MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Pendergast Community,

We have had an incredible 2016-17 school year and are so fortunate to have an amazing and supportive Governing Board, incredible staff, dedicated, hard-working students and a community that is fully engaged with us in our mission of “Empowering Excellence and Success.”

We know that people are seeking a Pendergast education because of the opportunities we provide for students including: Dual Language Programs, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) Academies, and safe learning environments. We are looking forward to our next school year and invite you to connect with us by attending our monthly parent lunches, community breakfasts and by being active on various school and district committees.

You can find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and our website at www.pesd92.org.

See you next school year!

Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux
Pendergast Superintendent

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Pendergast Staff, Families, Partners and Community Members,

We serve as Board Members because we hold deep beliefs about the value of a great public school education as part of our democracy. We celebrate this year and all that has been accomplished knowing education is the key to future success. A strong sense of pride is how we feel when we see our district increasing enrollment, adding meaningful programs and recognizing staff for the outstanding job they do! Thank you for your belief in us and for trusting us as your district of choice. We cannot wait to welcome you back when school begins for the 2017-18 school year on August 3!

Jose Arenas
Pendergast Governing Board President
Witnessed or know of dangerous activity at your school? Let us know by submitting an anonymous tip.

What is Quick Tip?
Pendergast Quick Tip is a reporting tool that allows students, parents, staff and community members to submit information to district administrators anonymously or non-anonymously. While the district already has many programs to help students deal with challenges such as bullying behaviors, stress, peer pressure, depression and family problems, Quick Tip helps break the code of silence often experienced by students and others because it allows them to report concerns to administrators anonymously.

How does it work?
Tips are sent using a form available online or through a mobile app that is downloaded to a smartphone. When sending a tip, submitters select from a drop-down list of common issues they may be facing such as bullying, fighting, harassment, threatening behavior, etc., and then enter the tip message. District administrators receive the tips to investigate or take action as appropriate.

Features Include:
- An anonymous way to assist in making your school a safer community
- Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Fosters a safer and more caring community
- Builds positive connections between students, staff and district officials
- Helps resolve problems in a safe and timely manner

Access Quick Tip at pesd92.org/quicktip or by downloading the free app to your smartphone. When launching the app for the first time, you will be prompted to enter the school district code. This code will link to your Quick Tip app to the district form. The school district code is pesd92.
Types of Volunteering Opportunities Available

Classroom Instructional Volunteer
For those who enjoy working directly with individual or small groups of students, volunteers are needed to listen to students read, reinforce basic math, or assist students with written assignments.

Classroom Assistance Volunteer
Classroom volunteers perform tasks such as putting up bulletin boards, correcting papers, preparing materials, photocopying, and other jobs to provide the teacher with more time for planning and teaching students.

Library or Media Center Volunteer
Assistance to the media center specialist can be provided by repairing and shelving books, completing clerical tasks or preparing bulletin boards and displays. Volunteers may also choose to work directly with students helping them to locate and use library materials.

Other Assignments
Volunteers also assist with after school clubs, act as coaching assistants, and help with other programming. Volunteers can also chaperone field trips, or even serve as guest speakers. (If you are volunteering for an overnight field trip, please remember it can take up to six weeks to get fingerprint clearance.)

DISTRICT TEACHER CHOSEN AS KHAN ACADEMY AMBASSADOR

Khan Academy revolutionized learning for students, teachers and parents and now Michael Neuman, a veteran teacher, will teach computer science, math, and video production for students attending the Villa de Paz Elementary Computer Science Academy. He was one of six teachers chosen in Arizona (300 nationwide) as an Ambassador with Khan Academy.

Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empowers learners to study at their own pace. They tackle math, science, computer programming, history, economics and more. Neuman shares his enthusiasm for the support he will offer through the Online Khan Academy, used worldwide and translated into 36 languages.

“I will be leading training presentations in the Support Advocate Program; Differential Instruction and Flipped Classrooms. I am truly honored and excited about offering technical support and creating an electronic portfolio with interactive lesson plans in math. This truly is 21st Century learning and I love being part of it and bringing national attention to Pendergast and my students, who will assist in this amazing opportunity.”