

# CORONADO EXPLORERS MONTHLY NEWS



September 1, 2019

## A MESSAGE FROM DR. PAGE

Hello Explorers,

What a great start to the school year! Over the course of the first weeks of school, we have covered a lot of ground. We will continue to work on building relationships and celebrating the strengths of our community. We will also continue to tighten up some common practices, communication and safety protocols. And, we are diving into assessments and data to help us navigate our instructional decisions for all students. We are already seeing the fruits of hard work and dedication. This is all very exciting.



## WHAT IS DAG?

For new building designs, additions or major reconstruction, a Design Advisory Group will be established to gain input from stakeholders that represent the school. This group includes staff, parents and a district Project Manager. Coronado is putting together a DAG to help prepare for the Bond Improvement Project that lies ahead. If you are interested in helping Coronado with this work, please be on the lookout for a Google Form link in an upcoming email and apply. We can only select up to four parents to participate in the DAG and we want to be equitable in our selection process. The first meeting will be in mid September and will be scheduled by our district Project Manager. Dates and times will be determined soon.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**September 2- NO SCHOOL**

**September 11-  
KINDERGARTEN  
CURRICULUM NIGHT  
6:00PM**

**September 20- NO SCHOOL**

## PTA CORNER

### 9-9-19 PTA Meeting 6-7:30 PM

Check website for meeting schedule.

### 9-13-19 FALL CARNIVAL 5-7 PM

Games, face painting, bounce houses, food and more. Pre-sale prices decreased this year!

### 9-19 thru 9-27 READ-A-THON

Biggest fundraisers of the year. Filled with fun activities for the kids.

### REFLECTIONS

Forms due by 9-19-19. Event in October.

**Become a Member- Everyone is Welcome.** Forms in Friday Folder

## A COMMUNITY OF EXPLORERS

All Coronado classroom teachers were given a task to complete in the spirit of redefining who we are as a community and bringing our school's mission and vision to life. Teachers and their students were given creative autonomy to answer the following question, "*What do we call a community of explorers?*"

Teachers were given a checklist of guiding questions. What I found was that teachers were able to transform the task, allowing students to make deep meaning and personal connections to the project. And through the process of students thinking about words like community and exploring, I found that students and teachers were also transforming our school's culture.

Ms. Yoxall's class transformed the task in such a way that her 4th grade students made deep connections to their own expectations of being a student in our school. The redefined what it means to explore, to be a community and extended the thinking of others. They created something tangible that others can hold on to and carry forward.



## A FOCUS ON SAFETY



In the spirit of shared responsibility around school safety, there are several celebrations so far this school year. Thank you for your partnership with signing in every morning. Thank you for making the morning parking lot efficient, safe and supportive for all families. Thank you for the additional supervision in the morning while waiting for students to enter the building. Your presence is noticed and valued by the staff. This makes a difference for your child and for all students.

Looking at next steps in our partnership to keep our students safe, there is a need for additional supervision at the end of the school day. If you are spending time on the playground after school when picking up your child, please make sure that all students are being supervised while waiting for your own child. Having students on the playground can be distracting to other students who are not waiting for a parent/guardian. Our primary focus at the end of the day is to safely get students where they need to go once their teachers have dismissed them for the day. Thank you for your partnership as we collaboratively continue to keep students safe.

## OUR NEW FACILITIES MANAGER

It is with great excitement that we welcome our new Facilities Manager,

*John O'Neil.*

He will be starting in the coming weeks.