

Dear Las Lomas Families,

This week I'd like to introduce you to our **new faculty members**:

- Megan Meyer is teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Megan previously taught K and 1<sup>st</sup> grades in Santa Clara. She worked on various district-wide initiatives in Santa Clara, including implementation of the reading/writing workshop and MARS tasks. She holds an administrative credential so she has several years of experience running summer school programs. Megan's family is in Redwood City, so she is pleased to be able to teach so close to her family and friends.
- Heather Hower is also teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Heather previously taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade in San Bruno Park School District as a Master Teacher in a Lab School Partnership with Notre Dame de Namur University. In addition to teaching her class, she mentored new teachers and modeled best practices. Heather is excited to be working with younger students here at Las Lomas.
- Allison O'Brien is working with the Kindergarten teachers in Movement Exploration and K-3 yard supervision. Allison has two children in the district, so she's familiar with the campus. Many of you may have met her through PTA activities. Allison is a physical education enthusiast and credentialed teacher. We are happy she decided to start working outside of the home again!

Please welcome these talented educators to Las Lomas and be sure to introduce yourself if you see them on campus.

We've made communication a priority for this school year. There are many ways parents can stay informed on school and classroom events. Teachers send home newsletters on a regular basis in the Monday Envelope, by email or posted on their webpage. Our school webpage has school-wide information. The *Lion's Roar* is sent home weekly and is the best resource for you to know about upcoming events at school. Please take time to read it each week! Superintendent Cesario also plans to send regular communications to all district families. We encourage you to access these information resources on a regular basis. There is a lot going on at Las Lomas!

Finally, I'd like to put out an all call for parent volunteers to help with our Green Team composting program. 95% of all our compost is generated by the Hot Food program. The good news is that Choice Lunch containers are compostable. Recology, our waste hauler, requires that we carefully separate trash from compost. To do this we need extra hands during lunchtime. The Hot Food program is provided by the PTA as a convenience to families. Please contact Shirley Chiu at [shirley.chiu8888@gmail.com](mailto:shirley.chiu8888@gmail.com) to volunteer for composting or Heather Caelius at [hcaelius@gmail.com](mailto:hcaelius@gmail.com) to volunteer to serve lunches. Please help us by volunteering to serve and compost so we can keep these programs going!

Until next time,

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Principal