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Dear Fabulous Fifth Grade Teachers:

Welcome to another wonderful year at the Balboa Park OCILE Program. My staff and I have been working diligently to continuously improve our curriculum and connect it to the work you do at the school sites. What you should see when you come for the week is high levels of student engagement, students learning and practicing peaceful solutions in real world situations, and individual students working together to develop as a team.

To prepare for your visit be sure you view the Balboa Park Program orientation video with your students. The video should answer many student questions and give them a preview of the work they'll be expected to do while here. As a heads up for you, we've experienced some logistical changes in the park due to budget cuts. First, we've lost three staff members: two teachers and one aid. Second, we no longer have our lunch bus. So, do wear comfortable, completely closed-toe closed-heel shoes when you come. You may be walking up to 3 miles on any given day. I'll provide you with more details during the Monday morning orientation meeting.

Despite the budget shortfall, the Balboa Park Program staff is dedicated to providing a quality experience for your school. We still have 27 outstanding partners in the park who will open their doors to us as we explore connections among the 5 key concepts: identity, culture, diversity, prejudice & discrimination, and conflict resolution.

Finally, be sure you read and complete the paperwork described in the Timeline and Checklist for Classroom Teacher sent to your site. If you have questions or suggestions please don't hesitate to contact the program office at 619-293-4459.

Looking forward to a fantastic visit!

Sincerely,

Tina Chin
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