



Dear Montara Elementary School Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We are thrilled to welcome you back to school and would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. I am Robert Dominguez, the school Principal and our new Assistant Principal is Candace Rose. We are excited and eager to work closely with you to ensure the success and well-being of all our students.

Montara Elementary is such a special place to learn and grow. We are a community of learners. Learning communities are connected, cooperative, and supportive. We are dedicated to excellence in teaching, learning, and character growth. We have high expectations for each and every student. Together with our dedicated staff, we strive to make connections with students and families to help them feel valued, accepted, and supported.

Partnering with families will be crucial this year as we work together to overcome the many obstacles due to the global pandemic. We have been working hard to plan to address academic learning loss, create a safe learning environment, and meet the needs of every student. This year we will be introducing the college readiness program AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination). It is our goal to work together to ensure that all students are college and career ready after completing the AVID pathway from Montara to Barstow Junior High to Barstow High School. Additionally, we'll be providing daily opportunities to advance your child's learning in order to close the achievement gap that many of our students experience here in Barstow.

This school year, our Motto of "RISE UP, Montara!" will guide our mission to provide a rigorous and joyful school environment. Our goal is to encourage active student engagement to foster a lifetime love of learning.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Friday, August 5th: Back to School Night Starting at 5:00 PM**

**Monday, August 8th: First Day of School (parents will be allowed on campus this day only)**

We will notify families about classroom assignments the week before starting school. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you as a team to help each student at Montara have a successful school year!

Sincerely,

Robert Dominguez, Principal

Candace Rose, Assistant Principal