



**ARLANZA  
ELEMENTARY  
PARENT  
NEWSLETTER  
JULY/ AUGUST, 2007**

**MESSAGE FROM MR. AGUILAR**

Welcome to the 2007 - 2008 school year. The school year is off to a wonderful start. The Arlanza Elementary staff is excited and ready to work with all of our students to increase their achievement in reading, writing, and mathematics. We should receive our 2007 state test scores by mid August. As soon as the scores are received, I will share them with you. Keep your eyes open for notices regarding upcoming events this year. Just a reminder that we will be on a modified traditional calendar for next year, which means that we will no longer have tracks. All students will start and end at the same time. This will all be made possible because of the new two story classroom building that will be completed in November. We plan on making this year one of our most successful years. We will continue to guarantee that we will provide a high quality educational program for your child, but we ask that you assist us in making school priority number one.

*Mr. Aguilar*



**STUDENT SAFETY**

The safety of all our students is our first priority at Arlanza. In order to ensure a safe environment, we need for all parents to do the following:

**Student Drop-Off**

Please do not drop off students before 7:20 a.m. Students who arrive before that time are not supervised and, therefore, are not safe.

**Morning Arrival**

All children should be on the playground at 7:45 a.m. **For the safety of all students, parents are not allowed on the playground.** Once the children go to class, please do not wait in the hallways. This disrupts instruction and makes it difficult for the teachers to begin teaching. If you need to speak to the teacher, we encourage that you make an appointment. This can be done by calling 351-9274.

**Dismissal**

The school day ends at 2:25 p.m. for all grades and at 12:55 every Tuesday. During dismissal it is very busy and crowded. To ensure that the students are safe we ask you to:

1. Wait in the area by the office to pick up your child. Do not go to the classrooms.
2. If driving, follow all traffic laws and speed limits and do not block the parking lot driveway or park in the parking lot. We don't want any child injured by a car.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW  
ARLANZA STAFF MEMBERS**

This year there are some new faces at Arlanza. We wish a hearty welcome to the following people:

Red Track: David Collier (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
                  Adriana Hovde (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
                  Daniel Reyes (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Orange Track: Tawni Webster (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
                  Connie Everett (4<sup>th</sup>)  
Green Track: Mary Clark (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Psychologist: Dr. Ted Springer

**THE LATINO FAMILY LITERACY  
PROJECT IS HERE**

We invite all parents to attend the Literacy Project. The nine classes will focus on ways to help your child succeed in school. The sessions will be held each Thursdays. Classes begin Thursday, July 17, 2003. You can attend at 8:15 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. There will be a graduation ceremony for all participants at the end of the last class. We have room for 100 parents. Please contact Mrs. Purcell if you have any questions.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

I would like to thank all of the parents who attended last year's SSC and ELAC meetings. Please look for notices regarding the meeting dates for this year. These meetings will give you an opportunity to learn more about the school program and provide ideas to make it better.

**GOT IDEAS?????**

Do you have ideas on how to make Arlanza Elementary a better place? Are there activities and events you would like for us to have? The P.T.A. Suggestion Box is located on the counter in the main office. Please put your ideas into the box. We welcome all suggestions.

**P.T.A. NEEDS YOU**

The Arlanza Parent Teacher Association (P.T.A.) needs all parents. The P.T.A. membership drive will begin in August. We would like for all teachers and parents to become members of the P.T.A. Regular meetings will be held this year to keep you informed about P.T.A. activities, events, and fundraisers.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

July 10:       **Minimum Day  
(12:55 dismissal)**

July 11:       Back-to-School Night  
5-5:30 MPR Presentation  
Session I: 5:30 – 6:10 p.m.  
Session II: 6:15 – 7:00 p.m.

**July 12       School Board Meeting  
at 7:00 p.m. All are  
invited. Arlanza will be  
recognized.**

**July 13       Latino Family Literacy  
Project Begins**

**July 16       Half-Time Begins**

**July 27:       Minimum Day  
(12:55 dismissal)  
Blue Track Ends**

July 31:       Red Track Begins

**August 6-10: Scholastic Book Fair**

August 9:       **Back to School Night  
(5-7 p.m.)  
(Red Track Only)**

**August 31:   Minimum Day  
(12:55 dismissal)  
Green, Orange and Red  
Tracks**