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Dear Pomelo Community Charter Families and Staff Members,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I am delighted to serve as principal of Pomelo Community Charter! I am happy to introduce five amazing, new teachers to Pomelo! Please welcome Michelle Campos, Marnie Perlin, Michael Schwartzbach, Marisa Carpentieri, and Cindy Mc Gee to join our Pomelo family. We are confident our new teachers will bring fresh ideas and outstanding instructional practices to Pomelo!

Together, we accomplish academic success through collaboration, communication and commitment for all students. Our most important goals are student achievement and dedication to rigorous instruction. We continue to make significant progress in language arts, math and science. This year, a new social studies framework and curriculum will be introduced.

Pomelo leads the way with innovation in science instruction with the implementation of Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) in our Science Lab. Young scientists engage in highly interactive lessons and are equipped for creating solutions for 21st century challenges through project based learning and engineering design. In addition, this year we will open a brand new EnrichLA garden! This exciting new garden will provide outdoor learning through a weekly Garden Ranger program that offers students with interactive and interdisciplinary garden lessons.

Pomelo is so proud to be a Highly Rated Arts Program by the LAUSD. Our school is ranked in the top quartile of arts programs, based on providing artistic experiences for all students through innovative visual and performing arts and arts enrichment. This program allows us to build sustainable collaboration among our teachers, arts experts and community arts partners to benefit our richly diverse student population.

In the 2020-2021 school year, Pomelo will add an Arts and Sciences Magnet Center for first through fifth grades! Our mission is to inspire students with intellectual discovery and artistic expression. This unique instructional focus will serve as a pathway to middle school, high school and college and career readiness. Parents can apply to our new magnet program and Pomelo lottery through LAUSD Choices at GoTo.Lausd.Net beginning October 1- November 15, 2019 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Pomelo has a thriving GATE Program and this year, we are designated as an Exemplary GATE Program! Our highly trained teachers provide high ability and gifted learners with challenging, differentiated instruction and specially designed activities.

In addition to our strong academics, teachers will engage in PETIP (Physical Education Itinerant Program). This program is designed to equip teachers with knowledge, skills and strategies to teach high quality physical education and fitness to our students, aligned to meet state mandated PE instruction standards.

Along with our varied educational program, our campus environment is safe. We provide daily morning traffic valet programs and our Safe and Secure Campus will continue to ensure safety of our students and staff, as well as protect instructional time.

Our amazing school is fortunate to collaborate with Team Pomelo, our PTA. Together, we ensure students receive essential enrichment in the arts, computers, and PE through fundraising and membership. Team Pomelo offers many exciting opportunities for involvement. Please visit www.teampomelo.org for updates and ways you can be involved with our warm, welcoming, vibrant school community. Your family makes Pomelo better!

For over 50 years, Pomelo maintains an excellent reputation for outstanding instruction, safety and providing children with an engaging, nurturing environment. We strive to create a powerful learning community for students. I look forward to working with you and personally thank you for choosing Pomelo Community Charter. Visit our website at www.pomeloelementary.com for the latest information.

Kindest regards,

Andrea Ferber

