WEST PALMS CONSERVATORY VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS 14375 DEL GADO RD, VICTORVILLE, CA 92392 PHONE: 760-245-2535 FAX: 760-245-3683 PRINCIPAL: SEAN REDMOND, ED.D.

On behalf of the entire West Palms Conservatory Crew, I want to welcome you and your children on this voyage into the 2022-2023 school year. During the 2021-2022 school year, we faced many challenges adapting to a new norm. In addition, I was navigating my first years as the principal at West Palms Conservatory. Even with these uncertainties and challenges, we had a successful year. Our dedicated staff worked tirelessly to help make up for learning loss.

Evidence of the success and progress our staff and students made during last school year includes having 75% of our second-grade students reading at or above grade level at the end of second grade. As a result, our third-grade teachers will provide targeted interventions for that 25% of students not reading at grade level. These interventions will help reach the goal of having all students reading at grade level by the end of third grade. Also, results from the i-Ready Reading and Math Diagnostics show that 30% of our students met their stretch growth math and reading goal, a goal that puts below-grade level students on a path toward proficiency and on-grade level students on a path to achieve/maintain advanced proficiency. Our staff looks forward to intentionally targeting our instruction to increase the academic growth rate of our students, creating a path for all students to reach their full potential.

This school year, our staff will focus on providing a safe learning environment where all students can learn. We will achieve this by holding all students to high behavioral and academic expectations. To ensure the success of our students, we will increase positive recognition, be more diligent in holding all students accountable for our behavioral expectations, and create individual plans for success to support students who are struggling academically and behaviorally. As a key educational partner, we ask for your support in upholding and reinforcing our high behavioral and academic expectations.

Although West Palms Conservatory does not require school uniforms, we maintain a strict dress code policy, which we believe facilitates and maintains an effective learning environment and keeps the focus of the classroom on learning (CA EDC 35183.a.6). Also, many educators believe that school dress significantly influences pupil behavior (CA EDC 35183.a.7). VESD Board Policy 5132 on Dress and Grooming states, "The Governing Board believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. The Board expects students to wear clothing suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Students shall not wear clothing that presents a health or safety hazard or is likely to cause a substantial disruption to the educational program."

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Sailing with Pride

Some essential items of the West Palms Conservatory Dress Code are:

Pants/Bottoms

- No micro-miniskirts or shorts (must reach at least to palm)
- Outer clothes must properly cover all underwear
- Pajama bottoms are not allowed

Shirts/Tops

- No crop tops, clothing exposing bare midriffs, allowed
- Halter tops, spaghetti straps, plunging necklines, tube tops, open-sided shirts, and tank tops are not permitted.

Hats/Hair

- No distracting hair colors, natural hair color only
- Baseball hats or full-brimmed hats can be worn outside for the purpose of shade
- Hats, beanies, or hoods are not to be worn inside at any time.
- No chains or studded jewelry of any kind

Please see the attached dress code for further guidance on the dress code at West Palms Conservatory.

We look forward to partnering with you throughout this school year. We will host monthly School Site Council meetings, English Language Advisory Committee meetings, Coffee with the Principal, WPC Booster Meetings, and regular family engagement nights.

Volunteers will be allowed to assist in classrooms and at school events. However, volunteers are approved each school year. Therefore, all volunteers must attend a new training, complete a new volunteer form, and the school board must approve them for the 2022-2023 school year before volunteering.

Please look out for upcoming Volunteer Training dates and times.

Thank you for entrusting West Palms Conservatory with your children and their education. I believe the high behavioral and academic expectations help stretch our students to strive for more and be their best. We will do everything we can to provide a pathway for each student to meet or exceed these expectations. Also, with your help and as educational partners, we will see our children recover from learning loss, close achievement/opportunity gaps, and reach their full potential.

Kind regards, Sean Redmond, Ed.D West Palms Conservatory - Principal