



# San Diego Unified School District

OLD TOWN CULTURAL/HISTORICAL PROGRAM  
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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Elementary Principals, Fourth Grade Teachers  
**FROM:** Karla Shiminski  
**DATE:** August 19, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** FOURTH GRADE TEACHERS ATTENDING OLD TOWN

Fourth grade teachers will attend the Old Town Program with their students during the 2008 - 2009 school year. Our mission includes providing meaningful opportunities for visiting teachers to study with their students and to allow visiting teachers time to take advantage of the valuable resources our Old Town community has to offer that can support their history/social science teaching back in the classroom. We have been busy organizing a *new schedule* under the direction of the district to assist teachers in building their background knowledge in history specific to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade standards and to support teacher planning.

Please refer to the new [Participating Teacher Schedule](#) and [Participating Teacher Expectations](#) for this year's changes to the program, located on our website (<http://www.sandi.net/oldtown>). It is very important that you go over this information together at your site and be prepared for your visit.

Additional resources that we will still be providing the students weekly include:

- ❑ An assembly produced by the San Diego County Water Authority focused on how students can make a difference in their San Diego community.
- ❑ An end of the week professional theater production: Fire and the Mist: The Stories of Old Town produced by the San Diego State University Foundation

There will be time for afternoon planning throughout the week. As in the past, teachers' support for lunch program supervision along with dismissal procedures is greatly appreciated and helps our program run smoothly.

If you have any questions, e-mail Karla Shiminski at [kshiminski@sandi.net](mailto:kshiminski@sandi.net) or call (619) 293-4432.

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