

Dear Las Lomas families,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful Thanksgiving vacation. It will be very busy around here these next few weeks as we head toward winter break.

Parents are very important members of our school community. **Parent representatives serve on several district and site committees** including the English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) and School Site Council (SSC). The Las Lomas ELAC representatives are Daniel Li, Ingrid Abild-Pedersen and Tatiana Morante. Parents serving on our SSC are Jung Eun Lee, Eric Ver Ploeg, Artis Montegue, Laurie Sobel and Jen Le. A hearty thank you goes out to these parents who dedicate their precious time to learn more about our programs and the state and federal requirements that must be monitored. Their thoughts and feedback are integral to our school's success.

We had a **full earthquake drill** on November 25th. Students and faculty took cover and then evacuated to the field. Once there, we completed a full emergency simulation including search and rescue, minor injuries and releasing students to parents. Officer Wade from Atherton Police monitored our drill to provide us with expert feedback. Now is a good time to discuss your family's plan should there be an earthquake or other disaster during school hours. Page 135 in the school directory/handbook provides information about emergency planning for parents. I encourage you to read this and keep the information handy. Finally, be sure that the names and phone numbers on your child's emergency card are current. You can update this information via InfoSnap at any time. This is the information we use to release your child during an emergency.

It's hard to believe, but we are gearing up for next year's **kindergarten registration!** Tours will begin in December and registration on January 28, 2013. Please be sure to read the details about the kindergarten registration and session request process in the article below. If you know of any families with incoming kindergarteners, please be sure to share the information with them.

Finally, I've received a few inquiries from current families regarding **requests for session changes**. Please see the information in the article in today's *Roar* about returning students who will enter first or second grade next year for details. This process is different than for those entering kindergarten or for new students.

Until next time,

Sue Sartor
Principal