

Superintendent's Message

Back to School 2007

The Moreland Team spent the summer enthusiastically preparing for the return of our students on August 22nd. A lot has happened to get ready for the opening of school with new buildings, landscaping, heating and air conditioning, roofing, moving and installing portables, hiring new teachers, activity leaders, psychologists, cafeteria workers, and more. The schools are looking great. The employees are excited. Now, all we need are the willing students and involved parents.

Enrollment: Moreland schools are projected to be very well attended this year. Class enrollment is temporary until the second week of school. In order to create balanced classes, some students may be moved to other rooms and in a few cases, other schools.

Preparing your student for school: The start of a new school year is a very exciting and hectic time for parents and students. Here are a few suggestions to smooth the way for you and your child:

- The evening before school starts help your child pack their backpack and lunch, choose their clothes, and settle down for a good night's sleep,
- Try to give yourself plenty of time to walk to/drive and park at school,
- Please remember that parking is limited and be respectful of the neighbors who live by the school by parking in approved areas only,
- Please cross streets at crosswalks only,
- Talk to your child about fun experiences you or they have had in the past,
- Drop your child off with a hug and a smile.

Volunteer opportunities: Our schools always need the help of our parents and community members. We need volunteers to help read to students, help organize student activities, coach students, help in classrooms and school offices. There are a myriad of ways you can help enrich your child's school experience by volunteering a small amount of time. It may be only one day a year, an hour a week, or more. Your support and involvement will make an impact to the child or class that you help.

Drive safely: As you are aware traffic on and around school campuses is very busy and dangerous. Please follow these rules to ensure the safety of Moreland students:

- Please observe the speed limit. Leave home in time to arrive at school without hurrying.
- Stop at cross walks when students are in them. It is illegal to enter a crosswalk while a pedestrian is anywhere in the crosswalk.
- Teach your children to cross safely.
- Do not park illegally at and around schools. Please don't double park, park in driveways or block driveways, yell to your child to cross the street to meet you at places where there are not crosswalks.
- Be aware that the San Jose Police Department will be watching and giving tickets to drivers who do not drive safely in school zones.

This is going to be a great year at Moreland. I encourage you to be an active participant in your child's education. Come join us.

Find a way to help your school serve students better.

Glen Ishiwata, Superintendent