



# AEA FRIDAY LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

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## Executive Director's Message

Dear AEA Families:

Welcome to the first official AEA Friday message of the 2016-2017 school year. We are committed to sending these messages every two weeks in order to keep our community informed. As always, please check our website regularly [www.aeacs.org](http://www.aeacs.org) for important information, and pay special attention to our official calendar.

In the coming weeks you will receive your student's results from the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) via U.S. mail. These are the standardized computer-based tests that all California students take annually in grades 3-8 as part of the Smarter Balanced assessment system. The CAASPP is only in its second year of implementation, and there are still glitches at the state level that have delayed the release of some students' results. Rest assured that we will do our best to ensure that all families receive assessment results as quickly as possible.

The CAASPP measures more rigorous academic standards that emphasize not only subject knowledge, but also the critical thinking, analytical writing, and problem-solving skills students need to be successful in college and career. These standards set a higher bar for California students to help ensure they are prepared to succeed in the future. Because what students need to know and be able to do has changed, the tests have changed as well.

While we recognize that these assessments can play an important role in promoting and modeling high-quality instruction, we also believe in multiple measures of progress. For this reason our teachers use a variety of measures--from standardized tests like the MAP assessments to other internal assessments--to gauge student progress and support all students in being successful.

Dr. Sciarretta  
Executive Director

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## [AEA Events at a Glance:](#)

Sept 13th - 3:00pm Gr 2 & 3 Ultimate Rings Lunch League sign up at Elementary Room 32  
Sept 13th - 4:30pm AEA Board of Trustees meeting at Middle MPR  
Sept 14th - 12:00pm Gr 4 & 5 Flag Football Lunch League sign ups due  
Sept 17th - 9:00am Creek to Bay Clean Up at Switzer Canyon  
Sept 19th - 11:30am Fall Lunch League starts at Elementary  
Sept 22nd - 8:00am Middle School Picture Day  
Sept 22nd - 5:00pm Back to School Night at Elementary  
Sept 27th thru Oct 16th - German Exchange Student Visit  
Oct 3rd - 8:00am Middle School Picture Make-up Day  
Oct 4th - All Day Field Trip: MS German Exchange and Host Students  
Oct 6th - 6:00pm FOAEA Board Meeting at Middle  
Oct 7th - 8:00am Elementary School Picture Day

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## [AEA General Messages](#)

### **Service Opportunity**

#### **[I Love A Clean San Diego's 32nd Annual Coastal Cleanup Day](#)**

Please join us for AEA's first community service opportunity of the 2016-17 school year! This canyon clean-up in South Park is an AEA family service event. **Middle school families are encouraged to serve with their child, but with signed permission, middle school students can be dropped off and picked up, staying under the supervision of an AEA staff member.** However, **elementary families must stay with their children for the duration of the clean up.**

**When:** Saturday, September 17th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**What:** I Love A Clean San Diego's 32nd Annual Coastal Cleanup Day.

**Where:** **South Park Switzer Canyon.** Near 3050 Burlingame Drive, San Diego, CA 92104

**Directions:** From I-5 South, exit onto Pershing Drive. Turn right onto Redwood Street. Turn right onto 32nd Street. Turn right onto San Marcos Ave. Meet at the corner of San Marcos Ave. and Burlingame Drive, first street on the right.

**Wear:** Sturdy shoes or boots and a hat.

**Note:** Bring a water bottle and sunscreen. Tools and gloves provided if you do not bring your own.

## Want to contact the ES and MS School Site Council?

Email them at: [ssc@aeacs.org](mailto:ssc@aeacs.org)

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## Elementary School Highlights and Messages:

### Drop Off and Pick Up:

Thank you for your patience as we all get used to the routines. We encourage everyone to park and walk to pick up and drop off your students, but ask you to be respectful of all the parking laws. We are in a residential neighborhood, so please be sure to not block driveways, move garbage cans, or honk.

If you are going to use the drop off and pick up lines we ask you do the following:

- Enter from Fern Street heading south and turning right onto A street
- Do not cut in front of other cars
- Do not double park on Fern or Ash (we will ask you to circle around the block rather than double park)
- **Please put a sign in windshield with student's first and last name, teacher(s) and class(es) for pick up if you did not receive a card from us, feel free to use any paper with dark marker.**
- Make sure students are ready to hop out at drop off to keep the line moving in the morning
- Parents of 4th and 5th graders can arrange with their children a pick up from the front if they do not have younger siblings in order to cut down lines on "A" Street.
- Be kind and patient

### Talking to Teachers at Pick Up:

Please know that the teachers are focused on getting each and every child to their respective adults at pick up. They need to focus on getting to know who the children are leaving with. Please do not engage a teacher in a long conversation at this time. Feel free to email the teachers or arrange for a conference if you have a question or concern.

### Students Walking Home:

If you would like to allow your student to walk home from school or meet you anywhere other than campus, please email Jo'el in the front office granting permission. We will keep that for our records and share with the staff who are supporting dismissal.

[jmcreary@aeacs.org](mailto:jmcreary@aeacs.org)

### Lunch Forms

ALL families are asked to complete the School Lunch Form regardless of whether or not you think you will qualify for Free or Reduced lunches. This can be done online or via hardcopy and remains confidential. You may have received a hard copy from the district already. Please either send that back asap or complete the application on the district website. Only one application per family is necessary.

[San Diego Unified Food Services Application](#)

Please note in order to qualify you MUST apply.

**Elementary Office Hours:**

Please note the Elementary School office is open from 7:45am -4:00pm daily. In order to reduced congestion in the office and keep our campus secure, we ask that you enter from the back gate to pick up your students from school. If you do come through the office, we ask that Kindergarten parents do not enter before 2:20pm. Any adult entering the campus before 2:20 will need to sign in and out.



Our K-5th i.Run club is up an running! If you would like to volunteer to hand out running sticks to K-2nd grade students or scan cards for 3rd-5th grade students, please fill out this [FORM](#). Visit [i.Run website](#) for all the details.

**[Liga deportiva interna durante el almuerzo: Football y Ultimate Rings \(2do-5to grado\)](#)**

(2nd-3rd Grade) [Ultimate Rings](#) - Sign-up before Tuesday, September 13th in the fitness center (rm. 32) before or after school with Mrs. Tickel. 54 spots available.

(4th-5th Grade) [Football](#) - [Register for free online](#) at [Elementary PE Website](#) until Tuesday, September 13th. Teams and schedule will be posted outside of the fitness center.

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