

FLORA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
A California Distinguished School & Civic Learning Award of Distinction Winner
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Dear Flora Vista Families,

Welcome back to the start of a new year at Flora Vista! Our beautiful school is a gem of gems in a district that is nationally recognized for our pillars of Academic Excellence, 21st Century Learning, Health & Wellness, and Environmental Stewardship. I am passionate about supporting and celebrating these efforts, and I look forward to sharing examples throughout the year. My oldest of three will be starting in EUSD *next* year, and I feel so fortunate, as a parent and as a staff member, to be part of such a great school system!

Our dual focus on *Leadership in Civics & Science* continues, an identity born organically two years ago and strengthened each year with our dedication to these foci. Our school is one of only TWO elementary schools in California honored with the Civic Learning Award of Distinction (2017 & 2018). In Science, the shift to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) supports students learning science by doing what scientists and engineers *do*: carry out investigations, design solutions, think critically, analyze information, and solve complex problems. And, utilizing the body of research about what works in schools (and what doesn't), we continue "No Homework Wednesdays" and our elimination of timed tests in math.



You should be receiving an email in the late afternoon on Friday, August 17, with your child's classroom assignment. The **Kindergarten Meet the Teacher** once again takes place from 5:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. on August 17, so that our new kindergarteners can visit their classrooms and meet their teacher. School starts on **Monday, August 20, 2018**, at 8:00 A.M. We invite ALL parents to attend the **Welcome Back Coffee** on the first day of school, hosted by our PTA on the grassy area near the bicycle racks at 8:00 A.M., followed at 8:30 A.M. by a brief **PTA, EEF, & Principal Update** in the Multipurpose Room (MPR).

In the coming days, please take the time to review some important information posted on the [Flora Vista](#) and [FVPTA](#) websites, including:

- Welcome letter from your child's teacher
- 2018-19 school calendar
- Flora Vista Parent Handbook

In addition, please look for the PTA/EEF packet coming home, because we simply cannot put our programs in place without your support. Your financial support can make a dramatic difference in the education of our students. And whether it's with your financial support or your presence as a volunteer, we look forward to a very rewarding year at Flora Vista, partnering with you in the education of our Flora Vista students!

Sincerely,

Chris Juarez

Principal