



# Room 17 News

August 31, 2001

## WELCOME TO 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE!

Welcome to Room 17 at Barron Park Elementary School. We have spent this week getting to know each other, taking placement tests, and beginning to explore our 4<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. You will find a few work samples in your child's Friday Envelope. Please help your child remember to return the EMPTY envelope on Tuesday. The work samples are for you to keep.

## TRANSITION

The transition between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade is often challenging for students and parents. This year your child is experiencing both a longer school day and a larger class. Here are a few things to think about to make the transition successful for your child:

- Send a nutritious snack each day. Fourth grade students need lots of energy!
- Be sure to set a good bedtime so your child comes to school well rested.
- Being on time is very important. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade day begins at 8:15 A.M. so you may need to set your alarm a bit earlier than last year!

## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Back-to-School Night for 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Fourth grade parents will meet in Room 17 from 6:30-7:15 P.M. Mrs. Howard will speak in the MP Room to all parents from 7:20-7:40 P.M. Please try to come. I will preview the coming year and present our first California project. I am looking forward to meeting you all.

## DISTRICT PE

Fourth grade students will participate in the District PE program on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. To ensure the success and safety of all students, PE teachers require students to wear appropriate clothing and shoes on those days. Shoes must cover the entire foot, have rubber soles, and be secured with laces or Velcro. Sandals, slip-ons, or shoes with platforms or heels higher than one inch will not be allowed. Students not in appropriate PE attire will be given a written assignment and will not be allowed to participate in the PE activity. Our first PE class will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>.

## TALK TO ME!

- ❖ Stop to say hello when you pick up your child at the end of the day. If you have time, come in and let your child show you our classroom.
- ❖ Tuck a note in the Friday Envelope. (I will remind our students to check their envelopes for notes to me.) Or send a note in with your child any day.
- ❖ Email [lsurber@pausd.palo-alto.ca.us](mailto:lsurber@pausd.palo-alto.ca.us) (Our classroom network won't be connected for another couple of weeks, but I do check email at home most evenings.) If you would like to receive an email version of this newsletter, please send me your email address.