

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of our returning Virginia Parks Panthers and their families, as well as those of you who are new to us this year! As we return to school this year, we have some new policies and procedures in place to ensure everyone's safety. We are so excited to have all our students back on campus and there are many exciting things in store for the students at Virginia Parks and in the CUSD. I would like to take a moment to thank all our families, community, staff and our PTC for staying focused on the main thing "instruction" and ensuring high levels of learning for ALL students. I commend our staff and teachers for working hard to provide our students with high expectations and a standards-based education.

CUSD is a 1:World district. As we enter into the 20-21 school year, students in grades 1-6 already have their devices and will need to bring those back to school with them. Beginning the first week of school ALL students in grades Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten and any new students to Virginia Parks will have a Chromebook they will use throughout the school year. This Chromebook will be assigned to your child for the next few years. Technology plays a large part in 21st century learning and having the devices in the classroom enables students to access online resources, research instantly, collaborate and communicate in ways that were not possible before. This has equalized the playing field for students in preparation for career and college. The district has and will continue to meet the goal, which is to equip students and teachers with the right tools to enhance classroom learning, as this will support all student's path to become college and career ready. We will continue to use #PantherPride as we post to social media. Please follow us on Facebook "Virginia Parks Elementary" and on Twitter "Virginia_Parks_Elem." Virginia Parks will also continue to participate in the Hero Program. We will share more information about this during the first week of school.

We welcome our new staff members joining us for the 20-21 school year. Mrs. Allen will be joining our 2nd Grade team, Mrs. Chaboya will join our 3rd Grade team and Ms. Olmstead will join our 5th Grade team. We also want to welcome Mrs. Andrade who joins our student supervision assistant team. We are so excited to have them be part of our Virginia Parks family.

Due to new safety protocols in CUSD, we will not have parent volunteers this school year. We will also be limiting the number of adults on campus. If you wish to visit the campus, you must wear a mask and check into the front office.

I also want to recognize our PTC, which has provided many wonderful events for students and families including Health and Safety Night, School Fundraisers, Fall Harvest Festival, Family Reading Night, PEP Night, Family Valentine's Dance, and many other activities. We appreciate all of their hard work and efforts. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office for details. The VP staff is very excited to welcome all our students on the first day of school!

Sincerely,

Ms. Backman