

Dear Las Lomitas Families,

April is here and we are on the fast track! There are so many exciting activities planned in the next several weeks, be sure to keep a close eye on the *Lion's Roar* and website calendar so you don't miss out on anything!

**The Staff Appreciation Luncheon** is this Friday, April 4 at 12:00 in Cano Hall. Parent volunteers are welcome to join us. This event will allow teachers and parents to enjoy a good meal together and thank one another for all that goes on at Las Lomitas during the year. I hope you can join us!

**Third-to-fourth grade transition** activities start on Wednesday, April 2, when a panel of expert students, teachers and administrators come to third grade classes to share information and answer questions. On Thursday parents may attend an evening presentation and on Friday all third grade students will travel to La Entrada for a tour. Third and fourth grade teachers work collaboratively to ease the transition "jitters" for both students and parents. I hope all third grade families will attend the informational meeting on Thursday evening, April 3 at La Entrada.

**Incoming Kindergarten** students will enjoy the Round-Up at the end of the month. If you know families with children who will be eligible for kindergarten in the fall, encourage them to pick up a registration packet and attend this event. There is a parent orientation scheduled for the evening of April 24 in Cano Hall. Our Kindergarten teachers have prepared a wonderful, detailed presentation. I look forward to meeting some of our new incoming class of students on April 25!

On April 29 at 6:00 in the MUR at La Entrada, we will be celebrating our **English Learners** who have demonstrated proficiency in English and are "graduating" from our English Language Development support program. When a student meets eligibility as English-proficient, they are "redesignated" as fluent-proficient (R-FEP). The event will highlight the students through a video show, student presentations and speeches. This is our second annual R-FEP celebration ~ congratulations to these students!

**California Assessment of Student Performance & Progress (CAASPP)** tests begin on April 7 for our third grade classes. This is the first year of this new assessment model. This field test will help us, and state representatives, determine how the online system will work. You can go to [www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/smarterftqa.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/smarterftqa.asp) for more information. We are all very interested in administering these assessments.

As you can see, there is never a dull moment at Las Lomitas! Thank you to all of you who help making all of these events and activities possible.

Until next time,

Sue Sartor

Principal