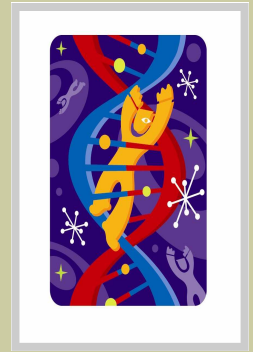


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Principal's Message

We have numerous visitors to our campus; however, we have had very significant visitors recently. Our school is a public school initially funded through a grant with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Representatives from the Foundation visited our campus to tour classrooms and discuss our program and school wide goals. They had an excellent visit and enjoyed their interactions with our students and staff.

The week following the Gates' Foundation visit, we had a visit from our Superintendent, Dr. Mejia and our State Superintendent, Jack O'Connell. They also visited classrooms and had numerous conversation with our students and staff. They spent most of their visitation time in our Engineering and Science classes and were very impressed with the quality of work they observed and the capability of our students to engage in conversations about their learning. They were very interested in our AVID program and spent time observing student participation in this classroom as well.

We are happy to report that it was a very successful visit, and we look forward to hosting more guests in the future.



DATES TO REMEMBER

January 15—January 16: Benchmark Testing
January 16: Science Night
January 16—18: Book Fair
January 21: No School/MLK, Jr. Holiday
January 22: Finals Review
January 23-25: Finals (Minimum Days; 8:05 am-12:30 pm
Lunch Will Not Be Served)
January 30: Kings Concession Event

Family Science Nights

Students will be grouped and assigned to specific classrooms by grade level. These evenings will have different themes as we move through our curriculum. We hope this evening will provide an opportunity for the students to let their families know some of the things that they have been learning in their Science classes.

Science Nights

January 16, 2008

February 27, 2008

March 26, 2008

April 23, 2008

May 21, 2008

7th Grade Session — 6-7p.m.

9th Grade Session — 7-8p.m.

Sacramento Regional Science & Engineering Fair Friday, March 28, 2008, at Rosemont High School

The School of Engineering and Science will be participating in this event, and we are looking forward to some exciting projects from our 7th and 9th graders. We are in the process of recruiting participants who believe that they have what it takes to showcase their many talents. Subsequently, we are asking parents, to discuss this event with your students and be willing to go the distance with them—your time and energy would be invaluable.

The winners will advance to the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair in May. More information will be forthcoming, but one thing is for certain—even if your student doesn't participate, our School will be taking a group of interested students on a field trip to the Regional Science & Engineering Fair on that Friday. This is a very exciting time for our students and a great opportunity for our School to show what amazing talent resides at the School of Engineering and Sciences. Thank you for your support.

PTSA

I would like to introduce to the School of Engineering and Sciences' Parents, students and teachers the 2007/2008 PTSA Executive Board members.

- President—Jenifer Mojonier
- Vice President—Elijah Peters
- Secretary—Patricia Mendoza
- Treasurer—Mary Clark

Together the School and the PTSA will work to encourage and enrich the education and experiences of our students.

Partnerships/Grants

There are several ways that corporations, academic institutions or individuals can form partnerships with schools. We have numerous partnerships for our school. One of our proposed projects for this year combines two of our partners.

Professor Twiggs from Stanford University will be working with our school as part of our partnership with the University. He will provide professional development for our teachers this month. Our students will build an electronic transmitter to provide global data from satellites to our campus. The funding for our project is provided by a grant from one of our other partners; H.B. Fuller Company, who provides opportunities for schools to apply for Science grants. We wrote our grant to specifically fund the transmitters. The executives from H.B. Fuller visited our school in October and our school, subsequently was selected to receive the maximum of \$10,000 needed to fund our Stanford Project.

Student Government

The School of Engineering and Sciences' Student Government would like to thank all of the parents for their tremendous support and contributions for our very successful Winterfest. Students had a great time planning, implementing and, of course, enjoying the food and activities.

The students have brainstormed and have come to a final decision on our mascot, which will be the School of Engineering and Sciences "Rockets". The colors for our school have yet to be voted on.

In February, the students are looking forward to the first movie night and Valentine's Dance.

Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment, for the 2008-2009 School Year, began on January 9th. There is no need for returning students to participate in this process; they will automatically roll over to our School. For more information, please go to www.scusd.edu.

Dress Code

Although we realize the effects of the cold weather we have been experiencing, it is imperative that our students adhere to our dress code which is representative of professional attire. We have had several incidents of sagging/bagging, inappropriate colors (**NO RED**) plain t-shirts, jeans and shirts without a collar. We suggest that students wear thermals or something warm under their slacks—they can no longer wear jeans of any color. As this represents a total disregard for our School policy, we have no recourse but to contact parents for assistance in bringing proper attire to school. We appreciate your cooperation.

School Shirts Orders

We have filled our recent polo and sweat shirt orders, and hopefully everyone has received their merchandise (unless otherwise notified). Additionally, we are placing a subsequent order for additional items and order forms are available through the office upon request.

School of Engineering and Sciences School Calendar

January 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 *New Years Day	2	3	4
7 *Back To School	8 *PTSA Board Mtg. 5:30 pm	9	10	11
14	15 *Benchmark Testing *Student Congress Mtg. (Rm. 1—11:30—1:30 pm)	16 *Book Fair (8:50-9:20am) *Benchmark Testing	17 *Book Fair (8:50-9:20am)	18 *Book Fair (8:50-9:20am)
21 *HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22 *FINAL'S REVIEW *Special Day Schedule (9:25—3:25—No Zero Period)	23 *FINAL'S (8:05-12:30) Minimum Day	24 *FINAL'S (8:05-12:30) Minimum Day	25 *FINAL'S (8:05-12:30) End of Semester Minimum Day
28 *Parent Information Exchange Meeting (11:30 am-12:30 pm)	29	30 *Kings' Concession Event (4:00 pm)	31	