

# El Granada Elementary School

Cabrillo Unified School District • Carrie Betti, Principal



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Dear El Granada Community,

Welcome back to another exciting year at El Granada Elementary School. A special welcome to those of you who are new to our school community! I hope you all enjoyed a restful summer break. I'm looking forward to the new school year. El Granada is a very special community, our school is a wonderful place where we are able to provide a family-like atmosphere and seek to bring out the best in each child. Everyone at El Granada Elementary works hard to provide a rich learning environment for all children. We encourage students to put forth their best efforts and believe that each student has unique talents that add to our school culture and community. Our staff is continually learning and using teaching strategies based on the latest research about how children learn best. Instruction recognizes student differences, encourages respect and dignity in learning, and promotes life skills to ensure each student's success as a life-long learner. We will continue to have a "kindness campaign" on campus that includes student recognition and incentives. The book of the month club will continue with titles that support student learning across genres and develop an awareness of pro-social behaviors that students will be able to put into practice for years to come.

I am honored to have the opportunity to work with your children. This promises to be an exciting, successful, and rewarding school year. I encourage you to become actively involved in your child's education. Please come to the school regularly, volunteer in your child's classroom, attend our fabulous community activities, and join our PTO, ELAC, and School Site Council. Your presence and dedication to our school community is what makes El Granada Elementary a high quality public school program for all our students. I would like to express my gratitude to all our El Granada families for everything they do to make our school and the lives of our children so enriched. We all look forward to your continued support for the 2011-2012 school year. I'd like to give a special thank you to our outgoing PTO Board members, ELAC parent Representatives, and School Site Council members:

#### **PTO Board members**

Amy Broome, Co-Fundraising Coordinator

Jamie McEachen, Secretary

Leslie Conaghan, Financial Secretary

#### **School Site Council parent representative**

Mayra Rodriguez

#### **ELAC representatives**

Martha Galindo

Victor Arriaga

Gabriela Aguilar

#### **Welcome to incoming PTO Board Members**

Jennifer Loft, President

Yen Tsutsumi, Vice President I

Gizette Sperinde, Vice President II

Caroline Naito, Financial Secretary

Mendy Sturgeon, Secretary

Kerry Gustin, Treasurer

We have been very busy over the past few weeks preparing for the new school year. Dave Stewart and Narciso Haro, and Steve Evans along with our CUSD custodial staff, have worked hard to prepare the school for the students return. Trish Perrick and Yennie Caine, our school Secretary and Clerk, have been closely monitoring our enrollment and managing the front office. Our fantastic teachers have been back in full swing preparing their classrooms and meeting in grade level teams. I appreciate all their dedication and preparation for a great start to the school year.

We are looking forward to a wonderful start to the school year.

Sincerely,

Carrie Betti