



JOHN BIDWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"A California Distinguished School"

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Dear Parents,

August 11, 2017

I would like to welcome you back for the 2017-2018 school year. I hope your summer has gone well and you are excited for the beginning of the new school year. School begins on **Thursday, August 31st at 8:00 am for all grades.**

Dismissal times are as follows on Thursday, August 31st (Collaborative Shortened Day):

Full Day Kindergarten: 12:40 pm
Grades 1st-3rd: 12:52 pm
Grades 4th-6th: 1:12 pm

As the Principal, I anticipate a year of unity and excellence in the Bidwell school community. It is my primary responsibility to maintain a safe and nurturing learning environment that promotes academic success for all students. I look forward to continuing the transformation that is taking place at Bidwell to meet the demands of our current standards. As a staff, we are excited about another year of developing young scholars at Bidwell! Moreover, it is my honor to share with you our Bidwell vision that was launched from staff and community input:

The Bidwell school community is united in the academic and social success of our diverse learners. Bidwell students are collaborative and independent problem solvers; who are intrinsically motivated to reach high academic expectations, make positive impacts on others and affect positive social change in their community and the world.

We believe our vision captures the Common Core standards and reflects our mission to provide a rigorous learning experience for every student, every day.

In closing, we ask for your continued support as we work fearlessly to prepare your children for today and forever. Please take a moment to review the items in this packet and make note of the events included on our school calendar, including the first Principal's Coffee scheduled for Friday, September 8 at 8:15am. If you are interested in ASES, our after school program, please attend our Bidwell Block Party on Tuesday, August 29th from 4:30-6:30pm. Our school calendar is also available at www.bidwell.scusd.edu

I look forward to working with all of you; the Bidwell School Community is committed to success!

In Partnership,

Ms. Henry