

#### WELCOME EAGLES TO THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR!

As we begin this year you might notice a few changes. The most obvious change is on our primary side of the building and in the office...New Carpet.

Another change comes to our Special Education Team. Both Mr. Hintz and Mrs. Dalton have moved on to new opportunities. In their places we are welcoming new staff, Mrs. Aguirre and Ms. Van Hoogmoed.

One thing that has not changed is the need for you to complete this year's registration packet. The information you provide each year, help us to keep your child safe and you informed. Please do your best to get that information to us before the end of the first week of school. You can download the packet from the school webpage under registration materials. http://www.orangeusd.org/imperial/reg2016/index.asp

As your children grow and change this year keep in mind that we, your staff, are also growing and changing to meet their educational needs.

This year also marks 40 Years of Imperial educating students and helping them to SOAR. Our plan is to have a community celebration to signify this anniversary. More information will be coming in upcoming weeks.

Watch for ways you can join together to make Imperial an even better place. With the support of our family of Eagles, our students will SOAR!

~Mrs. Kelley Principal Imperial Elementary School Start Times

Kindergarten: 8:00 Transitional Kindergarten: 8:10 1st –3rd: 8:10 4th—6th: 8:00





### Did you know????

### FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION

## Section 5 of Article IX of the State of California Constitution guarantees students a "free public education."

The State Supreme Court concluded in the 1984 case of Hartzell v. Connell, "that all educational activities carried on by public school districts, extracurricular as well as curricula, must be without cost to the students who participate in such activities." This same ruling found that "mandatory fees for participating in such extra-curricular activities as drama, music, and athletic competition were illegal under the State Constitution." Furthermore, they also rejected the argument that "fees could be charged so long as the district waived fees for students who were financially unable to pay." Recent proposed legislation includes reimbursement with interest for any illegally-collected fees as well as a district sanction.

\*Donations are accepted at a classroom, school site, and district level.



## Safety First

Student Safety is of upmost concern to us at Imperial.

To promote safety please remember these tips...

- Bring your child to school within the hours there is playground supervision. Our playground officially opens at 7:45.
- Designate a pick up spot for your child. This will keep them safe and help with our traffic challenges
- \* During hot weather, have your child bring an extra water bottle to school. We all need to stay hydrated.
- \* Closed-toe shoes are a must. Good athletic type shoes are even better on PE days.
- \* Make the office has a good phone number to reach you during the day. You never know why you may need to be reached.

#### Orange Unified School District Facts on Measure S

#### **OUSD Schools Are a Great Source of Community Pride**

- OUSD is performing at high academic levels with improved test scores on statewide exams in each of the last seven years
- OUSD has four award-winning comprehensive high schools—Canyon, El Modena, Orange and Villa Park serving approximately 8,600 students
- Each school offers a college preparatory curriculum and a wide variety of innovative extracurricular programs that prepare students to succeed in college and 21<sup>st</sup> Century careers
- OUSD's comprehensive high schools have a 96% graduation rate and have been recognized countywide, statewide, and nationally for various programs, awards, and outstanding performance

#### Aging Classrooms and Facilities

- OUSD's high schools were built between 45 and 64 years ago and are not equipped for 21<sup>st</sup> Century teaching and learning
- A team of architects, construction managers and engineers recently completed assessments of each high school and identified urgent repairs and upgrades to plumbing, leaky roofs, and school security, fire alarms, and seismic safety systems
- To ensure students develop the needed skills to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century economy and have a solid background in science, math and technology, upgrades to science labs, career-training facilities and instructional technology are also needed

#### Board of Education Voted to Place a Bond on the November 2016 Ballot

*Measure S* will cost approximately \$29 per \$100,000 of assessed property value (not market value) annually, or about \$108 per year for the average residence

Measure S will help the District qualify for state matching funds of up to \$60 million

#### Specifically, Measure S Provides Locally Controlled Funds to:

Update classrooms and labs to accommodate the career and technology education classes that prepare students for college and well-paying jobs in fields such as health science, engineering, technology and skilled trades

Repair or replace leaky roofs, old rusty plumbing and faulty electrical systems where needed

- Update instructional technology in the classroom for improved student learning in core subjects such as math and science
- Retrofit older school buildings to protect against the effects of earthquakes and reduce the risk of damage or injury during natural disasters
- Update classrooms, science labs, career-training facilities, libraries and computer systems to keep pace with modern technology

Modernize aging science labs and equipment

#### Fiscal Accountability Provisions Required by Law

• *Measure S* would require a clear system of accountability to ensure funds are spent only on voter-approved projects

All money raised by *Measure S* will stay in the District to support students and cannot be taken by the State or used for other purposes

# **GET INVOLVED!**

#### Nomination Letter IMPERIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL School Site Council Nominations 2016/17

September, 2016

Dear Parents:

The Imperial School Site Council (SSC) is now accepting nominations for parent members on the SSC. This is a two-year term, August 2016 - June 2017 and August 2017 - June 2018. Three Parent or Community Members are needed for the SSC.

The School Site Council serves the students and the school by:

- \* Developing the Single School Plan for Student Achievement with teachers and support staff;
- \* Implementing the Plan, putting it into effect for student learning;
- \* Evaluating the Plan to see if it is helping all students;

\* Verifying and assuring money expenditures in the school plan are used to improve academic performance of all pupils.

Parent members of the SSC are expected to:

- \* Attend the meetings once month;
- \* Participate in all SSC responsibilities;
- \* Represent parents in the neighborhood and community;
- \* Become knowledgeable about the Single School Plan for Student Achievement

If you are interested, your name will be placed on a ballot for an election.

	ool on or before Septemb		
This is a two-year term			
Please return this form to sc	hool with your registration m	aterials	
Parent Name		Telephone	
Email			
Student Name		Grade	
	JOIN THE IMPERIAL PTA!		
	Through fundraising activities and		

opportunities the Imperial PTA supports

many programs.

Technology

Field Trips

Classroom support