

Pleasant Grove Elementary Gazette



Principal's Message

April 2017

Welcome to April!

There is much to look forward to in our last two months of school! Please make sure you mark your calendars for the many items you will find on the Calendar of Events on the next page.

Our 3rd-6th graders will take the SBAC exam again later this month. 2016 CAASPP/SBAC Tests - ELA & Math- April 17th - May 5th. We ask that you plan family appointments with consideration for our testing schedule. The Pleasant Grove Tigers rocked the SBAC last year and we are looking forward to another year of continued success! For additional information on the upcoming SBAC test, I encourage you to access this valuable resource: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/parents/> Parents of children of all ages will enjoy the information!

Parents- We have experienced accidents and several very close calls involving students and adult pedestrians.

Tips for Making School Drop-Off and Pick-Up Safe and Less Stressful for Everyone

- Please pull all the way forward as far as possible... not just to the edge of the circle... all the way forward by the street. Keep moving up as the line moves. When people in front of you move, you move too.
- Pull all the way over to the curb. Pulling halfway over isn't safe for the student and also blocks both lanes.
- Never have your students get in or out of your car unless you are pulled up next to the curb. Having kids walk between moving cars is dangerous. Kids should only get in the vehicle on the curb side. If your child has to get in/out of the car on the street side, please find another place to safely pick up your child.
- If your child is young or needs help getting in/out of the vehicle due to a project/carrying something, please find a parking space. It's safer for you, your child, and the rest of us.
- Don't get out of your car in the pick-up circle. The pick-up line is not the place for this. It slows down the line, and puts you and others at risk.

As always, please pack your patience! Thank you for being patient and respectful to all.

Yours in education,

Deidra Wood
Principal

Our Newsletter is published each month and will contain information to assist in keeping you informed of activities and events in which your student may be involved. We will continue to provide information that you may find useful in providing support to your student on their educational journey. Your insight and input is strongly encouraged.

Calendar of Events

April

April 4th	3:30 - Volleyball Game - PG @ Beitzel
April 5th	6th Grade Promotion Pictures
April 5th	11:45 – 1:45 - 3rd Grade FT to Sheldon High School
April 6th	11:00 – Kinder Student of the Month
April 6th	3:30 – Volleyball Game - Butler @ PG
April 6th	5:30 - 7:30 - Family Writing Night
April 7th	All Kinder on AM Schedule
April 7th	9:15 - 11 - Kinder FT to PGHS
April 7th	1st - 6th Student of the Month
April 10th - 14th	Spring Break
April 18th	3:30 - Volleyball Game - Sunrise @ PG
April 19th	8:00 - 2:00 - 3rd Grade FT to Stone Lakes
April 20th	3:30 - Volleyball Game - PG @ Jackson
April 20th	GATE Parent Presentation #3
April 21st	11:00-1:00 - Picnic with Parents
April 22nd	5:00-11:00pm - PTA Auction
April 25th	2:30 - Talent Show Auditions - Rm. 8
April 25th	3:30 - Volleyball Game - CRES @ PG
April 26th	2:30 - Talent Show Auditions - Rm. 8
April 27th	3:30 - Volleyball Game - Batey @ PG
April 28th	Last Day for AR Points

Family Writing Night

Hosted by EGUSD Family and Community Engagement

Thursday, April 6th

5:30 - 7:30pm

Fliers went home last week. Please RSVP by Thursday, March 30th.



6th Grade Promotion Pictures

Wednesday, April 5th

Students are encouraged to come dressed in their "Sunday best!" These pictures will be on their promotion certificates. Packages will also be available for purchase.

Picnic With Parents

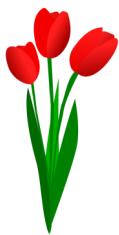
Grab a blanket or a chair, pack a lunch or pick something up! Our field, blacktop & MP will be open for all to enjoy!

Friday, April 21st



SPRING BREAK

April 10th - April 14th



THE TALENT SHOW IS COMING!

Do you have a talent? Can you sing? Can you dance? Talent Show Auditions will take place on April 25th & 26th in Room 8 at 2:30pm. Please come prepared with music/props as needed.



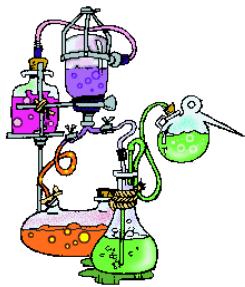
Permission forms to try out will be coming home soon!

PLEASANT GROVE PTA PRESENTS

GATSBY
THE GREAT
GALA & AUCTION

ANNUAL COMMUNITY DINNER & AUCTION

*Saturday, April 22, 2017
5:00pm - 11:00pm
Tickets on Sale Now!*



PG Science Fair & Invention Convention

Our annual Science Fair and Invention Convention was very successful! We had some amazing projects presented. Mr. Brown (6th Grade PG Teacher), Mrs. Brown (Albiani Middle School), and Mr. Shy (PGHS) spent the entire day scoring each project submitted. Site level winners were as follows:

1st Grade - Mrs. Hengel's Class - Mara Patton "Do Heavier Chicks Lay Heavier Eggs?"

3rd Grade - Mrs. Goehring's Class - Katie Looper "Pigeon Feed and Squab Growth"

4th Grade - Mrs. Andrew's Class - Jonathan Morris "Solar USB Charger Shoes"

5th Grade - Mrs. Stradley's Class - Kyle Looper "The Effect of Drying Methods on Walnut Color"

6th Grade - Mr. Brown's Class – Cate Bakey "Light Bulb Heat"

These students projects were submitted to the district level Science Fair, where 52 elementary schools had submitted one project per grade level to complete. We are very proud to say our students took awards in four different grades!

1st Grade - Mara Patton - 3rd Place

3rd Grade - Katie Looper - 1st Place

5th Grade - Kyle Looper - 2nd Place

6th Grade - Cate Bakey - 3rd Place

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Pleasant Grove Elementary is proud to present a 3-Part GATE Presentation for parents! If you missed the first two presentations, that's ok! You can still come to the next one. The next session will be held:

Thursday, April 20th, 5:30 - 6:30pm.
Analyzing SBAC Test Scores

The sessions will be held in Room 21 and light refreshments will be offered. If you have questions regarding these events, please contact Ms. Teresa Ramirez at TRamiraa@egusd.net. These presentations are for parents only!

With increased emphasis on standardized tests in today's schools, helping a child navigate the demands of taking tests is a necessary task almost every parent has to face. It may be your child taking all the tests, but you're the one who needs to help him through it. Here are some test-taking tips for parents to help you get your child ready.

Test Taking Tips For Children & Parents

Tip #1: Make attendance a priority, especially on days that you know standardized testing will be administered or there is a test in the classroom.

Though it's important for your child to be in school as many days as possible, making sure he's there when the test is taken helps to ensure he won't lose more learning time because he has to make up a test during school.

Tip #2: Make a note of test days on the calendar -- from spelling quizzes to big high-stakes tests. That way both you and your child know what's coming and will be prepared.

Tip #3: Look over your child's homework daily and check for understanding. Subjects like science, social studies and math often have cumulative exams at the end of units or chapters. If your child is struggling with something now, it won't be easy for her to have time to try again to learn it just before the test.

Tip #4: Avoid pressuring your child and provide him with encouragement. Few children want to fail, and most will try their hardest to do well. Being afraid of your reaction to a bad test grade can increase anxiety, which makes careless mistakes more likely.

Tip #5: Confirm that your child will be receiving any pre-determined accommodations during tests. These accommodations are detailed in his IEP or 504 plan. If he doesn't have one but needs some assistance, make sure you've communicated with his teacher about his needs.

Tip #6: Set a reasonable bedtime and stick to it.

Many parents underestimate the importance of a rested mind and body. Tired children have difficulty focusing and are easily flustered by challenges.

Tip #7: Make sure your child has enough time to wake up fully before he has to go to school. Just as rest is important, so is having enough time to get his brain engaged and in gear. If his test is first thing in the morning, he can't afford to spend the first hour of school groggy and unfocused.

Tip #8: Provide a high-protein, healthy, low-sugar breakfast for your child. Kids learn better on full stomachs, but if their stomachs are full of sugary, heavy foods that will make them sleepy or slightly queasy, it's not much better than an empty stomach.

Tip #9: Talk to your child about how the test went, what he did well and what he would have done differently. Think of it as a mini-debriefing or brainstorming session. You can talk about test-taking strategies after the fact as easily as beforehand.

Tip #10: Go over the test with your child when he gets it back or when you receive the scores.

Together you can look at any mistakes he made and correct them so he knows the information for the next test. After all, just because the test is done doesn't mean he can forget everything he learned!

And perhaps most important, watch your child for signs of stress and anxiety, which is an all-too-common occurrence among children today. The stress can be caused not just by tests and test-taking, but by increased academic demands in elementary school as well as increased amounts of homework and decreased time spent on stress-relieving activities and recess. Parents can help by keeping a close eye on their children and stepping in when they see signs of stress.

Student of the Month

ACADEMIC

Ryder Amick
Karis Bangle
Mariana Blanche
Jasnoor Boparai
Jessica Borlak
Lea Caroline
Haydenne Carter
Jasmine Catral
Cassandra Corona
George Dahdouh
Melina Debolt
Jordan Deeton
Armand Doranian
Tyler Eidson
Dianna Fong
Cristina Garcia
Emily Giang
Gage Green
Kyle Henderson
Kyle Huynh
Joven Kalkat
Sydney McGee
Eric Ngo
Elizabeth Nguyen
Mara Patton
Adeena Rana
Jaime Shapton
Scotty Smith
Ella Vang
Elias White

CHARACTER TRAIT HONESTY

Dhillon Abeid
Jack Abeid
Luke Alley
Jaden Alvizo Jimenez
Cate Bakey
Alexander Bauer
Sana Begum
Kwinci Brown
Renee Calderon
Emily Carrillo
Bailey Frias
Thomas Jacobson
Brendan Lee
Cody McEntire
Jessenna Natividad
DeAmoray Newsome-Wilson
Mateo Pascuzzi
Connor Perdue
Drake Pham
Connor Rix
Vladimir Savchenko
Matthew Shapton
Kalia Trammell
Carter Tseu
Kylee Vanderbrake
Madicella Weatherwax
Janelle White

EFFORT

Sarah Bauer
Camila Brambila Gonzalez
Brandon Burden
Cole Chunn
Alex Dahdouh
Erick Deeton
Diana Garcia Torres
Garrison Jones
Jake Macfarland
Andi Mansel
Serenity Martinez
Jaylen Medina
Jonathan Morris
Luee Murphy Shiu
Anna Pohl
Zackaria Raymond
Viviana Rico
Abigail Siever
Conor Sievers
Yingyangyoo Smith
Kali Tarrant
Kai Trammell
Davina Tran
Ryan Tran
Travis Tran
Ryli Turner
Ethan Yu

Spark Plug
Award

Adalynn Alley
Diego Amaya
Elijah Bauer
Emily Borlak
Jacob Borlak
Kaylee Bouwhuis

**Julie Gourkani
Noah Huff
Lane Kazhe
Jaxon Kertel
Alexis LeCroy
Dani Mansel**

**Mariyah Mizani
G'Angelo Moreno
Brandon Murillo
Nate Pascuzzi
Ethan Rosehill
AJ Villa**



Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to our students earning the following AR Awards during the month of *March!*

Bronze

Soraya Albarran
Sana Begum
Drew Brown
Logan Chavez-Ramos
Leila Dahdouh
Taylor Edwards
Yvette Granados
Josh Harris
Thomas Jacobson
Dain Kelly
Colton Lewis
Karyme Nava
Olivia Pereira
Dallin Scharmann
Joevon Tate-Wilcox
Davina Tran

Gold

Izzabella Brown
Jacob Brockmann
Lea Caroline
Cassandra Corona
Sean Deeton
Jayden DeLaRosa
Arabella Doranian
Kiersten Elmore
Julianna Gourkani
Katie Looper
Anna Pohl
Penelope Popham
Viviana Rico
Adam Saelee
Sabrina Sanchez
Jane Seavers
Yinpe Vang

Platinum

Giancarlo Acosta-Keon
Justin Alvizo
Landon Amick
Emi Barfield
Karina Borlak
Logan Brennan
Avery Chapman
Nicholas Dahdouh
Diego Edralin
Tyler Eidson
Adam Giang
Emily Giang
Ben Grau
Vincenzo Guardino
Michael Gutierrez
Hudson Hall
Jason Hernandez
Kyle Huynh
Bethany Jackson Russo
Lisa John
Olive Jordan
Kyle Looper
Tanner Mullikin
Paisley Pack
Nathan Pham
Maeven Phong
Ameera Rana
Carson Shaw
Joey Tran
Natalie Underwood
Evan Wilson
Catharine Winemiller

Silver

Luke Alley
Arnav Bhullar
Kaytie Domich
Elizabeth Flores Deltoro
Taylor Hartley
Kyle Henderson
Lainey Hernandez
Chloe Johnson
Joven Kalkat
Zade Long
Danica Mansel
Michael Murphy Shiu

Kylee Nuttal
Robert Redenbaugh
Tessa Rogers
Grace Rothenbaum
Donavan Sams
Matthew Shapton
Andria Shonde
Brian Le
Nolan Underwood
Katie Wong
Keeyara Zenor