



September, 2011

# Willow Glen Primary School

## Principal's Corner

Welcome Back, Families!

I hope that our students have had a fun-filled summer that included some reading and some math skill work to keep the learning going. I also trust that everyone enjoyed time spent with family and friends, as the beautiful days of summer were upon us.

Summer is a busy time of learning for teachers. Our district is fortunate to have staff members who are dedicated to continued professional development, as they prepare themselves to welcome your children in September. Our K-3 teachers attend college classes, embark on experiences that will enrich their classrooms, and collaborate with one another to provide the best opportunities for students in the fall. With all of these efforts, we are ready for a fantastic year!

Our enrollment this year is at 343 boys and girls. This is an increase by 28 students. Welcome to all those who are new to Willow Glen... I am confident that you will be very happy here! I will continue to have an "open door" policy, and encourage anyone with suggestions/concerns/celebrations to contact me at 486-6310, I will do my best to meet your family's needs.

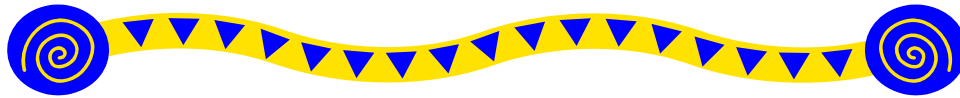
Gratefully,

Laurie Pogorzelski  
Principal



**INTRODUCING...New Staff Members...**

Mrs. Laura Burmeister – K5 Teacher  
Mrs. Courtnie Korpela – Grade 3 Teacher  
Mrs. Karen Duren – Literacy Coach  
Mrs. Janet Pradarelli – Reading Interventionist  
Mrs. Lyn-Marie Hackbarth – Math Interventionist



**Important Dates**

**Thurs., 9/8 Open House 5:30-7:00pm**  
**Parent Meetings are being held in your child's classroom**  
**Gr. 1: 5:30-6:00 pm Gr. 2: 6:00-6:30 pm Gr. 3: 6:30-7:00 pm**

Fri., 9/9	Market Day Pick Up
Mon., 9/12	Annual Board of Education Meeting at DC
Wed., 9/14	PTO Meeting 6:00pm at DC
Mon., 9/19	Board of Education Meeting at HS
Wed., 9/21	Picture Day
Fri. 9/23	HS Homecoming Weekend

**WG Spirit Week**

**September 19-23**

**Monday Packer Day – Wear Green and Gold**  
**Tuesday Crazy Hat Day**  
**Wednesday Pajama Day**  
**Thursday Silly Sock Day**  
**Friday School Colors – Wear Red and Black**

# School Safety

**Safety is a priority at Willow Glen!**

Morning drop off begins at 8:05am. **There is no supervision prior to 8:05.** For this reason, students should not arrive prior to this. For those families who have morning schedules that require them getting to work and other commitments before 8:05, please use the YMCA Before School Child Care Services. The Y's program provides organized activities and a safe/supervised environment in which to begin the day. Information is available outside the school office.

The drive-thru offers a convenience for families to drop off their children. Students are released from their classrooms at approximately 3:05 to prepare for organization through the pick-up process. Dismissal begins at 3:10pm. Please be watchful of students during this time, and courteous of those waiting behind you. Safety and efficiency are important as students enter cars. I appreciate your patience as routines are established during these first few days.

WG is fortunate to have lovely playgrounds for the children. They are certainly a "draw" at the end of the day! We ask that the playgrounds be enjoyed after 3:30pm. The staff works diligently to ensure that all students are picked up and safely with older siblings and/or adults. Once teachers are certain that all students have been accounted for, playground use may begin. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

# Attendance

Daily attendance at school is imperative for learning to occur. Please refer to the SFSD's Attendance Policy included in this packet. **The agreement needs to be signed and returned to your student's teacher.** We love to see your children! Please be sure that they are here every day (with the exception of illness), and are on time and ready for a great day!

