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SUBJECT: WELCOME BACK LETTER

Greetings Team VES,

Welcome to the NEW Vicenza Elementary School for SY 2012-2013

It is hard to believe that summer is over and we are revving up for another great school year here at Vicenza Elementary School. We currently have an enrollment of about 600 in grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade for this current school year.

At Vicenza Elementary School, we believe that the best education can be achieved through teamwork by having home, school, and community combine energies and talents. Our mission at Vicenza ES is to provide a curriculum in which each student has opportunities to develop skills applicable to real life situations in the 21st century. This can only be achieved through strong relationships, quality programming, and continuous reflection.

We encourage stakeholders to be active participants in the school by having an active role in the education process. Volunteers enrich and support the curriculum through diverse activities within the classrooms and are always welcome in the library, cafeteria, and on the playgrounds. We are fortunate to have a very active Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and they are always looking for members. There is also the School Advisory Committee (SAC) that is comprised of parents and teachers who deal with whole school topics such as curricular issues, cafeteria items, and bus questions. In addition, we have Continuous School Improvement (CSI) Teams that include parent representatives working with teachers to achieve our school improvement goals.

Vicenza Elementary School provides quality programming to ensure student success. Some of the programs and services provided are Sure Start, Pre-School Children with Disabilities Program, Gifted Education, Special Education Services, English as a Second Language Program, READ 180, Partial Italian Language Immersion, Counseling and Psychological Services, School Nurse, Information Center (Library), and Educational Technologist (Computers, etc.)

Please give a warm COUGAR CUB welcoming to our five new staff members. Maryann Maryland will be teaching 3th Grade and she is coming from Germany. Joanne Saccuman will be teaching 4th Grade Italian Immersion and she is coming from Naples. Gretchen Zaldana will be our new LIMS Teacher and she is coming from Japan. Jamie Wilson will be joining the teaching staff and she was one of awesome local Vicenza Community Subs. Lastly, Candice Leaverton will be our new LIMS Teacher.

In short, the Admin Team wishes you a successful and an exciting school year.

Mr. Chris Beane
Principal

Dr. Lorena Reinhardt
Assistant Principal