



A Community of Learners

Superintendent's Perspective
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Welcome to the first Green Edition of the *Superintendent's Perspective*. Hard copies of the Perspective are also available in the front offices of our schools.

Fall is officially here – at least as far as the seasons go! More importantly we are entering the 2nd month of school and have four weeks under our belts. Children are now in the groove and routine of getting up early, doing their homework and falling into bed exhausted after a long but productive day of learning!

Our staff and teachers too, have worked tirelessly this first month, as they do each year, to ensure a smooth and successful transition from summer to the first month of the school year. Much goes on behind the scenes, but the fruits of these efforts are clearly seen in the eager faces of our students. Thank you to all for the work you do in preparing for Back-to-School events!

I have had the pleasure of attending Back-to-School nights this past month. I am so impressed with the quality of our classrooms, teachers, assistants, administrators and support staff. Not only do our schools boast high academic achievement, but they are also beautiful, well-organized, warm and nurturing learning environments. At each school I was overwhelmed with positive, satisfied and appreciative comments from parents as they visited the schools and classrooms. One parent proudly reported that she felt the teachers' energy and attitude expressed "there was no place on earth they would rather work," than in the Larkspur School District. This is clearly a result of the way we work together as a learning community.

Our governance team (Board of Trustees) invites you all to be present and contributing members of the district's mission to offer a rich, rigorous, relevant and engaging curriculum through collaborative partnerships among parents, staff and the community. There are, and will continue to be, a number of venues in which to participate at the site and district level. The monthly meeting of the Larkspur School District Board of Trustees will be held this Wednesday at the Hall Middle School Library beginning at 6:00 p.m. Agenda items for discussion include STAR testing results, Healthy Kids Survey results, enrollment and facilities, transportation report, and an initial look at a proposed 2008-09 school calendar. The complete agenda and back up materials can be found on our website under [www.larkspurschools.org/Board of Trustees/Board Agendas and Meeting Packets](http://www.larkspurschools.org/Board%20of%20Trustees/Board%20Agendas%20and%20Meeting%20Packets). If you are unable to attend the meeting, please look for *It Happened Wednesday*, published board highlights, following the meeting.

Thank you for your continued support of our students, schools, PTA's and the Corte Madera Larkspur Schools Foundation. Together we can achieve more!

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