

August 2018

Dear César Chávez Parents/Caregivers,

**Welcome back to school! Welcome to our new families!** Spanish Immersion Parents and Teachers (SIPAT)—our school's PTA—organizes and finances many of the programs our students and families enjoy throughout the year. At César Chávez Elementary (CCE), we are fortunate to have a tight-knit community of families that value language and culture and deeply appreciate and support the teachers, principal and academic programs.

This year we are especially excited to welcome Sra. Veronica Dunn as our new principal! There is no better time to share your ideas to energize our school community. Please also consider making a (tax-deductible) [donation to SIPAT](#). Your generous donations of time and money keep the following programs going year after year:

- **Círculo Reading Program:** Books for fun and fluency.
- **Science Program:** Updated science lab, including microscopes and other lab equipment with storage.
- **Garden Program:** Beautiful classroom gardens and a patio area to teach science and nutrition outdoors.
- **Individual Classroom Grants:** Special art, dance and music enrichment programs.
- **BRAVO! Music Appreciation:** Fantastic music curriculum presented by parent volunteers.
- **Assemblies:** Fun, spirited, and educational programs that change year to year.
- **...and MUCH more!** Fall and spring Book Fairs to support our library. Teacher appreciation week. Día de los Muertos. *Fiesta!* spring cultural celebration. Kinder Camp. Running Club. Climate Committee. Parent education nights. The list goes on – *get involved!*

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

These amazing programs are funded – and often organized – by you, our generous CCE families. We know there are many ways to fundraise, and we will be promoting a variety in which to participate. Choose one or all:

- **Direct Donation “Unfundraiser”**– Write a check. Period. This is the easiest way to help the school, and is ongoing throughout the year. See the online [SIPAT Membership & Donation Form](#).
- **Buy CCE Apparel** - Show your school spirit with CCE gear! Profits from apparel sales fund free t-shirts for the teachers and staff. Go Lobos! [Check out the new design](#).
- **Donate to Fundraisers** – Support the Bike Swap, Move-a-Thon, Used Book Sale, and much more. Do you have ideas or want to help organize an event? [More information here](#).
- **Shop with Scrip** – Use your scrip cards when shopping at Nugget, Safeway and SaveMart for easy money! [More information here](#).
- **Volunteer** – Give as much or as little time as you have to offer...every bit helps! See the [online Volunteer Form](#).

We encourage you to [join SIPAT](#) and exercise your voting rights – we'd love to see you at a [SIPAT general membership meeting](#)! Your [2018-19 SIPAT Board](#) looks forward to working with you throughout the year. Be sure to read [CCE News emails](#), check the [calendar](#), and visit [www.ccesipat.com](http://www.ccesipat.com) for the latest information on our school and programs. I encourage you to contact me with questions or ideas.

Sincerely,

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