

THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

FALLING UP & STEPPING UP



Dear TOPA-Sienna Hills Team Members,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 School Year! Last year's theme for TOPA was "Falling Up". We committed to a school culture that encouraged risk-taking and rewarded the learning process rather than the "right answer." This school year, we are moving to the next logical step in that process: "Stepping Up" During the 2016-2017 SY, we are seeking to "engage all team members in a learning environment of creativity and fun." This year, we are looking for risk-takers who see a need, identify the unique talents they bring to the table, and STEP UP by using their unique talents to meet those needs! We are excited to encourage this Culture of Responsibility across our campus and district with all team members throughout the year:

- This year, scholars will take ownership of their learning with our new standards-based report cards.
- Our Parent Partnership Team provides opportunities for volunteers to contribute their talents and energy at our school.

Together, we are going to create a school culture that embraces the idea that it's ok to fall, as long as we Fall Up! A culture that acknowledges "with greatness comes responsibility,"...the responsibility to Step Up! Looking forward to a genuine and productive partnership this year.

Mrs. Roer and Dr. Thompson

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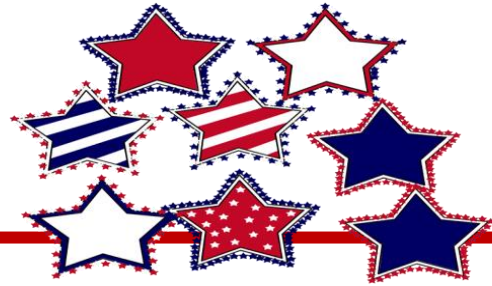
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**"THE GREATEST GIFTS
YOU CAN GIVE YOUR CHILDREN ARE
THE ROOTS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND
THE WINGS OF INDEPENDENCE."**

- Denis Waitley

STEP UP TO SHOWING UP....

Patriot Day Ceremony and Parade of Heroes!



The annual Patriot Day Parade will be held on **Thursday, September 8th at 7:40 AM** in the front of our school. Please join us for a time of reflection and remembrance while we honor the first responders, military personnel, and veterans who serve our country and community.

Scholars are encouraged to wear patriotic shirts in red, white and blue. (*Uniform pants or shorts and tie shoes are still required*)

Hero Parade Participants Wanted!!!

We would like to invite parents, family members and friends to who are first responders, military personnel, veterans, nurses, doctors, or anyone who dedicates their lives to STEPPING IT UP by serving others to participate in our **First Annual Hero Parade**.

(This year, our Patriot Day Ceremony will conclude with a short parade around the outside driveway of the campus. Scholars will line the drive and show their support by cheering on our own community heroes. Heroes are asked to dress in uniform and contact shevents@topamail.com to RSVP to Amy Nunn.)

Parent Partner Team

We are still looking for volunteers in all grade levels to join the parent partner team. Parent Partners will be responsible for working with the campus event coordinator to help plan fun events for our scholars and be a communication point person for parents in each classroom. If you are interested in signing up or would like more information, please contact Amy Nunn at shevents@topamail.com

STEP UP TO INVOLVEMENT....

Interpreting Your Child's Gradebook

Parent Night
Thursday, September 8th
6PM @ Sienna Hills

Please join our Founders and K-5 Administrators to learn about our shift in grading and reporting on your child's academic and --- progress.

Scholars will no longer receive letter grades on their report card. If this is something you are interested in understanding, join us next Thursday.

We want to be sure we are covering the topics and answering the questions you have. Please complete this survey prior to attending:

[Parent Survey](#)

----PLAYGROUND UPDATES---

We have added more items to our recess area. Beginning next week, we will have tetherball available for our scholars. We will also be adding additional Peaceful Playgrounds games this month. A special thanks to our parents who have donated items to our playground!



Week-At-A-Glance:

- Happy Labor Day! There is **NO SCHOOL** on **Monday, September 5th**.
- Patriot Day Ceremony – **Thursday, September 8** from **7:40 – 8:00 AM**.
- Parent Forum on standard-based grading – **Thursday, September 8** from **6:00 – 7:00 PM** at the **Sienna Hills Campus**.
- 5th grade Catalina Island field trip parent information meeting - **Wednesday, September 14** from **4:30 – 5:30 PM**.
- Cookie Dough Orders are due on **Tuesday, September 14**.