



Collegewood Elementary School

A California Gold Ribbon School

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Dear Collegewood Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break with time to relax and enjoy your family and friends. We are excited to have all of our students back on campus. As the new year begins we will be focusing on instilling a growth mindset in students. A growth mindset helps students understand the power of resilience- not giving up when things get hard. It also shows them that struggle does not mean failure, it just means that we might have to put forth a little more effort than we planned to. Our staff has been modeling this for the first half of the year and we have posted our goals for students to see. As we return to school, students will be creating their own goals to work on.

I would also like to remind everyone the importance of following procedures for drop off and pick up. There are no student drop off or pick ups permitted in the parking lot. All parents and caregivers can pull through the line in front of the school and wait for students to enter. In order to keep students safe, I ask that you tell your child to wait on the hill where staff members are present and supervising students. Students who wait down the street or on the hill in front of the alley by the condos are not in view of any staff member.

During the months of January and February we will be holding a student assembly on safety. We will review behavior expectations described in our Gold Award winning PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) model with an emphasis on our 4 R's: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Resourceful, Be Ready To Learn. We will also review procedures for all of our safety drills: Fire, Earthquake, Lockdown (threat off campus), and Active Threat (threat on campus). While we hope we never have to face an emergency we also want to empower students to confidently keep themselves safe.

Finally, thank you for attending our annual Sing-Around. It is such a great site to see as students sing with excitement. It is one of my most favorite mornings here at Collegewood. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. Please see our calendar below for other school events or check out our school website.



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Important Dates:

January 11th- Spirit Assembly- Wear your school shirt!

January 12th- Applebee's Fundraiser- please buy your tickets and join us 8:00 AM for a morning of great food and fun

January 17th- Family Education- Math Night Please join us at 6:30 PM to explore ways that you can help your child with math at home

January 21st- No School in honor of Martin Luther King

January 28th-- February 1st- TK and Kinder Testing Week Dismissal at 12:00

January 31st- 3rd grade to Knott's Berry Farm Field Trip

I look forward to a great month and wish you well.

Fondly,

Dr. Mary Wendland

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