



Serrano Elementary

- Home of the Soaring, College-Bound Eagles -

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Dear Serrano Eagles,

Welcome to Serrano Elementary School. We are delighted to have your family join our wonderful Serrano Team. The success of Serrano is due to the exemplary relationship between the parents and teachers working together towards the same goal of high achievement and success for all children. As a 2016 California Gold Ribbon School, Serrano has worked very hard to create a program that provides support for every student. To maintain that excellence, we strongly encourage you to be involved.

The Serrano School Mission is: "To provide all students with a positive and challenging learning environment to foster the skills, knowledge and attitude to become responsible and productive citizens." In order to give each child the best opportunity for success, we ensure that children are at the focal point of all we do and each decision we make. Each person at Serrano approaches his/her task with the intention to positively touch our children's future. This year's school theme is A College-Going Culture where we celebrate building lifelong collegiate skills and the fact that Serrano is just the beginning of a very successful educational career for each and every Eagle.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Katherine Rizzo and I am honored to be the principal of Serrano Elementary. I am entering into my sixteenth year as principal school and in my short time on the Serrano campus, a few things have become quite evident: 1) Serrano is a place where strong connections are made between home and school and where all staff members support whole child development. 2) Serrano is a place with a great sense of pride and a great reputation. 3) What Matters to Kids, Matters. As I walk the empty summertime halls of Serrano, I see a variety of diverse student accomplishments and reinforcements of the personalized education Serrano is providing our students so they will be successful 21st Century Learners and Leaders.

If you are a returning family to Serrano, you are probably shocked by the lack of paperwork in this FIRST Wednesday folder. As we jump into the 21st Century, we move to an online platform for streamlining and collecting the many pieces of information we need from you at the beginning of the year. We ask that you take the next step in completing the registration process and log into the Serrano Parent Portal and input the required information **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 16th, 2016**. Computers are available in the Serrano front office should you need support through this process. Additionally, if you do not have or are unfamiliar with the Serrano Parent Portal, please contact the front office for login support.

I thank you in advance for supporting this school and am so excited to travel with you through the 2016-2017 school year.

Best,

Katherine W. Rizzo
Principal, Serrano Elementary