



Natalie R. Burton, Principal

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Dear Roosevelt Parents,

I hope that you all had a wonderfully relaxing and fun spring break with your family! We are back in the swing of things here at Roosevelt with lots going on in the final months of the 2015-2016 school year!

Our Spring Book Fair begins next week in our Library and is helping us all get so excited about the summer reading that we are all going to do! Come and get some great books. **Our Book Fair is from Monday, April 11 – Friday, April 15** and will be open late on Tuesday, April 12 from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. The Book Fair Committee is in need of more parent volunteers, especially on Friday, April 8 to help unload all of the books. Please check out the sign up link on our 'Alerts' if you can help us out!

A big thank you to all of our parents who contributed to the huge success of our **March Matching Madness! We exceeded our goal of raising \$11,600 for SMMEF in the month of March** to support the exceptional arts, music, literacy, and health programs at Roosevelt, hooray! Another big thank you to our PTA, who 'matched' this by donating another \$10,000 to SMMEF. So far, 36.8 % of Roosevelt families have contributed to SMMEF, and I would like to encourage ALL Roosevelt families to make a contribution in these last few months of school to ensure that our amazing programs remain in place for the 2016-2017 school year. SMMEF still needs to raise another \$500,000 in order to reach the \$3.1 million dollars needed to fund all of the great programs next year! Let's strive for 100% parent participation in the next month! Thank you for all of your very valuable and generous support.

Please join us for our parent workshop on the new testing system, **(California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) CAASPP, tonight at 6:00 pm in the Auditorium. The same presentation will be given tomorrow, April 7th at 8:30 am in the Auditorium.** If you were unable to attend, we have made the PowerPoint presentation available on the **front page of our website; rooseveltelementary.info CAASPP** is the state academic testing program. CAASPP is a system intended to provide information that can be used to monitor student progress on an annual basis and ensure that all students leave high school ready for college and career. CAASPP assessments include computer adaptive tests in English–language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics for students in grades 3 – 8 and 11 and paper-based tests in science for students in grades 5, 8 and 10. This year, students will take the CAASPP tests from April 18, 2016 to May 13, 2016. To learn about the types of questions on the computer-based test, you and your child can view the practice test online at the California Department of Education (CDE) Smarter Balanced Practice Test Web page at [https://login3.cloud1.tds.airast.org/student/V135/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=California\\_PT](https://login3.cloud1.tds.airast.org/student/V135/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=California_PT). Please make sure that your child gets a good night sleep, eats a nutritious breakfast, and arrives to school on time at 8:30 am every morning. This will set your child up for a positive test taking experience. Thank you for all of your cooperation and support!

Please come out and cheer on our Roosevelt students as they display their many talents on stage at our annual **Roosevelt Talent Show on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> for two shows: 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the Roosevelt auditorium!** If your child would like to participate, they need to hand in their sign up form and parent permission slip on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 inside the Lincoln gate. This show is always sold out, so please get your tickets ahead of time at popcorn Friday!

Back by popular demand, our Dad's Club will be hosting a **Camp out on our Big Yard on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>!** We are calling all Roosevelt dads and students to come at 5:00 pm for a BBQ, fun activities, games, astronomy lessons, 'Roosevelt Camp' songs and more, followed by breakfast the next morning. It's sure to be an adventurous outing, so make sure to sign up on our website. **Space is limited and the event sold out last year, so get your tickets early!**

**Teacher appreciation week is May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup>.** I am honored to work with such an incredibly talented and dedicated group of educators every day! They bring a level of excellence, expertise, and commitment to your child that is to be highly commended. **In celebration of their hard work, please join me in thanking your child's teacher for all that they do so well!**

For the month of March/April, all classes are reading **The Empty Pot** and focusing on the quality of **honesty**. Our committee of teachers has created reflective questions for classes to discuss the characters in the book and how we see the quality of **honesty** being portrayed. Please take a trip to your neighborhood library and check out the book for you to have in your home this month. When families help to connect the work we do at school to their family life, it makes learning so much more powerful and meaningful. Thank you for your support and we look forward to your child leading some great conversations about **honesty** at home!

**On Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, we look forward to seeing all of you at our annual Open House**, where you and your child will visit the classroom to see the culmination of their hard work over the course of this year. **Kindergarten Open House is from 5:30 – 6:30 pm and 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Open House is from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.** Students thoroughly enjoy showing you around and explaining the journeys of learning that went into all of their finished products that will be on display for you to see. We are so proud of their achievements and how much they have all learned. Most importantly, we look forward to the pride that Roosevelt students have as they see the results of their hard work all year. Thank you for joining us in this important celebration of your child! **Please remember that Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and the last day of school, Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> are minimum days for all students Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Dismissal times are as follows:**

**Kindergarten 12:20**  
**1st & 2nd 1:00**  
**3rd, 4th & 5th 1:15**

Make sure that your calendar is marked for our annual **Summer Splash Carnival on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm on our big yard. It is going to be a great event with lots of exciting rides, fun game booths and delicious food! It is one of our greatest community events, so make sure not to miss it.

Sincerely,

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Principal