

Del Sur Elementary School  
Home of the Explorers

The Compass  
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Del Sur will be a technologically progressive school dedicated to providing high levels of learning for all students while being focused on exploring the richness of the past, the opportunities of the present, and the infinite possibilities of the future.

Greetings Del Sur Explorers,

We are now approximately two months away from the opening of our school. Certainly, it is quite an exciting time in our community. This is an incredible opportunity for all of us. Collectively, we will provide the foundation in which our school will rest for many years to come.

I wanted to provide all of you some updates concerning our preparation for officially opening our doors on August 19, 2008.

Our **PTA** has been officially chartered. This important organization will help us effectively develop a positive school culture among our parents, staff, and students. This group is currently planning some exciting events for our school. Our first official event will be our **Opening Day Picnic**. This event will be held **Friday, August 15 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM** on the playground on site. Make sure to mark this date and time on your calendar.

I would like to introduce our 2008-2009 PTA board members:

President	Marla Vandling
Vice President of Programs	Bridgett Sellars
Vice President of Membership	Gaby Preston
Vice President of Volunteers	Karissa McKenna
Secretary	Maria Donovan
Treasurer	Erin Miller
Financial Secretary	Betty Kunowski
Auditor	Courtney Campbell
Historian	Lisa Hickman

I would like to thank these individuals for volunteering to serve in these positions during our inaugural year. I know they will be quite an asset to our overall school community.

We are now looking for individuals to serve on various PTA committees. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact Marla Vandling at [marlavandling@yahoo.com](mailto:marlavandling@yahoo.com).

Parents who are interested in forming an **Educational Foundation** on our site have also been meeting during this past year. A Foundation is a very important organization for our school. The goal of this entity is to seek business and community partnerships and raise money within our community to support larger dollar needs such as science equipment, PE equipment, and teaching personnel to teach such subjects as art, PE, music, and hands-on science. A bylaws committee has written our Articles of Incorporation for our Foundation. Currently, there is a nominating committee who is actively looking to fill director positions on our board. We are looking for a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in helping in this organization, please contact me.

All students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade will begin school at 8:30 and end school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 2:50. On Thursday school will be dismissed at 1:10. School is dismissed early on this day so our staff can work together to plan powerful educational programs and lessons.

Back to School Night will be held Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and Open House will take place on Thursday, May 14. Some more dates that you can calendar.

Del Sur will be a forward thinking school that will inspire 21<sup>st</sup> century global citizens. It is our motto to “Explore the richness of the past, the opportunities of the present, and the infinite possibilities of the future.”

If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [dojohnson@powayusd.com](mailto:dojohnson@powayusd.com) or by phone at 858-759-7474. See you soon on campus.

Sincerely,

Doug Johnson