



Palo Alto
Unified School District

TERMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
MS. MELISSA HOWELL, PRINCIPAL

August 2017

Dear Terman Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! On behalf of the faculty and staff, it is with incredible excitement that we welcome everyone to the 2017 - 2018 school year at Terman Middle School. At Terman we share high expectations for ourselves, as well as for your children/our students. At Terman, we take pride in our school and the exemplary programs and opportunities we offer our students. We work extremely hard to create a nurturing and supportive learning environment where all students feel safe and excel in a variety of areas; academics, physical, and social emotional. There is power in acknowledging student success, no matter how big or small and in greeting him/her in a friendly and positive manner each and every day. Our staff embraces this and the importance of building positive self-esteem in all of our students at Terman where students are inspired and prepared to succeed in a global society.

As a parent/guardian, there are multiple opportunities for you to stay connected and involved as your child navigates the challenging world of adolescence. Please make sure you have updated your online Infinite Campus information for the current school year. If you have an incoming 7th grader, we also need verification of an up-to-date Tdap vaccination. **Students need to have these two items completed, otherwise they will not be admitted to class in accordance with district policy.**

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 15th. Students are expected to be in their first period class promptly by **8:10 a.m.** every day. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday dismissal times are at **3:10 p.m.** **Wednesday** dismissal time is at **1:40 p.m.**

This mailing, referred to as the 'summer mailing,' contains Terman-specific forms. Please take the time to fill out the forms and familiarize yourself with the information contained in this packet.

I'm extremely pleased to welcome our new staff members and trilled to see their talents in action during the coming year!! I know that they are truly committed to our students, our parents, and community and to each other! Please help me welcome:

- **Mr. Leonel Argumedo** began his career in PAUSD at Barron Park, as a 3rd grade teacher. He has been with JLS as a 6th grade math and science teacher for the last 9 years. He has also served as a member of SSC, Panther Camp planning and district equity team working with new teachers on equitable practices and mindset in the classroom. He has been elementary and middle school summer school principal. We are very thrilled that he will be joining as the new **Dean of Students**.
- **Ms. Ivette Daugherty**: Mrs. Daugherty joins us by way of Oakland International High School - 9th and 10th, Newark Jr High - 7th and 8th grade. Teaching English Language Development courses, co-teaching inclusive classes with RSP, as well as 7th ELA/advanced 7th ELA. She is excited to join Terman and looking forward to meeting the students, staff, parents and community. She will be teaching **ALD** and **Creative Writing**
- **Ms. Marianne Rivers** joins Terman after serving as a speech pathologist in the bay area and surrounding area for the last 10 years. Ms. Rivers attended both Terman and Gunn as a child. She will be serving as our new **Speech Language Pathologist**
- **Ms. Sherry Lowrey** a recent 8th grade math and science teacher will be joining our 6th grade team as **6th Grade Math and Science teacher**.

The annual **Terman Welcome Back Check-In** will be held at Terman on **Monday, August 14th, from 8am – 12:30pm**. You can submit all of the necessary forms, checks, etc. and have your child's school photo taken. If you are unable to attend Welcome Back Check-In, you may drop off forms and payments at the Main Office at any time. The Main Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Your help with turning in all of the necessary paperwork is greatly appreciated.

It promises to be a very exciting year at Terman! Have a great time wrapping up your summer vacations. We are all looking forward to meeting all of our new students, parents and community members on Tuesday, August 15th!!

Sincerely,

Ms. Melissa Howell
Terman Principal