

Dear Landels Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the entire Landels Community to the 2016-2017 school year. I am overjoyed to begin my second year as your Principal. Together we will continue our journey of supporting and educating every student.

Last year was an amazing experience. I realized very quickly that Landels is a very special place. I am grateful for all the wonderful families we have here and the relationships we began to build. Also, I am looking forward to meeting all of our new families and making them feel welcomed.

With the start of this school year, I am entering my seventeenth year in Education and my seventh year as an Administrator. All of these years have been dedicated to the Mountain View Whisman School District. I am inspired by our District's development of our Strategic Plan 2021 and the focus it will provide as we begin this new school year.

During these elementary years, our students need to develop not only a love of learning but also an understanding of why education is so important. In order to succeed in the future, students will need to work collaboratively, be creative, think critically, and communicate effectively. They will also need to form positive peer relationships built on respect and trust. These are the skills our students will begin to develop during their time at Landels and continue to utilize as lifelong learners.

Here are some important dates to remember:

- **Thursday, 8/11/16:** Class lists posted at the main office at 4:00 (Pizza, Landels Gear, and PTA Membership from 4:00 to 5:30)
- **Friday, 8/12/16:** Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Lemonade from 3:00-4:00 (Lemonade, Landels Gear, and PTA Membership)
- **Monday, 8/15/16:** FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!! (This will be a minimum day and all students will be dismissed at 12:10pm.)
- **Monday, 8/15/16:** PTA Welcome Back Coffee at 8:15 in the MUR
- **Wednesday, 8/24/16:** Back to School Night from 6:00-7:30. (This is a minimum day and all students will be dismissed at 12:10pm)(New Family orientation from 5:00-6:00pm)

\*\*Please keep up to date with all the information about Landels by reading our weekly newsletter, the Wednesday Word, that will be e-mailed to all parents every Wednesday and by visiting our website at <http://landels.mvwsd.org/>

Sincerely,  
**Steve Chesley**  
Principal