



San Mateo-Foster City School District
Bayside Academy
John Cosmos, Principal
Maria Valencia, K-5 STEAM Assistant Principal
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July 25th, 2018

Dear Bayside Academy Families,

On behalf of our Bayside Academy administrative team, let me be the first to welcome you to the 2018-19 school year. Hopefully, you and your family have had a chance to relax, get away a bit, and enjoy the sunshine. I have to say that sending a welcoming letter in the middle of summer always feels a bit premature, but with a post-Labor Day start to school a distant memory for most of us, it really is time to get things started. With that in mind, our team is already back in the office preparing for the upcoming year.

One of our top priorities the past few months has been hiring new staff members. We are very enthusiastic about this group of educators and believe they will fit in very well here at Bayside. Please welcome the following teachers to our Bayside community:

- Ms. Kathy Bjorkquist – 5th grade
- Ms. Desi Cataluna - 6th-8th Newcomers
- Ms. Johanna Koehnen Eley – 7th/8th grade language arts
- Ms. Jane Hirn – 6th-8th SDC
- Ms. Elizabeth Lawrence – 6th-8th RSP
- Ms. Barbara Pittenger – 7th/8th grade science
- Ms. Mary Podesta – 8th grade PE
- Mr. Ben Titus – 6th grade language arts/social studies
- Ms. Elena Winberry – 6th/7th grade math

Ms. Lee Sisson, who taught on the middle school side last school year, will be moving to 2nd grade. I am also very pleased to welcome Ms. Erin Felix as our new Academic Dean and Community Outreach Coordinator. Finally, Mr. John Michael Gomez, who has worked at Bayside in a variety of capacities through the years, will be our full-time school psychologist this year. We wish much success to our all new staff members and to returning staff in new positions.

Bayside offers a rich and diverse educational experience for our students through our elementary and middle school programs, our STEAM/STEM theme, and our GATE, Mandarin, and Newcomer cohorts. This school year we will continue to focus on developing an inclusive climate for all students and families no matter the grade level or program your child is part of here at Bayside. We will also be looking forward to the construction of our new gym and anticipate the ground-breaking stage of the gym project to take place this winter. Gym construction updates will be sent to families as timelines are finalized.

Thank you in advance to our parents and families for your support of our students and staff. Your commitment to your child's education makes all the difference. Together, we can make the 2018-19 school year a great one. Please see the back of this letter for important dates regarding the start of school. We'll see all students back at school on Tuesday, August 14th.

Sincerely,

John Cosmos- Principal



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Queridas familias de la Academia de Bayside:

En nombre de nuestro equipo administrativo de la Academia Bayside, permítanme ser el primero en darle la bienvenida al año escolar 2018-19. Espero que usted y su familia hagan tenido la oportunidad de relajarse, viajar un poco, y disfrutar de la luz del sol. Tengo que decir que el envío de una carta de bienvenida en el medio del verano siempre se siente un poco prematuro, pero con un día después del trabajo de inicio de la escuela, un recuerdo lejano para la mayoría de nosotros, realmente es el momento de empezar las cosas. Con esto en mente, nuestro equipo ya está de regreso en la oficina preparándonos para el próximo año escolar.

Una de nuestras prioridades en los últimos meses ha sido la contratación de nuevos miembros del personal. Estamos muy entusiasmados con este grupo de educadores y creemos que van ajustarse muy bien aquí en Bayside. Por favor dele la bienvenida a los siguientes maestros a nuestra comunidad de Bayside:

- Kathy Bjorkquist – 5to grado
- Sra. Desi Cataluña-6to-8º estudiantes recién llegados al país
- Sra. Johanna Koehnen Eley – séptimo/8vo grado de artes lingüísticas
- Sra. Jane Hirn – 6ta-8ª COSUDE
- Sra. Elizabeth Lawrence – 6º-8º RSP
- Sra. Barbara Pittenger – séptimo/8vo grado Ciencias
- Sra. Mary Podesta – 8vo grado PE
- Sr. Ben Titus – 6to grado de artes lingüísticas/estudios sociales
- Sra. Elena Winberry – 6to/7mo grado de matemáticas

Ms. Lee Sisson, quien enseñó en el lado de la escuela intermedia el último año escolar, se trasladará a 2º grado. También estoy muy complacido de dar la bienvenida a la Sra. Erin Felix como nuestra nueva decana académica y Coordinadora de alcance comunitario. Finalmente, el Sr. John Michael Gómez, quien ha trabajado en Bayside en una variedad de capacidades a través de los años, será nuestro Psicólogo de la escuela a tiempo completo este año. Deseamos mucho éxito a nuestros nuevos miembros del personal y al personal que vuelve en nuevas posiciones.

Bayside ofrece una rica y diversa experiencia educativa para nuestros estudiantes a través de nuestros programas de primaria y secundaria, nuestro tema STEAM/STEM, GATE, Mandarín, y cohortes recién llegados. Este año escolar continuaremos enfocándonos en el desarrollo de un clima inclusivo para todos los estudiantes y familias sin importar el nivel de grado o programa que su hijo/a sea parte de aquí en Bayside. También estaremos -ansiosos por la construcción de nuestro nuevo gimnasio y anticiparemos la etapa innovadora del proyecto de gimnasio que tomará lugar este otoño. Las actualizaciones de la construcción del gimnasio se enviarán a las familias a medida que finalicen las fechas.

Gracias de antemano a nuestros padres y familias por su apoyo a nuestros estudiantes y personal. Su dedicación con la educación de su hijo hace toda la diferencia. Juntos, podemos hacer el año escolar 2018-19 estupendo. Por favor vea la parte posterior de esta carta para fechas importantes con respecto al comienzo de la escuela. Volveremos a ver a todos los estudiantes en la escuela el martes, 14 de agosto.

Sinceramente

John Cosmos - Director



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Bayside Academy - Important Dates

K- 5th STEAM

July 30th – August 13th

Information Packet Pick Up - in the school office from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

Friday, August 10th

Kindergarten Play Date - 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Monday, August 13th

Class List Display – 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Ice Cream Social @ 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 14th

First Day of School, Regular Schedule

- Kinder 8:10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 1st – 3rd 8:20 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 4th – 5th 8:10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 15th

Minimum Day Schedule

- Kinder 8:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- 1st – 3rd 8:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
- 4th – 5th 8:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Thursday, August 16th

Regular Schedule

Friday, August 17th

Regular Schedule

Tuesday, August 21st

Back to School Night - 6:00-7:30 pm

6th -8th STEM

July 30th – August 13th

Information Packet Pick Up - in the school office from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

Monday, August 13th

Arena Day - Return completed packets, pick up schedule 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 14th

First Day of School - regular schedule – 8:00-2:35 p.m.

Wednesday, August 15th

Minimum Day - 8:00 a.m. -1:38 p.m.

Thursday, August 16th

Regular schedule; Back to School Night - 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Friday, August 17th

Super Minimum Day - 8:00 a.m. -12:35 p.m.