



San Diego Unified School District

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Dear Standley Families,

Welcome back everyone! My entire staff is working hard and making every effort to ensure a great opening to our 2018/2019 school year. The focus of Standley Middle School and San Diego Unified is to develop students who will take an active stance in their own learning and become actively literate contributing members of society, making a positive difference in the world.

We are proud to be the hub of the University City Cluster as we prepare our students to excel in High School. Last year, UC High was named the top high school in SDUSD and made the top 100 in the state. The success of UC High is attributed to the achievement of the students and we know Standley has played a large part in that. We will continue to offer the programs and services that allow all students to find success. Expect to see the return of the newly formed 6th grade elective wheel offering Art, Computers, and AVID along with the UC Educate Homework Academy for all core tutoring needs. We will also provide access to Learning Upgrade for all students so they can reinforce, or build, the skills they need in Math and English.

Standley will continue to have a modified day every week this school year. Students will be dismissed at 1:40 p.m. on Wednesdays allowing students extra time for homework, extra-curricular activities, or just a mid-week break. Staff will use this much needed time for professional development, collaboration, and planning to make this another great year at Standley.

In addition to the academic focus we will continue our work with character development. We will continue to facilitate the Seahawk Sessions series this year for all grade levels as we dive into the video series, "Big Changes, Big Choices" and develop student capacity in trust, respect, honesty, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

I believe that leadership is a reciprocal process that is not done by one person to another but rather between people. My staff and I are energized and deeply committed to making a positive difference in the lives of your children. We truly look forward to working with you this year to help your child have a positive and productive middle school experience. Please visit our website <https://www.sandiegounified.org/schools/standley> and explore our links to find out more about curriculum, programs, staff members, and daily events.

Sincerely,

William Pearson
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