



Margaret Landell Elementary School

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Dear Landell Families,

I would like to welcome each of you to the 2017-18 school year. As the principal at Landell, I am thrilled to embark on another year of learning with all of you. For those of you new to Landell, let me take a moment to introduce myself. I have been in the field of education for 25 years. I taught for 15 years in the elementary setting, and then spent five years outside the classroom providing professional development to teachers. Before coming to Landell, I worked on the CLIME math grant, which focused on preparing teachers to instruct to the Common Core Math Standards. I earned a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Chapman University and a doctorate from Cal State University, Fullerton in Educational Leadership. I live in Yorba Linda with my husband of 23 years, Greg. I am excited to embark on another year of excellence at Landell Elementary. I am deeply committed to making a positive difference in the lives of each Landell family.

This year promises to be filled with fabulous learning opportunities which emphasize our signature practice, *Innovate, Create, and Articulate*. Our commitment at Landell is to push ourselves and our students to think more critically. We focus our instructional efforts on helping students to make deeper connections, develop conceptual understanding, and to effectively communicate both their solutions and their solution paths. Students will be bringing home work products that reflect this deeper thinking. We encourage you to ask your child not only about the products they are producing, but the process they went through to create said products. This dialogue serves to strengthen the school to home connection, and also gives your child opportunities to practice effectively communicating their thoughts in a purposeful and meaningful way.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me at 714-220-6960 or email me at rgibbs@cypsd.org. I am truly looking forward to working with you in continuing to create a supportive, positive, and productive learning community. On behalf of the amazing staff at Landell, I would like to wish each of you a wonderful school year. It is truly a privilege to partner together with you in the education of your child.

Best Regards,

Rena Gibbs, Ed.D.

Principal