal*

## PTA President's Message

Dear Pony Families,

On behalf of the PTA Board 2018 -19, it has been an honor serving you. This will be the final Newsletter from PTA for the school year 2018 -19.

Our goals this year was to bring more Art, Music, Enrichment Programs and Assemblies in addition to Campus Improvements to the school. I think we accomplish most of these goals with the help from you and our local businesses.

As your PTA Board of 2018 -19, we continued our predecessors' legacies through funding and coordinating the school's events, such as the Harvest Festival, Family Movie Nights, Fun Run, Family Dance, Ice Cream Social, Silent Auction, Teachers & Staff Appreciation Week, and the upcoming Picnic on the Green (June 7th), and Play Day ( June 13th)!

Other evidence of the Pony Express PTA presences is fun and educational assemblies of the Blues Music, B Street Theater and the mobile Art Ark from the Crocker Art Museum. PTA also provided funds towards school field trips, school office supplies, and the upcoming promotions (Kindergarten and 6th Grade).

School-wide art contests and after-school Art Club were part of the many ambitious goals we set and accomplished. PTA also re-designed the school's garden and provided hands-on Earth Day (April 22nd) education to participating classes. We also managed to include all grade levels participation from Pre-K to 6th grades on our Fun Run (Color Bubble Run) completely ran by PTA and volunteers!

The Pony Express Website, <https://ponyexpress.scusd.edu/>, and take-home flyers had to be consistently redesigned to help our Pony Families stay informed to our ever increasing activities. The online debut on **Facebook** under **Pony Express Sacramento PTA** and **Instagram** under **PonyPTA** were added for additional methods of communication. The Credit Card payment options were made available for donors, sponsors, and event(s) attendees for more convenience.

To help us reach our goals, we reached out to our local businesses and established new Educational Partnerships. It is through their kindness and generosity that we were able to host monthly end-of-the month complimentary breakfasts from August 2018 to March 2019 for our parent(s), guardian(s) and staff. We were also able to have a very successful Silent Auction and school year. The money PTA saved and raised through different fundraisers were added towards our goal of savings for the electronic school marquee and eventually, some additional playground structures and equipment.

So, we, the PTA, want to take this moment and publicly thank our local donors and sponsors again. Please see the link for all our 2018-19 sponsors: <https://ponyexpress.scusd.edu/post/big-thank-you-our-2018-pta-event-sponsors-and-supporters>

To all the other donors, sponsors and volunteer who either choose to remain anonymous and declined public recognition, or we might have left out unintentionally, thank you too. To quote our wonderful Principal, Mr. Gino Dobrescu, you are why Pony Express is the "Best in the West!"

As the Board of 2018 - 19 advances to new schools, other obligations, or different adventures; we leave you with the new Board of 2019 -20 in confidence. As we did with our predecessors, they too will provide the much-needed support towards our school. We ask that you continue your support with them as you have with us this school year.

Once again, we, the Board of 2018 -19, appreciate this opportunity to give back to our community. We are all strong supporters of the PTA slogan, "Every Child. One Voice." Together, we, the Pony Families, accomplished it! Thank you!

**Diana Chow** - PTA President 2018 - 19