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New Seaside Preschool at Juan Cabrillo Ready to Open

Families throughout Malibu are looking forward to the opening of the new Seaside Preschool at Juan Cabrillo Elementary School set for August 22, 2017. District and school officials have been readying facilities and preparing for the new preschool that will bring a collaborative educational program to the community.

A collaborative educational program for preschool students seeks to include a ratio of students with disabilities who may require specially designed instruction in pre-academics, self-help and or communication or social skills with minimum to moderate adult support. Staff work together collaboratively to create the best experience for all students.

Roya Carlson has been hired as the preschool teacher, bringing more than 10 years of experience as a preschool teacher to SMMUSD. Carlson is a former Cabrillo and Malibu Middle and High School parent who knows the school and community well and very much looking forward to opening the new Seaside at Cabrillo. Lakin Crane is the special education Seaside teacher.

Carlson is coming to Cabrillo from Buttercup Preschool in the Las Virgenes Unified School District, where she has served as the master level preschool teacher since 2014. Buttercup is a highly regarded preschool utilizing Reggio-inspired and STEAM-enhanced programming like will be used at Seaside. She is an outdoor classroom specialist and enjoys making connections with children through nature as well as Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) curriculum.

“We are excited to offer the Seaside Preschool program in conjunction with our Bridges TK in Malibu this year at Juan Cabrillo School. Believing that ALL kids can learn just in different ways and at different rates, the staff believes that there is a “place at the table” for each child. This vision for student success is why a collaborative educational program is the ideal start to our students’ education,” said Cabrillo Principal Dr. Pam Herkner. “We are looking forward to welcoming our youngest students and their families on Tuesday!”

The collaborative educational program is currently utilized at McKinley Elementary School and Lincoln Child Development Program in Santa Monica. Cabrillo is the third school to open a Seaside preschool, following Grant Elementary and Edison Elementary in Santa Monica last year.

Space is still available at the Juan Cabrillo Seaside Preschool. Please contact the school at 310.457.0360 for more information.

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