



VAN BUREN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Van Buren Families,

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year!! I hope you are continuing to enjoy the lazy days of summer! Hopefully you have been able to hunker down or fly freely during the many weeks of this well-earned break. Perhaps it's been a combination of both! The staff and I are rested, ready and looking forward to another exciting adventure with you and our students this year. Together we will help them grow and achieve as they continue to develop a love of learning!!

Each year as we come together again, we look forward to the journey that awaits us! Students, and even some parents, are excited, or perhaps a bit anxious, of all that is to come as the first day of school approaches. It is indeed an exciting time of year for each of us. As parents and educators, we recognize that we bear a tremendous responsibility to demonstrate the importance and value of learning to our students. We must model the qualities of hard work, effort and "stick-with-it-ness" so our children learn to try their best as they meet the many challenges we place before them. To support this growth, we also work to develop a sense of trust in others as we cheer each other on when success is in reach or help boost each other up when we face a challenge. We indeed work together as a community to ensure everyone grows, achieves and finds success in a multitude of ways. To support this effort, our school wide theme this year is **"Let's Root for Each Other and Help Each Other Grow"**. Together, parents, teachers, staff and I will build the foundation of learning our students so richly deserve with this theme as the thread that runs through all we do this year. Together we will work as one, to create a school where we recognize and praise strong effort, hard work and personal growth in everyone. We will work together to push ourselves and lift up others as we tackle and attempt new challenges. It will be our collective goal, to demonstrate our own ongoing learning and growth to our students and to model why "together is better". I look forward to working together with each of you to create a positive, successful year for our students.

As you should know by now, Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District (PYLUSD) has launched the Online Data Confirmation for the 2017-18 school year. Online Data Confirmation requires parents/guardians to update student information through the Aeries Parent Portal (<https://portal.pylusd.org>), rather than completing and returning the traditional packet of student information paperwork. All required paperwork will now only be completed through your Parent Portal. Throughout the school year, parents/guardians will also be able to view student attendance records and more through the Aeries Parent Portal.

Please remember that prior to the start of the 2017-18 school year on Tuesday, August 29, all parents/guardians should create and/or access an Aeries Parent Portal account and complete Online Data Confirmation. Upon accessing the Aeries Parent Portal, find the Student Info tab (top left) then click Data Confirmation to begin. Send all signed documents with your child on the first day of school to be given to his/her teacher.

If you need assistance in creating and/or accessing the Aeries Parent Portal or completing Online Data Confirmation please do not call the school office. Instead, you should contact the PYLUSD Technology Help Desk at [\(714\)985-8733](tel:7149858733) during regular business hours or visit www.pylusd.org/dataconfirmation/.

Finally, in the past, Van Buren, and most PYLUSD elementary schools, have posted class lists to notify families of class assignments for the coming school year. Although this process has served as a longstanding tradition, this form of notification does not guarantee student privacy and will no longer be in use. **On Monday, August 28th, you will receive an email from the PYLUSD technology department informing you of your student's class assignment for the 2017-18 school year.** If families are unable to access this information prior to the start of school on Tuesday, August 29, please come to the Van Buren office and this information will be provided to you.

I am eager and excited for the coming school year!! I look forward to working with all of you to continue to make Van Buren a most wonderful place of learning for our students as we **Root for Each Other and Help Each Other Grow!**

Sincerely,

Connie Roe

Principal



Looking ahead:

- ★ Tuesday, August 29th – First Day of School & Principal’s Meet and Greet in the MPR
- ★ Friday, September 1st – No school
- ★ Monday, September 4th – Labor Day – No school
- ★ Saturday, September 9th - PTA Pancake Breakfast
 - Lunch tables 8:00 - 11:00 AM
- ★ Monday, September 11th – Patriot Day –
 - Wear Red, White and Blue
- ★ Thursday, September 14th – PTA Meeting/Back to School Night
 - 5:30 – 7:30 PM
- ★ Monday, September 18th – Constitution Day
 - Wear Red White and Blue
- ★ Thursday, September 21st - Fall picture Day
- ★ Friday, September 29th - Coffee With the Principal
 - MPR - 8:00 - 9:00 AM

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