



# Rancho Learning Center

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Dear Rancho Learning Center Parents and Students,

I hope you are enjoying the very last few days of your summer break. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 16, 2017.

We continue to challenge ourselves to provide the finest programs and services in alternative personalized education. This coming school year is going to be an exciting one, as we ask each and every person in our organization to **Imagine, Inquire and Inspire!** Our school district has adopted these three simple words as we continually examine our vision and practices for personalized learning for each of our students. We have embarked on a most exciting journey. Our work on this journey will focus around 5 key values:

Collaborate - Think Critically - Be Creative - Offer Empathy - Learn from Failure

This school year we welcome our newest addition to the Rancho Team, Mrs. Stephanie Perez, as our Counselor. Mrs. Perez replaces Ms. Cindi Franz, who recently retired. All other staff members will be returning, and together we're all looking forward to a great year!

We have a new outdoor classroom space for our students to enjoy, at the south-eastern side of the property. Our new space includes a raised garden bed, a serene walking path, some park benches, and an outdoor class meeting area. In addition, we will have an outdoor sport court for basketball, pickleball and other court games. Our garden beds have been donated to our school site by one of our AUSD high school students, as a culminating project for his Eagle Scout award.

We will continue our Guest Speaker series to introduce students to businesses and programs in our local surrounding areas. New this year, we will be offering interested high school students an opportunity to engage in an internship experience with local business partners so that students leave our program poised for the next steps in their career/college journey.

We are excited that our Rancho Learning Center continues to be a model of Independent and Personalized Educational Opportunities for students in our school district. We continue to look for opportunities to grow and expand our programs!

Our Back to school night will be held on Tuesday evening, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. Please calendar this important date.

Welcome to the 2017-2018 School year!

Sincerely,

Laurie L. McQuaid  
Principal, Rancho Learning Center

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