

Ellerhorst Elementary School

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Greg Whaling, *Principal*



August 16, 2022

Dear Ellerhorst Families,

It is with much excitement and enthusiasm that we at Ellerhorst welcome you back for the upcoming 2022–2023 school year.

This year is a year of growth. We are excited to welcome three new teachers to Ellerhorst, while some teachers are shifting to different rooms. Ms. Chainey has transferred from Shannon Elementary and will be a new teacher in 5th grade. Mr. Johnston will move from the Upper Grade Hall and take on our new combination class of 2nd/3rd grades. Mrs. Stokes transitions from being a Literacy Coach and teacher from King Elementary, and will be in our new 1st/2nd combination class. We also welcome Ms. Linsao, who comes from Mira Vista Elementary, and will take over our TK-1st MMSN (Special Education) class, as Ms. Ballantine transitions from that class to be our Resource Teacher. Ms. Ballantine takes over the Learning Center from Mrs. Vicky Gutierrez, who retired last June.

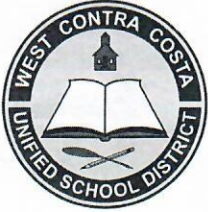
We will be focusing on your child's growth, in their academic success and their social and emotional learning. Our teachers will be looking at new and existing programs to foster increased learning to move them ahead and be ready for what lies ahead. We look forward to collaborating with you about how we can partner to help your child reach their potential this year. I'm personally excited to get to know our students and watch them grow this year!

We are proud of our rich heritage of this school, with so many families staying in the community, and children of former students coming to this school. We have been fortunate to see many generations come to grow up here. A large part of this legacy has been our families, and our family involvement in the school. We hope to communicate with you often in multiple methods that suit your life, as we transition to our new communication platform, ParentSquare, and through other methods as well. We also encourage you to join our PTA, and explore how you can be involved through our parent groups to exhibit to your child your commitment to their school.

We appreciate how small our parking lot is, and we need to restripe it, so it could be confusing. We encourage you to park on Pinole Valley Road, or walk or bike to school as much as possible. If you do use our parking lot, please respect our guidelines posted on our website under the "Our School" tab. Most importantly, be patient and kind, and assume the best intentions of others.

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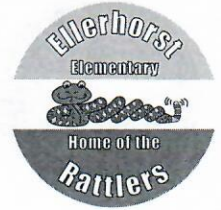
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Please stay connected and update your annual forms in PowerSchool. Continue to reach out to us as you will surely have questions or concerns as we foster the growth of that which is most precious to you, your child.

Finally, I am honored and privileged to continue to serve as your principal for a 5th year here at Ellerhorst, and work with all families to make this an amazing year of growth for our children.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Whaling".

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