

The Paw Print

A California Distinguished School



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Student Achievement

Congratulations to the following students for being reclassified as Fluent English Proficient. The data shows that English Learners that are reclassified perform better than all other subgroups on universal assessments. Great job students!



Parent Involvement

Moving or Leaving?

If you know you are moving out of the area this summer or leaving ST, please email csnyder@ogsd.net or mlepori@ogsd.net. Your assistance will greatly help us in planning for staffing and class configurations for next year.

Returning Santa Teresa Materials

With our budget looking tighter than ever, we are hoping you will support the school by **returning any curriculum** your child has. This specifically includes a novel that all 6th graders have (*Bud Not Buddy*), a novel that Mrs. Baliton's 5th graders have (*Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*), any **school library books** students may still have, any **classroom library books** in students' possession, and any **guided reading books in book bags**. With construction in full swing, **ST staff will be at the District Office (6578 Santa Teresa Blvd)**, which is very close to the school, on **Wednesday, June 10th, from 1-3pm**. Please drive in the parking lot and make an immediate right. Roll down your window to hand off curriculum or open your trunk and a staff member will secure the

curriculum if that is preferred. Staff will be wearing masks and gloves.

As you know, student work and materials from desks have been bagged up and are stored at the school. With major construction happening, the plan is to give students these bags in the fall. If there is a critical item that your child must have over the summer, please contact Mr. Lepori directly at mlepori@ogsd.net.

Some teachers delivered these bags early on. Some teachers are also making individual plans to collect curriculum and deliver end of the year information directly to families. If that is the case, please disregard these drop off details.

If you have ST items, and are not able to stop by the district office on June 10th, from 1-3pm, please keep the items in a safe place to return to ST in the fall.

Yearbooks

Want a yearbook this year? You **MUST** order online (\$20) at our Panther Store <http://sthsa.3dcartstores.com/>. This is such a unique school year. Your student will always want to remember it. We plan to deliver the yearbooks to your home address listed at the school. The yearbooks have arrived and volunteers have been helping deliver them to doorsteps. Limited supply, so order soon before we run out! If your order is after we have run out, you can process a late individual order direct from the vendor, at an increased cost of \$30. (no bulk discount rate) Forgot if you ordered yet? Contact sthsa.yearbook@gmail.com and provide your student's name and teacher name.

End of the Year

The Santa Teresa team is looking forward to students having a productive final two weeks of the school year. Our teachers are working on end of the year closure activities. Kindergarten teachers will be recognizing students completing a milestone next week. Additionally, our 6th grade online completion ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, June 11th at 10am. Students and families have received information about our plans for this program.

The modernization project is progressing nicely. If you haven't gotten a chance, please see the streetscape [project diagram](#) and the [ST New Playground](#). The project is scheduled to be completed by August 12th, the first day of the 20-21 school year.

As the opening of next school year weighs heavily on all of our minds, please know that all options are being discussed and considered. OGSD is working with the county and neighboring districts to examine how to safely teach students during the COVID-19 pandemic. As soon as is possible, communities will be notified about the plans and procedures that will be put in place in the fall.

Our students and community have also undoubtedly been deeply impacted by the demand for social and racial justice following the senseless murder of George Floyd. It's important that we address injustice and inequalities in school, and Santa Teresa is committed to supporting our students in understanding how essential it is for everyone within our community to display the utmost care for each other. We will do this through teaching, and most importantly, being dedicated to displaying respect and compassion in all of our interactions.

While this school year is ending on June 12th, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or support over the summer (mlepori@ogsd.net). I can assure you that I will respond to your needs.

Our students have been through so much over the past 3 months, and we know challenges lie ahead. Their character and resiliency has been tested, but they continue to display the grit and determination to succeed, even when learning from home. We are proud of our students and wish them many moments of joy this summer. We must do all we can to ensure they look back on their early education and childhood with fond memories, despite what the tragic and unprecedented circumstance they saw all around them.