



Howling Coyote

Principal's Message:

August 6th, 2017

Dear Sunset Ranch Families,

I hope that you have enjoyed an amazing summer vacation! This time while our kids are in elementary school is so important and helps shape their lives (and ours). It seems like just yesterday that my daughter Molly had her [first day of Kindergarten](#). Just last week she turned TEN and next week she will enter fifth grade. Yikes! I know she is ready but am I? Truly, we have such limited time with our children before they are ready to run and fly on their own. I hope that you were able to bottle some of this precious time this summer and create memories that you can return to over the years and smile.

We are preparing tirelessly for another great year at Sunset Ranch! This year, we will continue to provide excellence in academics and help all Coyotes grow in mind and character. In the spring, we adopted new English-Language Arts curriculum in K-5 ([Benchmark](#)) and 6th Grade ([Springboard](#)). I am very pleased with our selection and know it provide the content, rigor, and routines that our children need to excel and reach their highest potential. We will also launch the year with a new school-wide positive behavior system (PBIS - Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports). We will use this system to insure that all students are aware of and demonstrate appropriate behavior and character in all school settings. Our plan is best summarized by the catch phrase “**Coyotes, CAN**” with CAN being an acronym for CARE, ARE SAFE, and NEVER GIVE UP. Check out the [Overview Coyotes, CAN Matrix](#) to get an idea of how this translates into specific responsibilities for our students. More to come on how this exciting addition to Sunset Ranch will provide consistency, growth, and safety for our all Coyotes!

We are drawing close to the beginning of the year - Wednesday, August 16th. **Please review the timeline below for important information and upcoming events as we close in on the launch of the 2017-18 school year.** I'm looking forward to having students and parents back on campus and bringing “The Ranch” back to life after the quiet stillness of summer. I am excited about all that we will do together for our children and the learning and memories that we will share.

Look for more updates as we move closer to the first day of school. I look forward seeing many of you at Kindergarten Roundup and the Ice Cream Social. If you are new to the Sunset Ranch family - WELCOME! You've made a great decision for your child and your family.

Best,

Bill MacDonald,
Principal
Sunset Ranch Elementary School

Upcoming/Continuing Events:

Wednesday, August 9th

Kindergarten Roundup from 4:00-5:00 p.m.! All Kindergarteners (and parents) are encouraged to attend this fun meet and greet with Principal MacDonald and our PTC (Parent Teacher Committee). Information can be found [HERE](#).

Friday, August 11th

Last day to log hours for our **Cool Coyote Reading Challenge** and earn admission to an exclusive special event the first week of school! If you haven't already, view and print your gameboard [HERE!](#)

Class Lists/Assignment for 2017-18 will be posted at 6:00 p.m. on the front of the administration building.

Tuesday, August 15th

Meet the Teacher from 11:00-12:00 p.m. followed by our schoolwide [Ice Cream Social](#) from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 16th

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! Here is our [2017-18 Bell Schedule](#) (same as the old Bell Schedule). Be sure to be rested, ready, and on-time to start the year - and everyday thereafter!

Thursday, August 24th

SAVE-THE-DATE FOR:



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](#).