



**JOHN C. FREMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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*"A California Distinguished School"*

**The Mission of Fremont staff and parents is to implement educational practices that support student achievement.**

**A Special Message to the Fremont Community**

May 14, 2020

Dear Fremont Community,

Our wonderful close-knit community is often difficult to describe. Fremont is continually "buzzing" with activity- from our amazing PTA- who passionately supports all students in countless ways such as field trips and enrichment programs. Our hundreds of VIP's who work tirelessly to support our teachers directly and indirectly in their classrooms. Our caring, passionate parents are always eager to provide support for not only our school, but the surrounding community.

It is with a heavy heart that I share with you that I have requested to have a new experience next year, due to medical reasons. I have been diagnosed with T-cell large granular lymphocyte leukemia, which has made it difficult for me to fully focus on my position as principal here at Fremont. I will continue to be part of the LBUSD family and continue to support the children of our district, but in a different capacity.

I will forever cherish being a member of this amazing Fremont Community. I will take with me thousands of unforgettable memories. Unfortunately, I now need to focus on my health.

I am confident that the Fremont Community will continue to passionately support the students, parents, teachers, staff and stakeholders, by continuing to support the PTA and all other Fremont Committees. I am filled with gratitude and appreciation for all that you have done and continue to do for all of our students. Thank you for your smiles, kind words, encouragement, honesty, support, enthusiasm, humor, and most of all your patience. Fremont Elementary School – is a wonderful place, and I feel fortunate and honored to be a Falcon.

Sincerely,

Dr. Richards