



## Los Angeles Unified School District

### Cowan Avenue Elementary School

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Dear Cowan Family,

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Cowan Avenue School I would like to welcome our new families to our school as well as those who are returning. We are looking forward to making the 2016-2017 school year productive and exciting for every student. Our focus towards continual improvement makes Cowan an exceptional school. Cowan brings the key elements required for an effective school: excellent teachers, involved parents, community support and committed leadership. If you are a returning family, please welcome Ms. Leslie Nguyen, our new kindergarten/TK teacher to our school who will work very closely with Ms. Thompson and Ms. Russell. Ms. Cherie Lebron will also be rejoining us as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher and is a welcome addition to the Cowan family. Our students are excited, involved learners and our teachers' enthusiasm is apparent at every grade level.

You are essential in helping maintain high standards in our school. Get to know your child's teacher early; see him/her if you have questions. Discuss with your child the importance of their school experience. Encourage your child to do his/her homework daily. Remember that regular attendance and arriving on time is important for academic success. Come to school events and volunteer when possible. The more involved you are in your child's education, the more meaningful the school experience will be to your child and for you. **Please find the Uniform Policy included with this communication. Remember that the wearing of school uniforms is mandatory.**

**On Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, our first day of instruction, school begins at 8:00 a.m. Please make every effort to arrive by 7:50am.** Classroom assignments will be posted in the front of the school and lunch area. Dismissal is at 2:30 pm each day.

If your student does not participate in the Free or Reduced Lunch program, the price for lunch is \$2.25. You may also go the speak with the school Cafeteria Manager to put money on your child's account. All students are eligible for the **Breakfast in the Classroom Program** regardless if they qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program

**New Family Orientation will take place on Saturday, August 13 at 10:00 am in the library** and I will be available to answer any questions you may have. The orientation shouldn't last any longer than 1 hr. and 30 minutes.

**All students grades K-6** will line up with their new teacher on the yard. Remember to check the lunch area and the front of the school for your classroom assignments. Please visit [www.cowantigers.org](http://www.cowantigers.org) to keep informed about school events and view the school calendar which will be completely updated by July 21.

Let's have a great year!

R. Da Sylveira, Principal