July 2019

Paso Verde Families,

Welcome to Paso Verde School's third year! PVS is a learning community and is excited to engage as partners with you. As Proud Pumas we are committed to our mission to ***inspire globally minded leaders through academic excellence***.

The 2019-2020 year will offer many exciting opportunities for social, emotional, and academic growth for your scholar. Successful educational experiences occur when the school and community engage in a shared responsibility to help each student reach their maximum potential by providing a solid foundation of skills and knowledge. This foundation enables each student to become reflective and productive, able to excel in our ever-changing world. The PVS community is a supportive network of faculty and families committed to cultivating our community.

Our annual welcome back event, ***Puma Pathways Night is August 2, 2019, 4pm-6pm***, the ***first day of school is August 7, 2019, this is a full school day: 7th grade 8:00am-2:45pm, TK-K 8:15am-2:08pm and 1st-6th grades 8:15am-2:25pm.*** PVS will focus on several key areas to fully operationalize the NUSD Vision that all NUSD students graduate as college and career ready, productive, responsible, and engaged global citizens:

- We will enter Authorization to become an International Baccalaureate World School. As an IB Primary Years Programme school our community will exhibit the Learner Profiles and teach a concept driven, inquiry based framework
- PVS will open our middle school and will be working towards an IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) candidacy
- Our community will see our new campus being built! #PUMAPROUD

PVS is committed to developing *global minded scholars* by providing high quality instruction and challenging learning experiences in a safe and nurturing environment. We are honored to partner with our families and community to provide an academic experience to our scholars that is relevant, rigorous, and based on trusting relationships. Each of you have an opportunity to work as an integral part of the PVS community by coming to your child's classroom, communicating with your child's teacher, volunteering and attending school events and fundraisers, joining our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and working with the School Site Council (SSC), and the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). As a registered volunteer (fingerprinting and TB tested) you can also attend field trips and sponsor extracurricular activities such as game groups, clubs and teams, or host other events. Please review important information on our PVS website http://www.natomasunifed.org/pvs such as: our bell schedule, faculty roster, school calendar of important dates such as TK/K orientation, Puma Pathways Night, and Back to School Night. Information will be updated on the Paso Verde School website and the PVS Parents Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/groups/pasoverdeparents. Our community offers a great deal of information through PVS Parents Facebook, please keep updated and reach out with ideas, input, and questions.

I look forward to continue building the PVS Community, together!

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