

Dear Skyline Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I hope that each of you had a wonderful summer. We are excited to welcome you to Skyline Village, our interim campus for the 2017-18 school year. It is going to be so fun watching our new Skyline School being built across the street this year. It is amazing how much they have done in such a short period of time! Even though we are on a temporary campus, we are committed to making this school year a very positive experience for your children. All of our students are deserving of a rich, meaningful, purposeful and rigorous education, and it will take all stakeholders: students, staff, parents/families, community and our district to ensure a welcoming, inclusive, supported school environment where academic and personal success is achieved by all. I am committed to working in collaboration with you to continue to develop and implement this shared vision. We will work together as a team this school year to create a nurturing, disciplined, and challenging environment so all students have access to high quality instruction and can learn at optimum levels. We have so much to be proud of as a staff, family, and community. We are also committed to continuing to provide a campus that ensures student safety. I would like to remind all parents that once school begins, all parents will need to come into the front office to sign in and get a visitor's badge before going onto the campus.

We are excited about our Discovery Lab enrichment classes, and I know our students will enjoy attending art, PE, computer/technology and STREAM (Science, Technology, Research, Art, and Mathematics). Gina Thackrey will continue as our full-time, credentialed STREAM teacher. She empowers our students to develop life and career skills so that they are able to think critically, communicate effectively, be creative, and collaborate successfully, and to provide exposure and experiences in STEM-related fields. We are also pleased to have Elizabeth Siskowic as our art instructor and Danielle Schulte as our computer/technology instructor. Finally, we are excited to welcome Melissa Murray as our new PE instructor. We know your children are going to love their enrichment classes!

We are in the process of finalizing our class lists, and the office is busy adding new students to the class lists. We have a new procedure this year for completing the Student Data Confirmation process that must be done before viewing your child's teacher for the upcoming school year in the Parent Portal on August 24th after 6:00 p.m.

Our staff has worked very hard to place all of our students for the upcoming school year. Please understand that teachers cannot guarantee a particular placement for any child. They consider many variables and try to create the best balance possible when placing students in classes. Please do not call or email the school requesting a specific teacher. Our District policy supports the efforts of our teachers and requires a two-week waiting period before any parent requests for class placement changes will be considered. Our goal is to create the best learning opportunity for each and every student at Skyline Elementary School.

We are excited to welcome all of our families to Mini Open House next Friday, August 25th from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. However, we are not going to do the traditional format of Mini Open House this year because our teachers will not be getting into their classrooms until next Tuesday, August 22nd. There simply is not going to be enough time for them to unpack and get their rooms ready for Mini Open House, and I know they want their rooms to be perfect when their students step into the classroom. Instead, the teachers will be greeting their students and families at a table that is directly outside their classroom. They will also have important handouts available for their families. We know it will look different, but Mini Open House is still a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and it gives them the opportunity to reconnect with their friends! Information regarding the lunch program, PTA, SBSF, Boys and Girls Club, and Child Development Center will also be available at the Mini Open House.

In our ongoing effort to "Go Green," I encourage all parents to sign up for Skyline's Electronic Mailing List. Please go to <https://www.sbsd.k12.ca.us/Page/1125> and click on "Sign Up for Our Email Notification System." You will receive a weekly email notification from the office to let you know to view Skyline's newsletters, lunch menus, and all flyers that are sent home weekly by electronic communication. I also encourage you to join the PTA, volunteer here at school, and be a partner with your child's teacher to help make this year all that it can possibly be for the wonderful students of Skyline.

I look forward to this coming year as an opportunity to continue to grow as a school community. I hope you make the commitment to work with us on behalf of our students. Learning is a life-long commitment for all of us. My door is always open and I am always available to you.

Best wishes,

Lisa Denham, Principal

Don't forget to mark these important dates on your calendar:

Mini Open House	Friday, August 25
First Day of School	Tuesday, August 29
Back-to-School Night – 6:15 pm	Thursday, August 31
Labor Day Holiday – No School	Monday, September 4
Volunteer Coffee/Tea – 9:00 am	Friday, September 15