



Howling Coyote



Principal's Message:

August 21th, 2017

Dear Sunset Ranch Families,

Thank you so much for an smooth and productive first three days of school! It was great to see all of you on campus and welcome our coyotes back to school. It brought me a lot of joy to see them in the classrooms, in the hallways, and on the playground. Yes! Another school year is underway! 2017-18 will be one to remember.

We were busy this week setting expectations with all Coyotes about how we act and treat each other at Sunset Ranch. “Coyotes, CAN!” was our focus with **C** standing for **Cooperate**, **A** representing **Are Safe**, and **N** reminding students to **Never Give Up**. You can see the general matrix [HERE](#). Students who are caught doing the right thing earned “Pawsitives”. Ask your child to show you theirs! Feel free to use the matrix at home if it helps - your child can help you come up for expectations in each of the areas - i.e. “Never Give Up: Helping My Parents!”. :). **We will talk more about this, and many more exciting plans for 2017-18, this Thursday at Back-to-School Night - see times BELOW.**

Thank you for your efforts and cooperation with our drop off and pick up procedures. Things went very smoothly this week with traffic and student safety before and after school. I think many families walking to school made a huge difference and encourage you to continue this practice. It helps Sunset Ranch, gives you valuable time with your children, and that little bit of exercise fires up young brains for learning in the classroom.

I sent updates on the ECLIPSE and Bring-Your-Own-Device (BYOD) this past Saturday. Check your email for details.

Parent-Teacher Committee (PTC) Volunteering and Donations. As the year commences, there will be opportunities to join with, volunteer, and donate to our PTC. **I cannot emphasize enough how important this is.** The State of California provides a base level of funding for our schools that does NOT include funding for additional programs such as STEM, Spanish, field trips, after school clubs (to name just a few). Without support from the community and PTC, these programs are not possible. Please consider getting involved as a volunteer, committee chair, and/or contributor. You can find more information [HERE](#).

Best,

Bill MacDonald, Ed.D.

Principal

Sunset Ranch Elementary School

#every coyote, every day!

Upcoming/Continuing Events:

Thursday, August 24th



5:30-6:00 p.m. – Session I – Classroom Visits to Grades K-6

6:05-6:35 p.m. – Principal's Presentation in MPR

6:45-7:15 p.m. – Session II – Classroom Visits to Grades K-6

Continue to look for updates on our [2017-18 School Calendar](#).

Important Information for the 2017-18 School Year:



[Grade Level Supply Lists for 2017-18](#)



If you haven't already, ALL Sunset Ranch Families Must Create a Parent Portal Account!

This account will be mandatory for student registration for the 2017-18 school year.

It is important that you complete this as soon as possible. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Sunset Ranch office and we will walk you through the process.

More information can be found [HERE](#).