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Students, Parents, and Community,

Welcome back to the start of a spectacular 2009-2010 school year! It will be one full of learning, excitement, and success. Our school-wide goals are to demonstrate growth in reading comprehension, math, and science. Preliminary estimate reports indicate an increase in student achievement from the previous year. As soon as this information is available to the public, we will let you know. You should have received your child's test scores report for last year (2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade). You can use the report provided to you to set goals with your child. Our teachers will be monitoring your child's progress closely so that "all students are all on board" with learning!

We want this learning success to continue in our kindergarten program. This year, for the first time, we will offer full-day kindergarten in all 3 of our kinder classes. Students will receive 6 hours of instruction as opposed to the 3 hours a day format in years past. As educators, we know the connection between learning and increased instruction time in school. We know this will make our students better prepared for future learning.

After having surveyed our school community, our faculty made the recommendation to eliminate the school uniform policy. As such, all students will need to follow the dress code policy that is outlined in our student handbook. We will continue to offer clothing assistance through Operation School Bell (please visit our community office near room 16 for information). I will discuss the dress code policy with all students during our annual student discipline assemblies during the first week of school.

The parking lot will continue to be available for student drop-off and pick-up. Please be patient and exercise safety precautions. The parking lot in front of the media center and lunch tables will not be available for student drop-off. Please park in the main parking lot. Students are to use the walkways when exiting the campus. I would also like to remind our students and parents about our campus safety rules: (1) bicycles, skateboards, and pets are not permitted on school campus; (2) litter must be placed in the appropriate containers; (3) and school fields are open at 4:00 p.m. to supervised students/groups with permits. Those students without supervision are not allowed on campus until 6:00 p.m. if using the basketball court, playground equipment, or fields. Please review these rules with your children. I would like all parents to review the student handbook for further familiarity with the rules, procedures, and policies of Woodcrest School and the Fullerton School District.

To increase the safety of our students, we will continue with the following procedures for the various gates around campus. The gates near the special education wing will be locked during school hours. During school hours, parents must use the front entrances to our campus. For parents picking up kinder students, you will have to use the front ingress areas near the multi-purpose building. During after school hours, all gates on campus will be closed, with the exception of the northwest gate near the park.

I trust the above suggestions will help, and I anticipate this will be a great year and many more to come! You can depend on us to do all that we can to be cooperative, helpful, and inspiring. Please feel free to speak with your child's teacher throughout the year. Also, if I can be of assistance with any matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Alfonso Jimenez*