

Preuss School at UCSD to welcome charter class with weekend orientation activities August 21-22

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Some 420 young students and their parents, representing the initial class of the public charter Preuss School, will attend orientation activities Aug. 21-22 on the campus of their future scholastic home, the University of California, San Diego.

The 150 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students, selected by lottery from among 503 San Diego County applicants, and their parents will be greeted by Doris Alvarez, principal, and her newly named 11-member faculty. The student body total includes 50 each in the three grades. The majority comes from within the San Diego city school boundaries, but other communities also are represented.

Classes begin Sept. 7 at the innovative school--the only public charter school in the state to be established on a university campus--when yellow school buses unload students for attendance in temporary quarters on the Thurgood Marshall College campus. The sleek, temporary classrooms are ringed with computers and look out on the campus eucalyptus groves. Meanwhile, the \$13.1 million Preuss School complex of buildings is under construction on UCSD's East Campus, with completion expected next fall. At steady state, in the year 2003, the school will accommodate 700 sixth through 12th graders.

The mission of The Preuss School is to prepare its students to win admission to, and succeed at, top level universities. All students in the charter class meet the criteria for Preuss School admission: they come from low income families, with no parent who holds a university degree, and they show the potential to succeed academically.

The orientation weekend activities kick off at 8 a.m. Aug. 21 in the Price Center Theatre and continue throughout the day with meetings and tours, culminating at 6 p.m. with dinner, music and dancing. Parents will join their youngsters in bedding down overnight in residence halls on the Earl Warren and Thurgood Marshall college campuses. Sunday activities from 8 to 11:30 a.m. include meeting teachers by grade levels.

The new faculty members, their assignments at The Preuss School and former affiliations, include:

Scott Barton, Dean of Students, former resource teacher at Hoover High School; Earl Chinn, Physical Education, formerly at Twin Peaks Middle School, Poway Unified School District; Hans de Groot, Mathematics, former resource teacher, San Diego Unified School District; Danine Ezell, Science, former middle level science teacher, San Diego Unified School District; Jan Gabay, English, formerly Serra High School, San Diego Unified School District;

Also: Marsha Korobkin, Librarian, former project manager, San Diego Unified School District; Gary Kroesch, Social Studies, formerly Mt. Carmel High School, Poway Unified School District; Kenia Milloy Fuenmayor, Spanish, formerly Good Shepherd Catholic School, San Diego; Tracee Parsons, sixth grade science and math, formerly Oak Grove Middle School, Jamul Union District; Kim Plummer, sixth grade English and Social Studies,

formerly De Portola Middle School, San Diego Unified School District, and Yolanda Sherard, Social Studies, formerly Hoover High School, San Diego Unified School District.

UCSD students will serve as tutors, interns and mentors, and UCSD faculty will be involved in special projects.

Classes will range from 20-27 students; the school day and academic year will begin earlier and end later than in the San Diego School District, and class periods will be longer than is traditional. All students will take four years of mathematics, laboratory sciences and English, three years of a foreign language and fine arts, and two years of history. Community service in the students' home communities also will be required.

The Preuss School is named in recognition of a \$5 million gift to the facility made by University of California Regent Peter Preuss, his wife, Peggy, their son, Peter, and the Preuss Family Foundation.

Attachments: Orientation Schedule

Faculty Roster/backgrounds

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THE PREUSS SCHOOL FACULTY

Doris Alvarez, Principal: 21 years as high school and middle level teacher, counselor and administrator. 12 years as Principal of Hoover High School, San Diego Unified School District; AB and MS, San Diego state University. Ph.D. from the joint doctoral program with Claremont Graduate School and San Diego State University. National Principal of the Year, 1997.

Scott Barton, Dean of Students: 17 years teaching at middle and high school level. Last assignment: Resource teacher at Hoover High School. Received his BA from San Diego State University; MA United State International University.

Earl Chinn, Physical Education: nine years experience as a 6th grade teacher and physical education teacher. Last assignment: Twin Peaks Middle School, Poway Unified School District; MS National University; BA San Diego State University.

Hans de Groot, Mathematics: 28 years as middle level teacher and resource teacher, San Diego Unified School District. BA San Diego State University; MA United State International University.

Danine Ezell, Science: 18 years teaching experience as a resource teacher and middle level science teacher, San Diego Unified School District. BA Pomona College; Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley.

Jan Gabay, English: 26 years teaching experience at middle and high school level. Last assignment: Serra High School, San Diego Unified School District. BA, San Diego State University; MA, San Diego State University. National Teacher of the Year, 1993.

Marsha Korobkin, Librarian: 33 years experience as teacher and librarian. Last assignment: Project Manager, San Diego Unified School District. BA, University of California, Los Angeles; MA, San Diego State University.

Gary Kroesch, Social Studies: 23 years experience at middle and high school level. Last assignment: Mt. Carmel High School, Poway Unified School District. BA, San Diego State University; MA, Azusa Pacific University.

Kenia Milloy Fuenmayor, Spanish: 8 years teaching experience at middle level. Last assignment: Good Shepherd Catholic School, San Diego. BA, San Diego State University.

Tracee Parsons, 6th grade Science and Math: nine years teaching experience at middle level. Last assignment: Oak Grove Middle School, Jamul Union District. BS, Texas Tech; MA, University of California, San Diego.

Kim Plummer, 6th grade English and Social Studies: 14 years teaching experience at middle and elementary level. Last assignment: De Portola Middle School, San Diego Unified School District. BA, University of San Diego; MA, Point Loma Nazarene.

Yolanda Sherard, Social Studies: 5 years teaching experience at middle and high school level. Last assignment: Hoover High School, San Diego Unified School District.

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1st CLASS STUDENT/PARENT ORIENTATION

AUGUST 21, 22, 1999

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

Housing Registration (Att. 1)

Refreshments, Price Center Theatre lobby Student I.D. Photos (concurrent), Theatre lobby

Overview Principal Alvarez, Price Center Theatre

Health Services presentation, Price Center Theatre Student Meeting (concurrent), Library Lounge Student I.D. Photos (ongoing), Theatre lobby

Small Group Activities, assigned conference rooms Lunch, Price Center Plaza

Campus Tours, depart from Price Center

Student Group Activities, assigned conference rooms Parent Meeting (concurrent), Price Center Theatre

Dinner, Price Center Ballroom

Evening Program, Music & Dancing, Price Center Ballroom Note: Royal Blazers (our uniform provider) will be set up in

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

Breakfast, Canyon Vista/Warren College

Parent Report on Plans, Price Center Theatre

Student Activity, Price Center Theatre

Meet Teachers by Grade Levels, Price Center Ballroom

Meetings w/Health representatives, Theatre lobby and immunizations as needed

7:00am - 8:00am 8:00am - 9:00am

9:00am - 10:00am 10:00am -11:00am

10:30am - 12:00pm 12:00pm - 1:00pm 1:00pm - 3:00pm 3:00pm - 5:00pm

6:00pm - 7:30pm 7:30pm - 9:30pm the Price Center lobby.

8:00am - 9:00am 9:00am - 9:30am 9:30am - 10:30am 10:30am -11:30am 11:30am