



Edwards Elementary School

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Dear Dual Language Parents,

I would like to share some program information with you as we move into summer. As you know, our district has had to make some difficult budget decisions. Due to this, there has been a reduction in staffing at each school. Here at Edwards, this has meant an overall reduction of 1.5 teachers in the classrooms. I have been as creative as possible to ensure class sizes remain manageable. This means the Dual Language Program will have a Fourth/Fifth grade blend. The classes will consist of 27 students and will be instructed by Mrs. Doran, Mrs. Fodge and Mrs. Felizarta.

Mrs. Doran and Mrs. Fodge are our current fourth grade Dual Language teachers. Mrs. Felizarta was most recently our Instructional Facilitator at Edwards. In the past she taught both 4th & 5th grade at Edwards. She brings several years of experience and excellent classroom skills. They will create a rotation between them. Mrs. Doran and Mrs. Fodge will teach math and language arts in Spanish. Mrs. Felizarta will enrich the curriculum with STEAM units (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) as well as Social Study units. She will teach her portion of the day in English. I am extremely confident in this team's ability to teach our students at their various skill levels. In the fall you will receive information from the teachers on what you can expect for your students in the fall.

You will be interested in knowing the program will continue into middle school at Mountain View. Of our two middle schools, it has the room capacity to host the Dual Language program. Ms. McElligott is looking forward to having the 6th grade class enter in the 2019-2020 school year. Though it is more than a year away, she is making plans and preparations for the Dual Language program. I am certain she will be present at our Dual Language events in the future.

Thank you for your continued support of the Edwards Dual Language Program.

Sincerely,

Scott Murphy
Principal