LAURELWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Laurelwood Elementary Families,

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the newly appointed principal of Laurelwood Elementary School. I'm thankful for the extraordinary work that Dr. Hong Nguyen accomplished, and wish her continued success as principal of Tom Matsumoto Elementary. During my first visits to Laurelwood, I could immediately feel the tremendous sense of lion pride that the staff, students, and community have for the school. It is an honor to join such a distinguished group of people – all dedicated to preparing our students to be not only college and career ready, but also thoughtful and kind citizens. I'm eager to work alongside each of you to continue building upon Laurelwood's legacy of success.

My experience in education includes nine years as an upper grade Teacher, two years as an Instructional Coach and most recently three years as an Assistant Principal and Project Specialist. At the dawn of my fifteenth year in the Evergreen School District, I'm grateful for the opportunity to utilize the skills and lessons I've learned along the way to enhance what already exists here. During the 2018-19 school year, we will continue to implement the Lion Character Program, Walk n' Roll, STEM/STEAM, gardening and a diverse menu of after-school offerings sponsored by the PTA. Additionally, we will incorporate a new Multicultural Music & Dance Program as part of physical education, performing arts, health/wellness, student engagement and more! The staff and I will continuously immerse ourselves in relevant professional development in order to integrate the best research-based practices into the curriculum.

Our school motto is "Dream. Believe. Achieve." As a diverse community of learners, we strive to embody this simple, yet powerful message in everything we do. That means we give each other space to imagine great possibilities; we have a positive, growth mindset; and we work hard to achieve our goals. As we fulfill our school vision and mission, in alignment with the district's Profile of a Learner, we will continue to provide an excellent comprehensive educational program that builds on the strengths and addresses the needs of each individual child.

An age old proverb states: "It takes a village to raise a child." Our children greatly benefit from seeing their "village" actively participate in their success. I'm officially inviting you to join us in dreaming big and preparing our children to master the challenges of the 21st Century with a solid foundation established at our school. As a vital component of the school, I value and welcome your input. Feel free to call, email or stop by as needed.

Here are a few upcoming "meet and greet" opportunities:

- Welcome Back-to-School Ice-Cream Social – Monday, August 20th from 1:30 – 3:00pm
- Welcome Back-to-School Principal's Coffee – Wednesday, August 22nd at 8:30am

I am really looking forward to meeting you! Let's work together to have an amazing year!

In partnership,

Mrs. Kameelah Green, Principal

- PREPARING FOR SUCCESS -

LAURELWOOD'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL REMINDERS

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

OFFICE HOURS

The school office will re-open on **Wednesday, August 15th** from **7:30am – 4:00pm.** New registrations will be accepted at that time.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, August 20th from 1:30 – 3:00pm
Welcome Back-to-School Ice-Cream Social
Playground lunch tables
Kick off the school year by meeting the Laurelwood Staff and enjoying an ice-cream treat. Bring the whole family!

Tuesday, August 21st from 1:00 – 2:00pm
Kindergarten Orientation
Kindergarten Building
Our fabulous Kindergarten Teachers are looking forward to meeting our new kindergartners. They will preview the upcoming school year and introduce classroom expectations. Don't miss it!

Wednesday, August 22nd @ 8:15am
First Day of School
Please be on time! The campus will open at 8:00am. You are welcome to walk your child to their classroom & meet the teacher on the first day.

Wednesday, August 22nd @ 8:30 – 9:00am
Welcome Back-to-School Principal's Coffee
Multi-Purpose Room
Join me for coffee and pastries immediately after dropping your child off at school. I'm looking forward to meeting you and sharing our plans for the new school year!

Thursday, September 6th @ 5:45pm
Back-to-School Night
5:45-6:00pm Principal's Welcome
6:00-6:30pm Kinder Academy
6:00-6:30pm Grades 1-3 presentations
6:30-7:00pm Grades 4-6 presentations

SCHEDULE & SUPERVISION

-KINDERGARTEN-
8:15 – 11:35am (no lunch) until September 7th
8:15am - 2:15pm beginning September 10th
8:15am – 12:30pm on Thursdays/Minimum Day

-GRADES 1 to 6-
8:15am – 2:30pm
8:15am– 12:45pm on Thursdays/Minimum Day

The first minimum day will be Thursday, August 30th.
See website for a detailed breakdown of the daily schedule including recess and lunch.

Children are not allowed on campus without supervision. School supervision begins at 8:00am. It ends at 2:50pm on regular days and 1:00pm on minimum days.

The City of San Jose Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services will host an after-school program called **R.O.C.K** in our multi-purpose room until 6:00pm daily. Register at Evergreen Community Center or online at http://www.sjregistration.com/ beginning **July 21st**.

COMMUNICATION & SAFETY

Clear communication between home and school is a vital component of your child's success. To stay informed about school news and events, bookmark our website at http://laurelwood.eesd.org/.

Class assignments, emergency notifications, and important reminders will all come through PowerSchool (https://powerschool.eesd.org/public/). Please take a moment to review and update your information prior to the start of school. If you have not yet created an account, your personalized login and password will be mailed to you in early August. You can also come to the school office for help setting up your account.

On Tuesday, August 21st @ 5:00pm, your child's classroom assignment will be posted in your PowerSchool account under the "My Schedule" icon in the left-hand navigation box.

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Laurelwood is a closed campus. Visitors must sign in at the office.

SCHOOL LUNCH

Fill out your lunch application online at https://heartlandapps.com. A new application must be filled out every year by early October. **Prices:** $3.50 full price, $0.40 reduced price.
You can add money to your child's lunch account two ways:

- Online via https://www.myschoolbucks.com/
- Cash or check sent to school office with your student's full name, classroom # and student ID # clearly marked on it

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