Dear Las Lomitas Families,

An ***Evening with the Principal*** will be held on November 7th at 6:30 in the Library. I scheduled this evening time for those of you who cannot attend the morning sessions. These meetings are informal; it is a time for you to ask questions you may have about school programs or practices. I plan to discuss the session request process and parent teacher conferences, but any topic is welcome!

Parent-teacher conferences will be held November 13-17. November 12th is Veteran's Day – no school that day. We will be on a *minimum day schedule* on the four conference days. All K through 3 students will begin school at 9:00 a.m. and be dismissed at 12:20 p.m. that week.

The first parent-teacher conference is designed to better familiarize the classroom teacher with your child, to recognize your child's strengths and needs, and to coordinate school and home support. In fact, it is a sharing time whereby parents and teachers discuss and plan how best to assist the child in the learning process.

Conferences are scheduled in time blocks set by the teachers. Some teachers may schedule appointments before these minimum days. We ask your cooperation in being prompt to your conference time and date so there will be maximum time to talk about your child. Please note that there is to be no tape recording at parent conferences unless you have notified the teacher in advance and have the teacher's written permission.

It is customary here at Las Lomitas for other school personnel (i.e. counselor, principal, assistant principal, reading specialist, etc.) to attend parent-teacher conferences. We believe that by working as a team and sharing information we are able to better support your child.

Research shows that parent involvement in a child's education is a critical factor in determining the degree to which a child will be successful in school. Attending the parent/teacher conference one of the ways you can be involved in your child's education. Together we can make a difference.

Until next time,

Sue Sartor