SAN RAFAEL CITY SCHOOLS PREPARES FOR RE-OPENING OF SHORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Preparations continue for the re-opening of Short Elementary School in the Gerstle Park neighborhood of San Rafael. Short School will open and house students and staff for the 2010-2011 school year. The District and the staff at Short School are excited about moving into the Gerstle Park neighborhood. We look forward to meeting and getting to know our new neighbors!

Once school is open and we have established smooth school routines, we look forward to inviting neighborhood members to tour the school and meet the staff.

WHY IS SHORT SCHOOL RE-OPENING?
Student enrollment in San Rafael City Schools has increased significantly for the past four years. As school opens, we project our K-8 student enrollment will be over 4200 students. This is the largest enrollment for San Rafael City Schools in over 30 years.
The district’s other seven (7) elementary schools are at capacity enrollment, and there is not sufficient classroom space to accommodate all of the students who are enrolling. Re-opening Short School provides needed classroom space for elementary school children in San Rafael.

WHAT STUDENTS WILL ATTEND SHORT SCHOOL?
It is the district’s intent to create a thriving early childhood center at Short that would educate students enrolled in preschool through First Grade. For the upcoming 2010-2011 school year, Short will be the home to four district-operated preschool programs (2 - A.M.-Morning classes and 2- P.M.-Afternoon classes) and two Kindergarten classes.

Students attending Short School reside throughout the school district boundaries. Students will walk, ride a school bus, or be dropped off and picked up at Short. We anticipate the total school enrollment to be approximately 150 students.

IS THE SCHOOL READY TO HOUSE STUDENTS?
The school will be ready to welcome students as school opens on Thursday, August 19th. The school site has undergone significant renovation and enhancements in preparation for the opening of school.

WHEN WILL THE SCHOOL BE OPEN?
For the 2010-2011 school year, school starts at 8:40 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 1:35 p.m.

HAVE STAFF MEMBERS BEEN IDENTIFIED WHO WILL WORK AT SHORT?
Short Elementary School will be staffed by employees of San Rafael City Schools; credentialed classroom teachers, classified support staff, with administrative oversight.

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