



## **PONY EXPRESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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*Dr. Herbert Walls, Ed.D., Interim Principal*

Dear Pony Express Students and Parents,

We welcome you back to the 2017-2018 school year. There has been a great sense of excitement at the school as we prepared for your arrival.

As many of you know, I have only been at Pony Express for two and a half weeks and have had many opportunities to talk with teachers, other staff and parents to learn more about the school. In these conversations, I have discerned that the Pony Express Family unequivocally strives and will continue to ensure that children are taught using proven strategies that get great results. Both instruction and learning will occur in a safe and nurturing environment. To that end, we are committed to have and maintain an environment that is professional, safe and free of bias of any kind relative to race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, nationality, legal status, creed or religion.

Please understand that Pony Express is a bully free environment, therefore, in the event of any bullying conduct; we will be swift to respond and resolve the issue according to California Ed. Code. We must and will provide equal access, equity and social justice for all.

We recognize the enormous support parent engagement brings to our school. We continue to encourage you to participate in parent engagement activities at Pony Express. Some of those activities, to mention a few, are the School Site Council, English Learner Advisory Committee, School Safety Committee and PTA. Additionally, we applaud your tremendous efforts with homework completion, reading with your child in the evenings and having your child socially and emotionally ready for school each day. Also, please review the Pony Express Hand Book, which is included in your child's FIRST DAY PACKET. Please sign the last page of the School Hand Book, which will indicate that you read it and return it to your child's teacher.

Pony Express' 4<sup>th</sup> "R" Program provides before and after school care. The coordinators are Ms. Michelle Saldana and Ms. Ronnie Griffith. 4<sup>th</sup> "R" is opened from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. You can reach 4<sup>th</sup> "R" at (916) 433-6678. Additionally, The Center, our newest after school program operates only from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The Program Manager for The Center is Ms. Ashley Johnson, and she can be reached at (916) 952-6491.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, August 31, 2017. Have a wonderfully enriched learning experience this year; and thank you for choosing Pony Express to serve your educational needs.

Sincerely,

Dr. Herbert Walls, Sr.  
Interim Principal