



SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents, Families, and Community Members:

I want to extend a warm welcome to all of you as we start the 2016-17 school year and say how honored I am to serve this entire community as we look forward to another exciting and rewarding year. The Sierra Sands Unified School District core values serve as the foundation upon which we carry out our mission: “Providing the highest quality of education in a safe learning environment for all K-12 students. We believe the school shares with the family, church, and community the responsibility for developing life-long learners who are responsible, productive citizens.” Our entire community is proud of the fact that Sierra Sands has enjoyed a long history of academic success that is directly connected to a dedicated and talented staff, innovative leadership, a devoted board of education, strong parental support, and a very devoted and generous community.

It is our goal to provide you with a wealth of information about our district, schools, academic programs, student activities, calendar of events, and various avenues for communication within our school community. We are excited to announce that we are adopting a new tool to improve communication efforts throughout our district. ParentSquare is a two-way private communication platform for preschools and K-12 schools. It provides a safe way for administrators, teachers, staff, groups, and parents to connect and effectively communicate. With ParentSquare you will be able to:

1. Receive all school and classroom communication via email, text, or mobile app. This will include emergency information and notifications if needed.
2. Share and download photos.
3. Post calendar items and view the school calendar online.
4. Easily sign up to volunteer and/or bring items.
5. Access important resources and links online.

All district school, grade level, and classroom information will now be sent from one centralized place to your computer or mobile phone via email and/or text or you can download the FREE App! Information regarding ParentSquare will be sent home soon.

As we all know, positive change occurs in the context of authentic relationships among staff, parents, and students. Working in partnership is essential if we are to provide quality teaching; safe, supportive school environments; and enriching experiences. I look forward to working with all members of our school and community family as we continue to make strides in the education of our young people!

I am eager to begin the 2016-17 school year with you and I am excited about the many opportunities we have to offer our students. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions, thoughts, or concerns related to the education of the children in our community.

Sincerely,

Ernie Bell
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