



Serrania Charter for Enriched Studies, Elementary School

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRINCIPAL, THERESA WEDAA

Earlier this year, the staff and families of Serrania Charter for Enriched Studies (SCES) received the welcome news that we were to be joined by a new principal, Mrs. Theresa Wedaa. In the weeks since her arrival, Principal Wedaa has been a constant positive presence – visiting classrooms, meeting parents and getting to know the kids that make SCES such a special place.

Though it's easy to imagine the challenges she's faced by the seemingly endless requirements of managing the school while at the same time guiding our transition to Affiliated Charter status, Principal Wedaa reports that she's truly enjoyed her first few months here at Serrania – and has especially appreciated the warm welcome, community spirit and enthusiasm that were so apparent from her very first day.

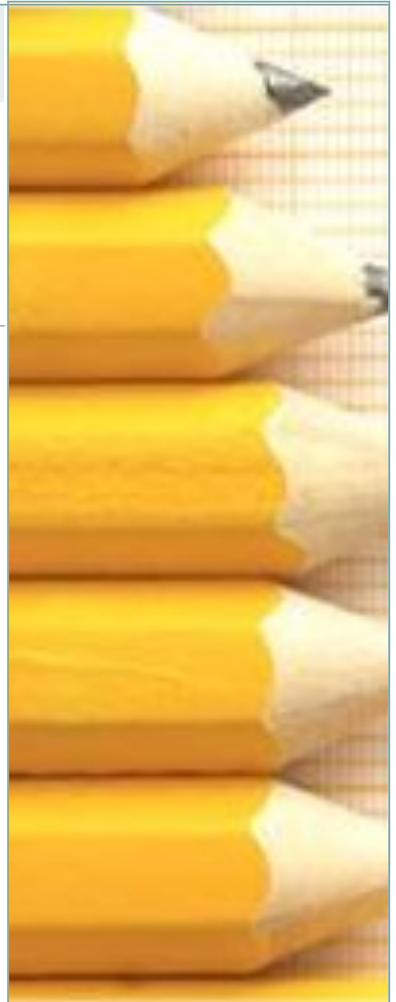
Finally, she shared a real sense of excitement as she looked forward to working with the newly elected School Governance Council and special projects committees who, along side all the dedicated teachers and staff of SCES, have already begun working to make the coming year the best ever!

Stay tuned for more from Principal Wedaa as well as more information about all the different ways you can get involved and help make Serrania Charter for Enriched Studies a remarkable place of learning for all of our kids.

OUR NEWSLETTER, REBORN!

Welcome students and parents to our new and ever evolving Monthly Newsletter for Serrania Charter for Enriched Studies Elementary School!

In the weeks and months ahead, you'll be able to rely on this newsletter to bring you all the latest news and information about upcoming events, school programs, fundraisers and unique educational opportunities for you and your family. We look forward to hearing from you, so feel free to let us know what you think. Contact Orit at orit_bonver@hotmail.com.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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| Island's Restaurant Night | 10/10 |
| Governing Council | 10/18 |
| FOS Meeting | 10/18 |
| Arts and Crafts Night | 10/18 |
| PTA Meeting | 10/24 |
| Awards Assembly | 10/26 |
| Halloween Parade | 10/31 |
| Spell-A-Thon | 11/2 |
| Movie Night | 11/9 |



GENERAL APPEAL

Thus far our General Appeal has raised more than \$10,000... so we'd like to send a big thank you to all the families who've already donated. Our goal this year is to reach \$50,000 and we hope you'll consider supporting this important program. Remember, 100% of the money raised goes to our students and all donations are tax deductible.

Help us continue to offer our students Enrichment Programs, PE Programs, a Computer Lab, and Music Program.

Help us offer MORE!

Donate to our General Appeal. Use a credit card online by clicking our Paypal link on our website: www.serraniaavenue.org or put a check in an envelope and send it to school attn: FOS GA.

Please contact FOS for more information about the General Appeal fund drive at FOS@seranniaave.org. We are asking for \$250 per family but please give whatever amount you can. It is for our students.

Thus far we have raised \$10,000 in our general Appeal. We are 20% of the way there.

FIRST RESTAURANT NIGHT OF 2012 A HUGE SUCCESS...

Last month, your Serrania PTA partnered with our local McDonald's to host the first "Restaurant Night" of 2012 and raised nearly \$700 for our school. Featuring lots of smiling faces and teachers literally dancing in the aisles, this event help start the new school year off in style! Remember, all the money raised at these events is used to support additional fund-raising and community building events as well as a whole host of other student benefit programs... none of which would be possible without all of our participation.

Our **next Restaurant Night** is scheduled for **October 10 from 5PM to 9PM at Islands**



at 23397 Mullholland Drive Woodland Hills near Valley Circle. 20% of your food and beverage purchases goes back to our school. So be sure to show your school spirit and join us for some great burgers, fries and fun! Don't forget to bring your flyer. See you there.

MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS!

Beginning a wonderful new tradition, Serrania Charter for Enriched Studies (SCES) hosted our first outdoor movie night... and thanks to all the participating families, amazing weather and brilliant volunteers, it was a fantastic evening. Most importantly, not only did we raise more than \$1,400 for the school - everyone had a really great time! Given the tremendous feedback we received, we're going to do our best to add another outdoor movie night before the end of the year - so stay tuned for more details! Thanks again to all the wonderful volunteers who helped make this a night to remember!



SHOP FOR THE HOLIDAYS



FOS - Friends of Serrania - will be hosting an art fundraiser later this month featuring original works of art created by the students of SCES.

Friends and family will have the chance to order their students art work professionally printed on a wide variety of terrific stuff, including; mugs, note cards, t-shirts, and much, much more! Just in time for the holidays, these unique items are certain to make the perfect holiday gift or stocking stuffers. Artwork and order forms will be coming home in mid to late October, so be sure to keep an eye on your students Tuesday folder.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT SERRANIAAVENUE.ORG

Happy Halloween



Halloween Arts and Craft Night Oct 19th

HALLOWEEN ARTS AND CRAFT NIGHT

Our annual Halloween Arts and Crafts Night is scheduled for Friday, October 19 from 6:00pm - 8:30pm in the school auditorium. In addition to all the Halloween / Seasonal crafting fun, we'll have music, games, treats, and even a scary story or two! Dinner and snacks will be available, and we're happy to say we'll have Jamba Juice on hand as well. Admission is free for students, family and friends and crafts and snacks will be available for \$1 each. Be sure to come dressed as your favorite hero, ghost, ghouel or fantasy character (though no masks or threatening props please!)

STAR test Results are in!

In the past week you should have received your child's STAR test results (for 2nd-5th graders only). In your letter please take note of the suggested reading booklist that is specific to your child. This is a great resource that will help your child grow and excel in reading.



ARE YOU IN?

From October 2012 to May 2013, LAUSD students can say "I'm In" by coming to school on time every day, all day, to qualify for a drawing of prizes including iPads®, bicycles, amusement park and movie tickets, and more! Student prizes will be awarded every month with grand prizes at the end of the year!

District goal is 97% attendance. Tardiness counts too! Lets make the most of the instructional time you child gets.

For more info visit pupilservices.lausd.net

HALLOWEEN PARADE OCTOBER 31

Our annual student Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 31 . Parents are welcome to join their children. Please stay tuned for information on the exact time, and location.

Please note district mandated costume guidelines do not allow weapons or costumes that completely hide the identity of the student or are accessibly revealing. Masks may only be worn during the parade.

Students should bring their costumes to school in a bag, and will have the opportunity to change into them just before the parade.

PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP

Don't forget to attend these FREE discussions.

These Discussion Groups are open to everyone and feature volunteer professionals facilitators at every meeting. The groups are a place for parents to discuss relevant topics and share ideas and strategies.

Meetings are held at 8AM in the Parent Center, Room 1

Nov 7: Mindful Parenting

Dec 5: Preparing for Emergencies: Earthquakes, Fires, First Aid and CPR

Jan 9: Homework Strategies

Feb 6: Anger Management for Parents and Children. How can children deal with Bullying?

March 6: Parents Taking Care of Children and Parents: The Sandwich Generation

April 3: Should We Encourage Children to be Independent?

May 1: Is Earning Allowance Important?

More to Come!

Any Questions?

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Boys and Girls ages 6 and up

Time: Sundays 5:00-6:30pm **First session is free!**

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