

Pleasant Grove Elementary Gazette



Principal's Message

February 2020

Welcome to February!

It is hard to believe that we have passed the mid-point of the school year. Our second trimester comes to a close at the end of this month and along with the end of the trimester are lots of great activities.

We will have minimum days for parent-teacher conferences March 3rd – 6th. Our teachers will be setting up conferences for any new students as well as some continuation conferences from the fall for some students. If you have a need for a conference, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. On-going communication and a partnership with your child's teacher are contributing factors for your child's success in the spring.

GATE- If you are interest in your 4th-6th grade student taking the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT) for possible Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) identification, please email Mrs. Gross at jgross@egusd.net. There is limited testing for students in grades 4- 6 later this spring.

It is SO important that you make sure your child is here **EVERY DAY... ALL DAY... ON TIME!** One of the most powerful predictors of school success is attendance. Students are expected to be in class ready to learn by 8:00, not running through the gate at 8:00. We often hear, "I'm late because you closed the gate." The gate has nothing to do with if your child is late or on time. Students not in their classroom by 8:00 are sent to the office for a late slip regardless if they made it through the gate or not. Coming in tardy and leaving early both have an enormous impact not just on your child but on every child in the classroom. When children are tardy, their late entrance interrupts instruction. The same happens with an early dismissal. We call the classroom, which interrupts. As the child gathers their things, learning stops. Please help us to make PG a better place for learning by bringing your child every day, making sure they stay all day, and ensuring they are on time!

Thank you so much for your efforts to bring your student **EVERY DAY... ALL DAY... ON TIME!**

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

February

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| February 3rd | 2:30 - 4:30 - At The Bandstand - Musical Auditions - Rm. 7 |
| February 4th | 3:45 - Basketball Game - PG @ Fite |
| February 5th | 8:15 - Coffee Chat |
| February 5th | 2:30 - 4:30 - At the Bandstand - Musical Auditions - Rm. 7 |
| February 5th | 5:30 - 6:30 - Watch DOGS Pizza Night |
| February 5th | Family Life Education Parent Preview (See Details Below) |
| February 6th | 11:00 - Kinder Student of the Month |
| February 6th | 3:45 - Basketball Game - Beitzel @ PG |
| February 6th | 3:00pm - Close - Dining for Dollars - The Barn Cafe |
| February 7th | 2:00 - 1st - 6th Grade Student of the Month |
| February 10th | No School - Lincoln's Birthday |
| February 11th | 9:30 - Sac Blues Society Assembly (4th - 6th Grade) |
| February 13th | 2:30 - 4:00 - Volleyball Try-Outs |
| February 13th | 5:45pm - PTA General Meeting & Kinder Performance |
| February 14th | Spirit Day - Twin Day! |
| February 14th | 2:30 - 4:00 - Volleyball Try-Outs |
| February 17th | No School - Washington's Birthday |
| February 18th | 8:30 - 1:15 - 5th Grade FT to CA History Museum |
| February 18th | Mad Science Assembly (K-3 @ 8:30, 4-6 @ 9:15) |
| February 20th | 3:45 - Basketball Game - PG @ Cosumnes River |
| February 21st | Minimum Day - 12:30 Dismissal - Report Card Prep |
| February 21st | 6:30-8:30pm - Father Daughter Dance |
| February 25th | 9:00 - 12:15 - 5th Grade FT to Crest Theater |
| February 27th | 3:45 - Basketball Game - Florin @ PG |

SAVE THE DATE!

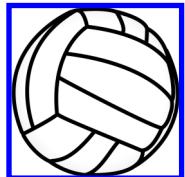
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Father/Daughter Dance





VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS



Students in 5th & 6th grade are invited to attend one or both tryouts being held on Thursday, February 13th and/or on Friday, February 14th from 2:30 - 4:00.

The season will run from (approx.) February through April. Forms are available in the office and must be completed and returned prior to trying out.

NO SCHOOL

February 10th - Lincoln's Birthday
February 17th - Washington's Birthday

ATTENTION: Parents/Guardians of 5th & 6th Grade Students

5th & 6th Grade Family Life Education
PARENT PREVIEW NIGHTS

Wednesday, February 5, 2020
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Robert L. Trigg Education Center Board Room
9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624

PRESENTED BY:

Elk Grove Unified School District, Department of Curriculum/Professional Learning Your child's school will be offering Family Life Education to 5th and 6th grade students. In compliance with the California Education Code, Section 51938, you are invited to attend a Parent Preview Night of the Family Life Education video(s) and curriculum to be used in your child's classroom, which has been approved by the Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education. If you have any questions, please contact Kelli Quan-Martin, Health Program Specialist, at (916) 686-7757 x67225 or via email at kquan@egusd.net.

PSSST!

Just a heads up! Science Fair is April 16th. It's never too early to start thinking about a project! More details to come next month!

At the Bandstand!

With the retiring of Mr. Hushbeck, our resident play director, a few PGE parents, who love the arts, wanted to keep the tradition going and have taken on the task of directing a Winter/Spring Musical with the students of Pleasant Grove Elementary. Kate Nuttall, with the assistance of Darcie DeMille, will be directing the play alongside Allison Evans as choreographer. Kate and Darcie have been directing local children's musical theater plays together since 2016 and Allison owns a local dance company. Together with their years of experience working in the arts and with children, they are excited to welcome your children to audition for ***"At the Bandstand!"***

Who can audition? Pleasant Grove Elementary Students in 3rd through 6th grade (1st and 2nd graders may be considered if they have older siblings participating).

When are auditions? February 3rd or February 5th, 2:30-4:30. *To sign up for an audition time, pick up an audition packet in the front office which has all the details.*

When are rehearsals? February and March- Mondays and/or Wednesdays from 2:30-4:00, with a few exceptions. *Full rehearsal schedule is available in the audition packet found in the front office.*

When are performances? April 1 (during school & evening) and April 2nd (during school)

What is the cost? \$30 (to cover cast t-shirts, materials, cast party)

What is the musical? *"At the Bandstand!"* is a rock n' roll review. When Rockin' Robin, host of the hit TV show *At the Bandstand!*, announces an on-air dance-off to join the popular Bandstand Kids, Cindy and her girlfriends jump at the chance! But in order to succeed, Cindy will need to out-shine the spoiled daughter of the show's corporate sponsor. This musical includes familiar '50s songs, such as Rockin' Robin, Splish Splash, Shake, Rattle and Roll, Great Balls of Fire, and more.

All audition forms are available for pick up in the office!

6th Grade Parents!!

Please be aware that students entering 7th grade are required to have a Tdap Booster Shot (whooping cough).

Please bring an updated copy of the shot records to our office once the shot is received.

If the student does not receive the shot before the first day of 7th grade, the student will **NOT** be allowed to attend classes!!

Cold and Flu Season

The cold and flu season is here! Since germs and illnesses are easily spread at school to students and staff, please take a moment to review the illness policies below. Thank you!



Fever

An elevation of the normal body temperature.

Signs and Symptoms

- Onset may be abrupt with a shocking chill.
- In general a temperature of 100 degrees, or above shall be considered a fever.
- Sweating flushed face, hot or dry skin.
- Loss of appetite
- Complaint of feeling warm
- Nausea, sometimes vomiting

Dismissal and Readmission Policy

A student with a temperature 100.0 F or above must be dismissed from school. The student must be fever-free for 24 hours without medication before returning from school. This means that if a student is sent home with a fever, they cannot return to school the next day.

Common Cold

An acute infection of the upper respiratory tract, usually lasting five to seven days.

Signs and Symptoms

- Nasal stuffiness, sneezing, and nonproductive cough
- Mild sore throat, enlarged neck glands
- Fever
- Red and watery eyes
- Decreased appetite

Dismissal and Readmission Policy

A student will be dismissed from school for the following: a fever of 100.0F or higher, the student is too ill or uncomfortable to function adequately in the classroom, excessive coughing or colored drainage from the nose. The student may return when they have been fever-free for 24 hours and he or she is able to attend to classroom activities and assignments, and drainage is clear during the daytime.

Diarrhea

Signs and Symptoms

- Watery, copious bowel movements
- Bowel movement may be green in color
- Foul odor

Dismissal and Readmission Policy

A student will not be dismissed for one loose stool unless another sign of illness exist. The student must be fever-free for 24 hours. If the diarrhea persists, student must have a written statement from the doctor that no viral, bacterial, or other contagious condition exists.

Nausea or Vomiting (Gastroenteritis)

Causes, Signs and Symptoms

- Certain viruses (eg Norovirus)
- Certain medications may cause nausea and vomiting
- Upset stomach, dizziness, and anxiety may cause vomiting
- Paleness, abdominal pain may occur with nausea and vomiting

Dismissal and Readmission Policy

A student that is vomiting must be dismissed from school, even if they are "feeling better" after vomiting. A student must be vomit-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

If a person has repetitive vomiting and diarrhea, Public Health advises staying home for 48 hrs after last episode.

Student of the Month

ACADEMIC

Salma Alaaraj
Kenneth Alaga
Neveah Baril
Jessica Borlak
Lexi Carter
Ian DeMille
Zain Ghani
Hailey Jordan
Allison Newman
Alex Nguyen
Laynee Pace
Ella Retke
Aevin San
Carson Shaw
Eleanor Winemiller
Ethan Yu
Brynn Zehnder

CHARACTER TRAIT CITIZENSHIP

Everardo Anzaldo-Alcala
Bryn Bitnoff
Naomi Byrd
James Day
Diana Garcia Torres
Ixchel Garnica
Dain Kelly
Amaya Kertel
Zuri Luu
Haydee Nava
Damian Navarro Rivera
Yasmine Navarro Rivera
Chloe Radich
Aiden Rawlins
Annet Romo
Kyloh Sythanyarutt
Katie Wong

EFFORT

Danica Barge
Harmone Brumfield
Mathew Castaneda
Mayra Cervantes Zepeda
Caydence Clark-Simunich
Dallas Congdon
Katelyn Dinh
Catherine Gatlin
Keira Hanson
Daniel Leon
Riley Machell
Dani Mansel
Jaslene Perez
Trevor Pratt
Jenna Shehadeh
Conor Sievers



Spark Plug
Award

Haseeb Ali
Noah Bennett
Ava Burns
Aydin Byrd
Cason Coates

Diego Edralin
Mason Fox
Andrew McClaine
Giovanni Moreno
Ricky Naveja Ortiz

DeAmoray Newsome-Wilson
Aiden Sievers
Francisco Suarez
Sean Thiara



Scholastic Reading Counts

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

Bronze

Benjamin Anzaldo-Alcala
Danica Barge
Amitoj Bhullar
Cristian Blancarte
Hailey Borges
Emily Borlak
Colton Chavez
Joseph Dahdouh
Rocco DellaBitta
Dane DeMille
Jaileen Dhillon
Kaelyn Douglas
Christiana Fong
Ixchel Garnica
Adam Giang
Nathan Giang
James Gingery
Dharam Gonzalez-
Dosanjh
Julianna Gourkani
Michael Gutierrez
Keith Huang

Samuel Jones
McKenzie Kendrick
Masen Kobberstad
Brian Lee
Christine Lema
Nathaniel Mello
Dillon Mullikin
Tanner Mullikin
Presley Pack
Chloe Radich
Aiden Rawlins
Hailey Ritter
Kameron Ruffell
Tiffany Smith
Samuel Strassburg
Nathaniel Villa
Elias White
Cush Wright
Brooklyn Wullenwaber
William Yu
Brynn Zehnder

Silver

Omar Andaluz
Zachary Borges
Ava Burns
Aaron Byrd
Elena Castillo
Natalie Day
Catherine Gatlin
Blake Green
Peng Sou Her
Neko Hernandez
Kyle Huynh
Aimee Johnson
Charlee Martens
Zachary Nguyen
Adam Nuttall
Charli Ramirez-Oliva
Adam Saelee
Brady Sander
Edward Shawn Smith
Lucca Taylor

Gold

Diego Edralin
Alexis Giang
Tevita Heleta
Becky Luu
Elizabeth Nguyen

Anant Bhullar
Cason Coates
Annabelle Do
Zain Ghani
Hailey Jordan

Platinum

Iliana Romo
Madison Satow
Jaden Tran
Brooklynn Vandebrake
Eleanor Winemiller