

SOLANA RANCH

INSPIRING GREATNESS IN TOMORROW'S LEADERS!



August 2015

Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to officially welcome all of you to the 2015-2016 school year! Summer break will soon be ending and the entire Solana Ranch staff has been busy preparing for your children's arrival: the office staff is registering students, the custodial staff is ensuring that everything is set up and organized, our teachers and staff are planning lessons and creating classroom environments that are stimulating and promote 21st Century Skills (Creativity, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, and Communication), and the entire staff is excited to build upon the excellent leadership culture that we established in our inaugural year. We are ready to open and begin our second year at Solana Ranch!

As you know, our mission at Solana Ranch is to inspire greatness in tomorrow's leaders by providing a dynamic learning environment where all students maximize their potential intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally. Together, we will continue to create a rigorous and nurturing school environment that is focused on creating the leaders of tomorrow, a school that is cohesive in its desire to provide the very best 21st century education for its students, and most importantly, the overall success of each and every child.

As for myself, I am thrilled to be returning as the principal at Solana Ranch! We have such an amazing state of the art school, a positive school culture and vision with an amazing staff and school community. This will be my ninth year as principal in Solana Beach, my 14th year in the district, and my 19th in education. I am confident that this year will be a year of growth, learning, friendships, leadership, and great memories for each of your children.

To help students and parents feel comfortable with their first day of school, we will be having our Mini-Open House, a time where students and parents can come and briefly meet their new teacher and see their classroom. **This will be held on Friday, August 21st from 9:00-10:00 AM. At the conclusion of our Mini Open House, we will be closing the playground and campus for a district function.**

Our district will be posting class assignments online on the evening of Aug. 20th.

- You will receive an automated telephone message from me **the evening of August 20th**, explaining the process and giving you directions for accessing the website and password to look up your child's teacher.

In addition to meeting teachers, there will be several booths with information about the P.T.O., the Solana Beach Foundation for Learning, school lunches, volunteer opportunities, C.D.C (Child Development Center-before and after school care), and a booth selling Solana Ranch Spirit Wear that students and staff love to wear every Friday.

We are looking forward to seeing each one of you at the Mini-Open House. It's going to be an *amazing* 2015-2016 school year!

Sincerely,

Jerry Jones
Principal

PS – IF your children completed their 1,000 minutes of reading this summer and filled out their logs, please turn these into the office within the first week of school.

PSS – As you begin to do your back to school shopping, please remember we do not allow ZUCA BACKPACKS.

Important Dates and Information

- Kindergarten Back to School Night (**parents only**) Aug. 20, 5:30-6:30 PM
- Mini-Open House Aug. 21, 9:00-10:00 AM
 - **District Event to Follow – Playground to be Closed**
- First day of school Grades K-6 Tues. Aug. 25, 8:40-2:48
- Back to School Night (**1st-6th grade parents**) Sept. 3, 5:30-7:30 PM
(Details in first Weekly Communication and All-call)
- Labor Day- No School Sept. 7
- **SCHOOL HOURS ARE 8:40-2:48**
- Supervision begins at 8:20 and school starts at 8:40 (first bell rings at 8:35).
PLEASE BE ON TIME

Pick Up and Drop Off Procedures

Our hope is that the majority of our families will walk or ride their bikes, skateboards, or scooters (not electric) to school. If your family will be driving, now is a good time to arrange home to school carpools. School maps indicating drop off and pick up procedures can be found on our school website under drop-off and pick-up procedures: (<http://www.sbsd.net/domain/907>)

We will utilize the Blazing Star Lane drive-way for pick-up and drop-off. This is the best place for picking up students; so please take advantage of this safe, efficient and supervised area.

Weekly Communication

Our Weekly Communication will be sent home electronically every Wednesday. To sign up, please go to our **home page** (<http://www.sbsd.net/Page/4259>) and click on “Sign up for our Email Notification System” under the “Quick Links” section of our website. This will allow you to get our School’s Weekly Communication and all school emails.