

Dear Las Lomitas Families,

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! District and site employees were very busy over the summer preparing the campus for all of your wonderful children. The rooms are bright and clean, ready to welcome the children back to school.

New faculty members include Megan Meyer (3rd), Heather Hower (3rd), and Allison O'Brien (K Movement Exploration/Yard Supervisor). I am thrilled at the depth and breadth of knowledge and expertise that these talented people bring to Las Lomitas. I will tell you a bit more about these new staff members in future articles.

There were also a few changes for returning teachers. Nikki Montre moved from third grade to work in the Language Lab as our ELD teacher. Mrs. Duchesne (formerly Donecho) left first grade to be a new Reading/Reading Recovery teacher. Mrs. Moritz moved from a first grade job-share with Jill Ohline to a second grade job-share with Kellie Morris. Jill Ohline returns to first grade as a full-time teacher. Mrs. Porro is teaching a K/1 multi-grade and Mrs. Button returns under a new name: Ms. Fay.

Although this is my 27th year at Las Lomitas, the start of a school year never ceases to bring excitement and anticipation for what is to come. I look forward to getting to know each of you better over the course of the school year. Communication is essential to maintain a positive climate and build community relations. To facilitate both of the above, *Mornings with the Principal* are offered again this year; the first is set for September 10th. Watch the *Lion's Roar* for details. Parent involvement is a key component of an effective school. We are most fortunate to have an active PTA, School Site Council and Foundation to support student learning and provide an optimal learning environment. I encourage you to participate in one of these organizations and wish you all a successful start to the school year.

Safety is always uppermost in our minds at Las Lomitas, so please take a moment to review the tips in the following section regarding arrival and dismissal. Your children are precious. Please help us keep them safe. A separate flier with this information was sent home the first day of school. Please review it with all of those in your family who deliver or pick up students from school.

Until next time,

Sue Sartor, Principal