



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As the year winds down and summer approaches, I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the Calabash family for making my first year at Calabash Elementary a really wonderful journey.

An enormous **“thank you”** is definitely in order to our wonderful, dedicated PTA. Without their organization, planning, and support so many of the opportunities that we afford our teachers and students could and would not be possible. This year the PTA continued to fund our computer lab, art trek, and enrichment programs that help our students reach their fullest potential. PTA provided green eggs and ham during our Dr. Seuss Week as well as provide incentives for our Books and Beyond program.

The Calabash community is indeed a caring, supportive family who value and treasure their school. Helping children grow into happy, productive adults is one of the most fulfilling challenges life offers. You are to be congratulated for the role you play in building your child's skills, confidence, and strength of character.

I thank you for welcoming me into the family and letting me be part of the team. I wish you a wonderful summer with family and friends and hope that you will take the time to spend some quality time with your children, sharing with them the wonders of the city and our community. I look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Sincerely,

Esther Gillis  
Principal