

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I held off writing this parent information letter until I was certain we were approved to expand to twelfth grade. Last Friday, the State Board of Education granted us the expansion. Today, our Board of Directors is meeting at MOPA in a work session to begin the expansion plans. We are truly excited about this opportunity for our students.

The year has whizzed by and we are in the last days of school. Lots of things are going on both during and after school.

Wednesday – 22 nd	1 st grade performance	9:00 A.M.	
	2 nd grade play	9:00 A.M.	
	For Parents	3:45 P.M.	
	OPA Board Work Session	3:30 P.M.	
Thursday – 23 rd	4 th Grade Orientation to MOPA	9:00 A.M.	
Friday – 24 th	Kindergarten Graduation @ MOPA	9:30 A.M.	
Tuesday – 27 th	OPA Field Day	Dismissal	12:45 P.M.
	MOPA Awards		
Wednesday – 28 th	OPA Awards	Dismissal	12:45 P.M.
	MOPA Field Day @ Fort Buenaventura		

We are saying farewell to Mrs. Minguez and all her children. They are returning to Spain. I want to personally thank Mrs. Minguez for all she has given our children at OPA. We have learned a lot from her and I sincerely thank her for the two years she has been at OPA.

We have a new teacher from Spain, Ms. Faba, who will be taking Mrs. Minguez's teaching position for the next year. Ms. Faba will meet with Mrs. Minguez this summer in Spain to prepare her for next year.

We are bringing on a new Spanish teacher for the 5th and 6th grades, Ms. Trigueros. Ms. Trigueros is a teacher from Madrid with almost 20 years of experience teaching English in Spain. Ms. Baldwin will be teaching social studies to our students in Spanish using Spanish text. We are moving towards a dual language program for Spanish language acquisition.

Mr. Hampton is also leaving us. After five years of volunteering and working at OPA, Mr. Hampton is moving forward with his career. He has contributed countless hours in making our school what it is today. The staff, students, and I want to say Thank You for all you have done for us! You will be missed.

Next year our calendar will reflect professional development days for our teachers. On the first Friday of each month, students will be dismissed at 12:45 P.M.

Parents of OPA students please talk with your children about Stranger Danger. We have had some interesting people at the fence as of late.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to teach your student. We thank you for working with us to make the year a success. Have a safe summer and expect a letter from the office by the end of June with information about next year.

Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns.

Kathy Thornburg

Robert Mitchell