



Office of the Superintendent
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Dear Friends and Families,

I would like to thank all of you for a wonderful school year. We are proud of the achievement gains made by our students. The District would also like to thank those of you who were active participants of PTA, PTSA, JAM, the DFTA Committee, the District Budget Committee, Strategic Planning Team, SSC and DELAC.

At the last School Board Meeting of the year the academic calendar was amended, for your convenience the new calendar is on the district webpage at www.jdusd.net. We are pleased to announce the district will retain all 180 instructional days thanks to the agreements with both CSEA and JDUTA. Several changes were made to the school calendar as a result. The first day of school will now be Wednesday, August 25th and the last day of school will be Friday, June 17th. In keeping with the former calendar, both of these days will be minimum days. All of the first Mondays of each month will include a minimum day to allow for professional development and articulation, this is an addition of three minimum days to the calendar. Schools will be closed on Friday, November 12th following the Thursday, November 11th Veterans Day holiday. Finally, spring break was extended by one day, now students will return to school on Tuesday, April 25th instead of Monday, April 24th.

School offices will reopen in August. Please check the website for office hours. We would like to thank parents for complying with the District's newly revised registration process. We are pleased that over 90% of registration has been completed for the fall semester. Should you have any questions, please see the district website for updated registration and transportation information.

Kindergarten registration requires more documents and follow up for parents. It is important the registration process is completed as soon as possible to allow time for planning and classroom placement. The District will continue to offer two bus routes for students who live in the outer valleys of Lawson, Lyons, Deerhorn and Bratton, and the Dulzura and Barrett areas. Families must submit complete applications and meet all registration requirements in order to participate in the transportation lottery.

Kids Club is open for the summer!! The Kids Club staff strives to provide a creative, enriching, safe environment that promotes good self-esteem, good thinking skills and a positive learning experience for students. Kids Club was relocated for the summer to Room 13 on the Jamul Primary School kindergarten playground. The hours of operation will be from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please call (619) 669-7941 regarding enrollment or general information. The Jamul Preschool is now enrolling for the fall. This outstanding,

research based program offers 2, 3, and 5 day options for children between the ages of 2 and 5. A half day program is also available. Please call Preschool Director Jennifer Emerick at (619) 669-7771 for additional information.

We are proud of many accomplishments this year including the last academic competition of the year. Oak Grove Middle School took 2nd place in the Los Angeles Project Citizen Competition. Project Citizen promotes civic responsibility and active participation in local and state government through project based learning. This spring, Mr. Wagner's seventh and eighth grade students conducted research and created proposals addressing the need to increase student involvement and the creation of a lunch recycling at OGMS. Students Jake Gilmore, Juan Carlos Fernandez, Anne Cree, Denise Ledezma, Kathryn Wickersham, Karla Rodriguez, Choyce Bostian and Andre Mitchell presented their research, findings, proposals and suggestions for policy change recommendations to the Board of Trustees on June 15th. These students joined other seventh graders who presented their project at a competed in Los Angeles on June 18th earning 2nd place! Congratulations to all students and their families!

Promotion Ceremonies were held for 106 fifth graders and 160 eighth graders on June 15th. Both classes had exceptionally high academic achievement and outstanding citizenship grades. We look forward to hearing about the continuing success of these students as they progress to middle and high school.

JDUSD would like to welcome two new families to the District. Both couples will provide security services for our school campuses on evenings, holidays and weekends. Mr. & Mrs. Clowe reside at the residential security pad between JPS and JIS and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas reside at Oak Grove Middle School's residential security pad. We appreciate their support on each of our campuses

Finally, the District will be utilizing bond funds to increase energy efficiency and to eliminate costly lease fees from the general fund. The District Office will be relocated to remodeled classrooms on the JIS campus. The energy upgrades include the replacement of efficient heating and cooling units on both school campuses, improved energy management systems and new Title 24 roofing compliance. The District Office will remain open for business all summer long.

Sincerely,



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