



August 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to school! This year promises to be an exciting and engaging year for all of our Bonsall Bears. We hope that you were all able to enjoy a relaxing fun filled summer. As you appreciate the last few days of summer, our staff has been very busy preparing for our students return. **Class lists will be posted August 15 at 4:00 p.m., and the first day of school is August 16.** As in previous years, we will be opening the front gates and kindergarten gates so you may accompany your children to their classrooms during our first week of school (until August 24, 2017). After the first week of school, you can continue to accompany your children, but we ask that you return to our usual practice of signing in at the front office first. The drop off loops at the front of the school as well as kindergarten will remain in place with supervision until 7:55 a.m. when our supervising teachers need to leave to meet their classes.

At Bonsall Elementary we are continuing our history of providing an excellent educational experience to all of our students (close to 1,000 students). We are very fortunate at Bonsall Elementary to have great support from our parents and other community members, and know that everyone supports us in our mission to ensure our students to do their best, be respectful, work hard, and to dream big. As we enter into another school year, we want to remind you of the importance of school attendance on student achievement. To the extent possible, please make doctor/dentist appointments after school hours and make punctuality a priority. School begins at 8:00 a.m. promptly. We are continuing to enforce our district's attendance policy this year. Please make sure your child is on time daily. We also invite you to use our website (<http://be.bonsallusd.com/>) to keep updated on school news, information, photos, and more including construction traffic updates. Other information is also available on the district website (www.bonsallusd.com) including information about our new superintendent. Be sure to check it out!

We are looking forward to greeting all of our students on August 16. A new change is our end time on Thursdays. In closing, there just a few dates and schedule changes to be aware of. Each Thursday, we will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. in order to provide our staff with additional planning/professional development time. Because of large size, back to school night happens on two separate dates. Back to school night for K-2 students will be Thursday, August 24th and, Thursday, August 31st for grade 3-5 students. We will begin all in the MPR at 5:00 p.m. We will then begin sessions at 5:30 p.m. A second session will begin at 6:00. We will not have school on Labor Day Monday, September 4th. We will also have a non-student day on Friday, September 15th for professional development for teachers. Thank you and we will see you soon!

Go Bonsall Bears!

Dr. Karla Groth
Principal

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