



Dear Parents,

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Starting out in the new year is not always easy. There are so many things that change like:

getting up when the alarm rings instead of sleeping in, having to get dressed in a uniform set of clothes instead of wearing whatever you want, eating breakfast quickly to get out the door instead of lounging by the tv watching cartoons, being prepared to engage your mind instead of the "summer fog". April 21 bright and early we start again. Our first day will be a minimum day! (as usual) Our daily routine will be 8:15 to 3:15 Monday through Thursday, Friday to 12:15. We are planning out our Family Beach Day trip to Carpinteria Beach for our first Friday and each of you are being sent a Calendar for the school year.

There are a few changes I want to introduce here and will repeat these changes in my classroom at our first parent meeting August 24 at 6:30.

The last Friday of each month is still our **Missions Friday Free Dress**. \$3.00 per Friday for free dress. Some parents have asked if they can pay in advance for the year, YES you can. \$27.00 will get you all of your Mission Friday's paid up in advance.

On the last Monday of each month we will start a new campaign called the **GOLD SPOTLIGHT**. On the last Monday of each month a random set of students will be selected to be interviewed in front of the student body to recognize them for their own personal achievements. Then if they choose, those students will be allowed to perform that skill set for their peers.

Each performance will be no more than 5 minutes. Parents will be notified in advance of the interview performance time so that they and friends may be available to see the recognition. Each student will receive the Gold Spotlight certificate.

Excellence comes from a school culture that fosters collaboration and provides opportunities for each student to show how they are an unique individual; especially in those areas where that child may have special talents and skills. Students should be given an environment where they can continue to develop their best selves for their own benefit. Allowing every child to be seen, in the spotlight, makes a statement that our school believes that every child deserves to be recognized for what they do well.

We hope to create a safe loving harbor for each child to come and learn; for each child to see and feel the love of Christ in a real way, a tangible way, a way that will make a lasting impression. We truly are family here and we want to see each child succeed to the fullest of their abilities.

See you on AUGUST 21 bright and early

In Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Stokes'.

Stephen Stokes

Principal



Our first **GOLD SPOTLIGHT** will be on September 25 at 8:30 AM.

There are no SPOTLIGHTS for the months of August, December, March, and June.

The following will be the schedule.

09/25/17

10/30/17

11/27/17

01/29/18

02/26/18

04/30/18

05/21/18 (Due to Memorial Day Conflict)

We will contact you soon to give you the schedule for the students to perform.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

AUGUST

21 School Starts **8:15** Minimum Day 12:15 student release.

24 Administrative Parent Orientation 6:30 pm Stokes Classroom

25 Family Beach Day; Carpinteria Beach

SEPTEMBER

4 No School Labor Day

11—14 ITBS Testing Week Grades 3-8

14 Grandparents Day/ International Day Luncheon

Open House / Meet the Teachers 6:00 PM

21 Official School Photos Day