



# Sunnyside Elementary

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August 7, 2017

Dear Sunnyside Family,

I am very happy to welcome you to the 2017-18 school year! I hope you had a wonderful summer.

Before we move into 2017-18, I want to acknowledge that many in the Sunnyside community are grieving the passing of former Sunnyside teacher, Mr. Kenny Yee. Mr. Yee taught at Sunnyside for a decade and passed away in July after a battle with illness. Students may have known Mr. Yee through buddy classes or siblings whom he taught. In support of students, SFUSD counselors will be at Sunnyside on the first day of school and available, as needed. Please, notify our School Social Worker, Ms. Jen [caulfieldj1@sfusd.edu](mailto:caulfieldj1@sfusd.edu) if your child may need support. Teachers will work with Ms. Jen and you if your child needed assistance at any time.

The Sunnyside teachers, staff, and I anticipate a *great year of deep learning* for your child/children in 2017-18.

Kindergarten parents/guardians with students please attend Kindergarten Orientation on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:40 on the Sunnyside playground to “practice for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school” and meet your child’s teacher.

**Remember: New and kinder families, you must submit the Health Form to Ms. Linda, our secretary, in the office by Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> in order for children to attend school on August 21<sup>st</sup>.** Ms. Linda is in the Sunnyside office daily from 8:15 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. to receive these. Please, return all other forms to your child’s teacher. *We need 100% completion for the Multipurpose Nutrition Form (online) and Emergency Cards.*

**The first day of school is August 21st, 2017 at 8:40 a.m. Be sure your child attends the first three days of school to hold their enrollment in the class!** All parents/guardians are invited to a Welcome Coffee on the first day of school, August 21<sup>st</sup>, in the cafeteria after Morning Circle. Thank you to the PTA and Suna Mullins for co-hosting and coordinating this event. Also, please attend **Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** Your child’s teacher will share important information about how to support your child at home. Two sessions are offered for families with siblings: 6:00 p.m.- 6:25 p.m. and 6:35 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

For 2017-18, I am very excited to welcome three outstanding educators to our already incredible educational team. Byanca Munoz, native of San Francisco, completed her Masters’ degree in Education this summer and will teach 4th grade. Also, Jacob Corbett, Master of Language, Literacy, and Sociocultural Studies, joins us from New Mexico to teach 5th grade. Joelle Capitan rejoins Sunnyside with a Masters in Mathematics Education and a background in Complex Math Instruction at middle school to support teachers as our Math and Science Teacher Coach. There are three other staff changes: Ms. Kim Peters is on a 1-year sabbatical, and Mr. Kevin Mullins will teach 5th grade instead of 4th grade. Our Physical Education Specialist is Ben Bell. Also, Nancy Velasco is our new After School Coordinator. Nancy has tremendous expertise and experience in SFUSD working with students and families and joins Jeanie and Lariece to run the Sunnyside After School Program. Join me in supporting our new staff as they acclimate to new roles.

Sunnyside strives for authentic partnerships with families and caregivers in support of every student’s success. We use the Sunnyside Wednesday Envelope (WE), an electronic (and paper, if needed) newsletter for all-important updates from the school. In addition, PTA has organized Parent Square to help classroom parents communicate. Thank you to Corrine and Jordan Lewy and Karen Zuercher for the incredible work on our new website and unending communication support with Parent Square! Parents, please sign up for these communication platforms and become or stay involved in the school.

I look forward to a great year in partnership with you and our amazing teachers and staff!

Warmly,  
Renée Marcy, Ed.D.  
Principal