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September 2011 - Principal's Monthly Newsletter to Parents

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Dear Parents,

The Third Street School staff and I extend a warm welcome to all of our returning families and a special "Hello and welcome" to our new families as we begin the 2011-2012 school year. We look forward to working together in partnership to provide our students an outstanding educational program. The following items are listed for your information and future reference:

OPENING DAY PROCEDURES ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH:

ALL Kindergarten Students and their parents must attend an orientation meeting in the auditorium at 8:06 a.m. Please note that Kindergarten is a FULL-DAY of school including the first day of school from 8:06 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Students in Gr. 1 – 5, proceed to your new classroom by 8:06 a.m. Please read below for your child(ren)'s new class assignments.

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS:

Students in Grades K through 5 – Your room assignment number is in the upper left-hand corner of the mailing label of the envelope containing this letter. In the case that you have misplaced the envelope or are not sure of your room assignment, a list will be posted at the June Street entrance gate, the Las Palmas Avenue entrance gate, and in the blue display case next to the auditorium the first day of school. Please look for your class assignment and then go to your new room to meet your new teacher. If you do not have room assignments, please see Mrs. Sandra Choi, our coordinator, in the library.

Much care and attention is given to class assignments to ensure appropriate placement of students. Do Not Make Parent Requests to Change Your Child's Room Assignment. No classroom requests will be honored. All class assignments will be finalized by October 5th, the District's enrollment Norm Date. We hope that reassigning students to different classrooms will not be necessary. In the event that we need to reorganize classes by the norm date in October, the last students enrolled will be reassigned. At this writing, our enrollment is heavy in the primary grades. We ask for your understanding and cooperation.

REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS:

Our daily schedule is as follows:

Grades K through 5: 8:06 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Our school gates open at 7:45 a.m. No child is to arrive before 7:45 a.m. This rule is necessary because no adult supervision is provided before 7:45 a.m. School office hours are 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

BEYOND THE BELL'S AFTER-SCHOOL PLAYGROUND PROGRAM:

Beyond the Bell's After-School Playground serves only students in Grades 2-5 (No Kdgtn. & 1st). Our new coach will be Angel Aparicio (our own Coach Angel). Effective September 7th, Beyond the Bell's After-School Playground Program will close at 6:00 p.m. daily. It is imperative that you make arrangements to pick up your child(ren) from playground supervisors before 6:00 p.m. It is a privilege, not a right, to participate in the program. Please fill out the attached Parent Agreement and return it to the office by the first day of school.

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

In order to ensure the safety of all our students, please adhere to the following best driving/safety practices:

- . Use seatbelts for all passengers
- . Avoid seating small children in front seats equipped with airbags
- . Avoid directing children to exit/enter vehicles double parked and/or moving
- . Avoid illegal turns and U-turns
- . Avoid honking, unless in an emergency
- . Avoid using private driveways to turn around
- . Avoid double parking and private driveway parking
- . Park at the curb, where permitted – read and adhere to all street/traffic signs
- . When walking, cross streets at designated intersections/corners

If your child(ren) will be picked up by a private after-school program vehicle, share these best driving practices with your after-school program. In addition, notify after-school program institutes that their vehicles are to pick students up on Las Palmas Avenue and must observe all parking and street signs. Parents in private vehicles are to pick their children up on June Street or Las Palmas Avenue. After 2:45 p.m., students will be directed back into the playground area or cafeteria area to await adult pick-ups. Thank you for your support and cooperation!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER:

- . 09/06 – Pupil Free Day: 12 p.m.-1 p.m.-PTA Welcome Back Luncheon at the Cafeteria lunch benches
- . 09/07 – **First Day of School for All Students in Grades K-5 – 8:06 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**
- . 09/09 - SSC Mtg. at 7 a.m., PTA/FOT Mtg. at 8:15 a.m.
- . 09/15 – ELAC Mtg.-Orientation and elections-8:15 a.m.
- . 09/27 – Banked Time Professional Development Days begin (9/27/10 – 5/7/2012) 1:30 p.m. dismissal
- . 09/29 – No School (Rosh Hashanah)

COMING in OCTOBER:

- . 10/07 – SSC-7:00a.m.
- . 10/07 – PTA/Friends of Third Meeting- 8:15 a.m. - Auditorium
- . 10/05 - Norm Day (Student Count Day)
- . 10/11 – Back to School Breakfast/Day 7: 00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

STAFF UPDATE:

Please join me in welcoming our new staff members:


1. Mrs. Eunmee Kim, 1st grade teacher in Rm. 37
2. Mr. Joel Karchmer, 3rd grade teacher in Rm. 6
3. Mr. Glen Kitayama, 5th grade teacher in Rm. 12
4. Mrs. So Young Yoon, 5th grade KDLP teacher in Rm. 15
5. Kathryn Sartore-librarian (Funded by Friends of Third)

Spring 2010-2011 CST (California Standards Test) Results for Third Street School:

Results for all grades, schools and districts are available on the Internet at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>. Thank you to ALL of our parents, teachers and students for your continued hard work and dedication. The school's new API (Academic Performance Index) is 940. (estimated)

Student Emergency Information Form

Parents, the new student emergency form is now online. It replaces the old manila emergency card. Please visit the LAUSD website, www.lausd.net, and click the "Families" tab. Complete the form and return it to your teacher on the first day of school. (See the attached)

Sincerely, 
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