



LAUREL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A California Distinguished School

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“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”

-B.B. King-

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another school year at Laurel Elementary School. Hopefully you have had the opportunity to enjoy your summer and are as excited as I am in starting the new school year. The quote from B.B. King highlights that learning lasts for a lifetime. Even though the state continues to make circumstances in education more difficult, you and the Laurel staff have continually emphasized the value of learning and challenged our students to attain academic excellence.

Because of your involvement, student effort, teacher dedication, and staff support this past year was a momentous year for Laurel School. We had the highest academic achievement in the school's history! We had highest growth in the district and met all of our state and national requirements. I am so proud of the students and look forward to celebrating their successes with them.

School begins this year on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 and is a minimum day. Each Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 – 3:30 will be designated for the staff as a Professional Development Day to allow us time for teacher training, planning and preparation. Students will leave school at 1:30 and teachers will utilize this time for staff development and program planning.

Kindergarten Parents: To help your child adjust to a new environment, the first four days of school, August 30th through September 2nd, will be half days (8:10 – 12:10). Be sure to provide a healthy snack for your child to eat during recess.

Our schedule for the 2011/2012 school year is as follows:

1 st – 5 th Grades	8:10 – 2:30	Kindergarten	8:10 – 2:15
Tuesdays	8:10 – 1:30	Kindergarten	8:10 – 1:15

Classroom Assignments will be posted on August 29th after 4:00 pm.

Once again, welcome back to Laurel School. The staff and I look forward to working with you this year. Please keep in mind that PARENTS ARE A VITAL part of the educational process. We cannot be successful without your help and support. We're looking forward to another outstanding year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Denis J. Cruz
Principal