



# Howling Coyote



## Principal's Message:

January 7, 2018

Dear Coyote Families,

I hope that you had a restful and refreshing winter break. It is always nice to spend time with our families. Below, I will talk about goals, but an important one that I have for this year is to be more present when I do have time with my children. This means shutting down electronic devices and fully engaging with them in whatever we are doing together. Kids notice when they don't have our full attention and respond enthusiastically when they do. It makes a difference to them when we are present. Try it - it will make a difference for you too!

The beginning of a new year always signals a fresh start - and fresh goals to accomplish. If you haven't before, I recommend that you work with your children to help them set their own goals. Not only is it an important life skill, but it makes it much more likely that each one will achieve something significant to them in 2018. Here is an [article](#) I like that talks about setting goals with kids. One thing I like to think about is the different roles we each play. For example, my son Liam would be a son, brother, friend, athlete, and a student. Ideally, I will help him identify a goal in each of these areas. Also, good luck on your own goals/resolutions - remember, if you can do something for 30 days - it might just become a habit! This [30 Day Challenge TED Talk](#) is one of my favorites.

**Here are some things to be aware of as we launch 2018:**

**Practices for our annual Sunset Ranch dance shows will begin soon. The final performances will be 2/13-2/15.** Save-the-dates. I have no doubt it will be memorable and look forward to both watching and participating. :) Ticket sales will be announced shortly.

**Remember that there is NO SCHOOL on Monday, 1/16 for the Martin Luther King holiday.**

I look forward to students returning tomorrow and getting 2018 off to a fantastic start! We will do great things together this year for all Coyotes! As always, thanks for your continuing support of our school.

Best,

Bill MacDonald, Ed.D.  
Principal  
Sunset Ranch Elementary School  
#everycoyoteeveryday!

## Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, 1/9	PTC Meeting, 7:00-8:00 p.m. (Main Office - Staff Lounge)
Monday, 1/15	<b>NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day</b>
1/22 - 1/26	Sunset Ranch Geography Bee (Grades 4-6)
Tuesday, 1/23	Kindergarten Enrollment 2018-19 Information Night, 6:00-7:00 p.m. (Multipurpose Room)
Friday, 1/26	<a href="#">Daddy-Daughter Dance</a>
Thursday, 2/1	School Site Council Meeting, 3:00-4:30 p.m. (Main Office - Conference)
2/13-2/15	DANCE SHOWS, 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Multipurpose Room)

## New Information:

This week we will be reteaching school wide behavior expectations to students. Please review the following Coyotes, CAN expectations with your children.

# COYOTES, CAN!



	CLASSROOM	HALLWAYS	PLAYGROUND	MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
<b>C</b> COOPERATE	LISTEN, FOLLOW DIRECTIONS, AND DO YOUR JOB.	GREET OTHERS AND USE GOOD MANNERS.	BE FAIR, INCLUSIVE, AND FOLLOW GAME RULES.	FOLLOW PROCEDURES AND LISTEN TO ADULTS.
<b>A</b> ARE SAFE	RESPECT EACH OTHER'S WORK SPACE AND RIGHT TO LEARN.	WALK QUICKLY AND IN AN ORDERLY FASHION.	USE HANDS AND FEET SAFELY. STAY IN PLAY AREAS.	LEAVE AND ENTER QUIETLY AND EFFICIENTLY.
<b>N</b> NEVER GIVE UP	WORK HARD EVERYDAY AND OVERCOME CHALLENGES.	RESPECT GRASS, PLANTS, AND TREES. CLEAN UP TRASH.	FREEZE AT BELL. LINE UP AT WHISTLE. RETURN ALL EQUIPMENT.	KNOW AND EMBODY THE COYOTE STUDENT PLEDGE.



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