



Superintendent's Update

March 10, 2009

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Dear Staff and Community Members:

2009-10 Calendar Update

I would like to inform you that on March 5th, the 2009-10 student school year calendar was approved by the Board. The start date for students is **August 26, 2009** and the winter and spring vacations weeks match Sequoia High School District.

When the District and Belmont Redwood Shores Faculty Association (BRSFA) met regarding the 2009-10 calendar, we worked together to plan a calendar that had common winter and spring breaks. The community's interest in supporting families in planning family breaks for their elementary and high school students was a priority.

We ask parents to help us support the instructional calendar by planning family vacations during those times that have been set aside for winter, spring, and summer break.

A copy of the calendar is attached.

Director of Special Programs Appointment

Lisa Zachry has been appointed as the Director of Special Programs and will oversee the Special Education Department and other Categorical Programs.

This is Lisa's fifteenth year with the District. She began her career as a teacher in 1979 and joined the staff of Cipriani School in 1994. In 2002, she earned National Board Certification in the area of Middle Childhood-Generalist. In 2003, Lisa became principal of Cipriani School, where she helped develop the Learning Center Program that has become the implementation model for other schools in our District.

I am pleased to have Lisa as a Director in our District. She brings a great deal of knowledge in the area of curriculum and instruction, as well as her willingness to look for best practices that will support the needs of students with special needs. Please help me welcome Lisa Zachry to her new role. We are very fortunate to have such talented and versatile staff to meet the diverse needs of our students.

Principal Appointed for Cipriani Elementary


The Board appointed Maria Lang-Gavidia as the principal at Cipriani School. Maria's background as a counselor, social work supervisor, and school psychologist have given her a broad range of experience in working with families and students.

As a former school psychologist for the San Mateo County Office of Education and our school district, Maria brings a perspective that will be valuable to us as we move forward with our Learning Centers model and the implementation of early intervention services for all students in the general education setting.

Her knowledge of assessment, child development, learning styles and the social/emotional well being of children will support our staff in addressing the unique needs of individual students and continue to promote quality instruction for every child. Maria's love of children and her commitment to Cipriani will ensure her successful transition to a great school with dedicated parents and faculty.

I welcome her as a member of our management team and as a new leader in our District. I know that she is looking forward to a long term career at Cipriani and I ask for your support in helping her ensure that we reach Cipriani's goals for the well being of our students.

Sincerely,



Dr. Emerita Orta-Camilleri
Superintendent




BELMONT-REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT


2009-2010 CALENDAR

180 Student Days

9-26-09
2-26-09
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Option 1

-  School Holiday or Break
-  Staff Development Day
-  Student's first day and last day of school or return from Winter Break

- * Elementary Parent Conference Days (Minimum Days)
- ^ Middle School Parent Conference Days (Minimum Days)
-  Legal Holidays

JULY

M	T	W	TH	F	
		1	2	3	July 3 Independence Day
6	7	8	9	10	
13	14	15	16	17	
20	21	22	23	24	
27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST

3	4	5	6	7	
10	11	12	13	14	
17	18	19	20	21	
24	25	26	27	28	Aug. 26 First Day for Students
31					4 Student Days

SEPTEMBER

7	8	9	10	11	
14	15	16	17	18	
21	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30			21 Student Days

OCTOBER

5	6	7	8	9	
12	13	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	
26^	27^	28^	29	30	Oct. 12 Non-student Day
					Oct 26,27,28 Middle School Parent Conf
					21 Student Days

NOVEMBER

2	3	4	5	6	
9	10	11	12	13	Nov. 11 Holiday for Veteran's Day
16	17*	18	19*	20*	Nov. 17,19,20,23,24 Elem. Parent Conf.
23*	24*	25	26	27	Nov. 26-27 Thanksgiving Recess
30					18 Student Days

DECEMBER

1	2	3	4	
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	Dec. 21-Jan. 1 Winter Break
				14 Student Days

JANUARY

4	5	6	7	8	
11	12	13	14	15	Jan. 4 Students Return from Winter Break
18	19	20	21	22	Jan. 18 Martin Luther King Jr Bday
25	26	27	28	29	19 Student Days

FEBRUARY

1	2	3	4	5	
8	9	10	11	12	Feb. 15 Washington's Birthday
15	16	17	18	19	Feb. 15-19 Mid-Winter Break
22	23	24	25	26	15 Student Days

MARCH

1	2	3	4	5	
8	9*	10	11*	12*	March 9,11,12,15,16 Elem. Parent Conference
15*	16*	17	18	19	March 26 Cesar Chavez Holiday
22	23	24	25	26	March 29 - April 2 Spring Break
29	30	31			19 Student Days

APRIL

5	6	7	8	9	
12	13	14	15	16	April 4 Easter
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30	20 Student Days

MAY

3	4	5	6	7	
10	11	12	13	14	Kindergarten Conference Month
17	18	19	20	21	
24	25	26	27	28	May 31 Memorial Day
31					20 Student Days

JUNE

7	8	9	10	11	
14	15	16	17	18	June 11 Last day for students & staff
21	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30			9 Student Days

STUDENT DAYS	180
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** The Mandatory staff development day will be October 12, 2009.

Teachers may choose August 21, 2009 or June 14, 2010 as a floating work day. One of these days must be worked.