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Principal's News

Welcome Back to SRFACS' 6th year. This year can be described as a year of changes as we welcome 14 new teachers, a new counselor, a new restorative specialist, and SAY counselor.

Soon we will be publishing a biography of each teacher and you will be able to meet them on Back to School Night.

Ms. Arnault joins the Kinder team and comes from Egypt. Ms. Catelin comes from France to teach Kinder C. We have hired a TK teacher who will join us in September. Ms. Walker teaches 1st Grade and comes to us from New Orleans. Our other 1st Grade Teacher is Ms. Castelain who has worked at SRFACS for the past two years as an assistant and super sub. Mr. Mooradally is our new 2nd Grade teacher and lead teacher this year. Ms. Zilje comes to us from Switzerland and teaches 2C. Ms. Delerue teaches 2D. Our third grade



team welcomes 3 new teachers. Ms. Perez comes from France along with Ms Raufaste. Ms. Brockett was born in Turkey and a Francophone who helped us out last year as a substitute. She teaches 3D. We have 2 new 4th Grade teachers. Mr. Catelin comes from France and Mr. Arnaud will be replacing Madame Bon who will become our full time TOSA. Mr. Teieb will be teaching 5th Grade and his wife teaches at Sequoia School. Finally, I would like to welcome Ms. Sullivan who teaches English and Social Studies in Grades 4 and 6.

We have more counseling support this year and I am pleased to introduce Mr. Fiori who will be here on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. He knows our school well as he was the SCOE counselor. Ms. Clark joins us as our new restorative specialist. She is married to Dennis Clark, our head custodian.

Dear Parents

I want to thank parents for jumping in and volunteering at the beginning of the school year. We have a core group who helped in various areas last year and they continue to enrich the school. New parents can help by volunteering during lunch or helping with our campus clean-up day. Our first day will be Sat. September 16th from 9-1PM.

Picture Day is coming on September 11th. You can go on-line with life touch and use the code: BY317897Q0 to place an order.

If your child misses school, please call the office so we can mark the attendance properly. If we do not hear from you in 3 days it becomes an unexcused absence
All the best,
Mr. Johnstone

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Upcoming Events

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Back to School Night
- Sept. 4th
Labor Day
Holiday No School

Back to School Night



SRFACS WOLVES

This Thursday, August 31st is Back to School Night. Please refer to the schedule in this newsletter. As in previous years, this night is for Parents and Guardians only. Please make arrangements for your children. We do not offer day care that evening. This format will allow parents ample time to learn about the teacher's program and see the classroom set-up. This is not a night for Parent/Teacher Conferencing. Those dates are October 2-6. It is a night to meet your child's new teachers.

*"Education is not
preparation for life;
education is life itself"*
John Dewey"

Lunch Program

The lunch program will continue at SRFACS with increased district support. I have met with Kenneth Bunns of CNS and he will be speaking at our Back to School Night about the status and future of the lunch program. We are currently seeking a new Chef and a hiring committee will be chosen to help bring in the best chef to run our unique program. We have set menus for August and September and those menu items are published on a weekly basis and posted at our office.

Bon Appetit!

Bicycle Safety Day

It's back!
Santa Rosa French-American Charter School welcomes the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition for our second annual Family Bicycling Workshop on Saturday Sept. 16! This workshop is free, but families must pre-register online to be guaranteed a space. The Bike Coalition's Safe Routes

to School Program has developed these workshops (which have taken place all around the county) to teach families how to ride together safely and confidently; they include both skill/safety drills and an instructional ride and take place from 10am-12:30pm. For more information and to register, visit:<http://www.bikesonoma.org/family-bike-workshops/>

Traffic Report

In this issue, we have included a traffic map and guidelines for helping us with the drop off and pick up times. Our traffic volunteers and our office have worked hard on finding solutions to insure the safety of our SRFACS community. Thank you for choosing the park and walk approach that helps with our traffic flow.