

FLORA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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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 nationally recognized for our pillars of Academic Excellence, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning, Health & Wellness, and Environmental Stewardship. I am passionate about supporting and celebrating these efforts, for *every* child. My oldest of three daughters will also be starting kindergarten this year, and I feel so fortunate, as a parent and as a staff member, to be part of EUSD's amazing school system.

Our dual focus on *Leadership in Civics & Science* continues, with teachers supporting students in thinking critically, developing information literacy, finding their voice, following their passions, and impacting their community. Our school is the *only* elementary school in California honored with the 2019 Civic Learning Award of Excellence. The shift to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) continues, supporting learning in science by doing what scientists and engineers *do*: carry out investigations, design solutions, think critically, analyze information, and solve complex problems. Staff training in and implementation of Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) in math continues, and EUSD this year adds iReady Math to support that effort. And, utilizing the body of research about what works in schools (and what doesn't), we continue our "No Homework Wednesdays" and our elimination of *timed* tests in math. Lastly, this year we are excited to add the "TRAC" program to incorporate Social-Emotional Learning into every classroom, which will work alongside "Start with Hello" and "Kindness Challenges" to help ensure happy and healthy students at Flora Vista!

You will receive an email in the late afternoon on **Friday, August 16**, with your child's classroom assignment. The **Kindergarten Meet the Teacher** takes place from 5:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. on August 16 (after the K playdate), followed at 5:30 P.M. by our first **Family Fiesta** (all grades), complete with a taco truck and mariachis to ring in the new school year! School starts on **Monday, August 19**, 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/weeks, 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
- Flora Vista [Parent Handbook](#) & Calendars
- [Healthy Classroom Celebrations](#) Information (note *monthly* birthday celebration for each class)

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 and/or volunteer support can make a dramatic difference in the education of our students. 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