



OUR MISSION – Working hand in hand with our families and diverse community, Sombra del Monte is committed to the nurturing of our students as they learn. Our common goal is to guide the whole child on his or her journey to develop into an inquisitive, actively engaged and valued member of society.

**August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Dear Sombra del Monte Community,**

Welcome Back to another wonderful year at Sombra. We are very excited to be able to spend more time with your children. The staff at Sombra del Monte is dedicated to provide the best education for every student. The staff will be working collaboratively in order to provide educational interventions that will meet each individual student's needs.

The main buildings at Sombra del Monte underwent some initial renovations. Each of the buildings had asbestos removed underneath the floor tiles. This has left our hallways looking very different. The floor will be replaced during renovations to both buildings.

The reconstruction will begin in September and last approximately a year or more. The architect's plan is to renovate half of each building at a time. We have moved the classrooms on the south side of the East building in order to prepare for the reconstruction. Maps will be located throughout the school to help you locate where each classroom is located.

Another new feature at Sombra is our new Rainbow schedule. The teachers indicated the need for larger blocks of time for uninterrupted instruction. The new Rainbow schedule will provide teachers with a more consistent schedule that will not be interrupted with holidays. Instead of using the regular terms for days for the week we will be referring to each day as a red, orange, yellow, green, blue or purple day. Each colored day of the week might include art, physical education, pullouts, library, teacher collaboration or the day would be free of pullouts. Your teacher will inform you of their schedule and what will happen on each day of the week.

We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year. If we can be of any

help please do not hesitate to call the office at 291-6842. The Office hours are 8:00 to 4:00.

**SCHOOL HOURS...**

<b>8:45</b>	<b>School Begins</b>
<b>10:30-10:45</b>	<b>Recess 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>
<b>11:30-11:45</b>	<b>Kinder Lunch</b>
<b>11:45-12:15</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch</b>
<b>12:30-1:00</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Lunch</b>
<b>2:00-2:15</b>	<b>Recess 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>
<b>3:00</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>

**ATTENDANCE...**

**\*\*Just a reminder\*\*** It is your responsibility to notify the office if your child is absent and why they are absent. Our attendance line is available 24/7 at 291-6842 ext. 6. Due to state mandated attendance laws is it extremely important to keep the school informed should your child be absent.

**CALENDAR...**

<b>8/22</b>	<b>Ident-a-kid Photo Day</b>
<b>8/28</b>	<b>PFO Sally Foster Fundraiser</b>
<b>9/1</b>	<b>Labor Day – No School</b>
<b>9/5</b>	<b>School Picture Day</b>
<b>9/11</b>	<b>K-2 Take your Parent to School Day</b>
<b>9/12</b>	<b>Professional Development</b>
<b>9/16</b>	<b>3-5 Take your Parent to School Day</b>

**SCHOOL SPIRIT...**

Sombra will have School Spirit day every Friday. Wear either your Sombra shirts or turquoise on Fridays to show your school spirit.