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Notes from the Principal's Desk

Parent Feedback

We are pleased to announce the release of the 2008 Parent Survey. We value the opportunity to receive your opinion on our school's programs and how we can improve in the future. All information collected is *confidential*. You will receive a paper copy of the survey in the upcoming weeks. All surveys are printed on special scantron paper and need to be completed using a #2 PENCIL. In addition, this year the survey is available on-line. You may access the survey from the District's homepage at www.egusd.net. We will share the survey results in the fall. Please return the completed survey to Arthur Butler Office, your child's classroom or complete the on-line survey by May 15, 2008.

TESTING

This spring your child, along with public school children throughout California in grades 2 through 11, will participate in California's Standardized Testing (STAR) Program. Your child's success in school is very important to us, and we hope that you will join us in preparing them for this important exam. The dates for your child's STAR testing are as follows:

4 th Grade Writing Exam	Track D	April 29, 2008
STAR Testing	Tracks C & D	April 8 - April 29
	Tracks A&B	May 13 - May 28

As part of the STAR Program, your children will take the California Standards Test (CST) containing test questions reflecting California's and Elk Grove's rigorous language arts, mathematics and science. Students in third grade also will take the nationally-normed California Achievement Test, 6th Edition (CAT/6). Results from the STAR tests will help you know how well your children are progressing each year and how they compare academically with other students in California.

Teachers use the results of these tests to identify children in need of remedial help or those who could do well in accelerated programs. The state uses the scores for ranking schools and districts. While your children should not be unduly stressed about taking these exams, it is important that they be prepared and motivated to do their best.

By September, you should receive your child's STAR results. Please review them carefully when you receive them. STAR Program Reports provide valuable information about your child's academic achievement. The results from the CSTs reflect how well your children are learning the skills that our state and district expect every child to learn. CAT/6 scores for third graders compare your child's performance with that of students throughout the nation. Please plan to keep these reports for use when talking with the teacher about ways to support your child's academic performance.

If you have further questions, please call the school at 916-681-7595.

Thank you,
Carla Victor

Important Dates to Remember

B Track Intersession
Grades 1-3 (7:55 - 11:00)
Grades 4-6 (11:00 - 2:20)

Drama Club Practice
Tuesday & Thursday - MP
2:30 - 3:30

STAR testing - CD
4/8 - 30

Multicultural Week
4/21 - 25

Picture Day - AB
4/22

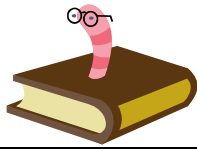
Staff Appreciation Week
4/28 - 5/2

Track Change/Minimum Day
Wed 4/30, 2008
School dismisses at 12:30

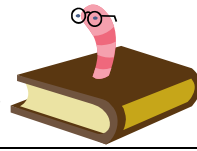
Upcoming Field Trips

4/8 - 5C Carbrey Starbase
4/17 - Tozi Starbase
4/18 - 1CD Build a Bear
4/21 - 5D Hammond Starbase
4/23 - 5D Hammond Starbase
4/24 - Tozi Starbase
4/25 - 6C Sheldon Performance
4/28 - 5ABC Sheldon Performing Arts
4/30 - 5D Hammond Starbase

Mark
Your
Calendar



SRC Library Check-Out Time

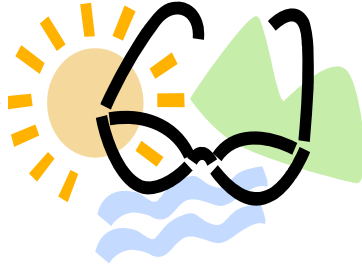


Off Track - Library Open Hours <u>For B-Track</u>				
THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY (8-2:30) - Mon. 4/7, Tue. 4/8 & Fri. 4/18.				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2:00-2:30	2:00-2:30	8:10-10:30 2:00-2:30	2:00-2:30	2:00-2:30

TRACK CHANGE/TRACK ON Reminder

ACD Trackers
Track Change/
Minimum Day
Wednesday April 30th

B-Track
is Back to School on
Thursday May 1st



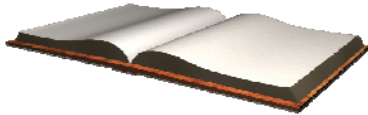
Butler's News 10 Teacher of the Month

Ms. Kiinani Farrow, 3rd grade teacher has been awarded the Channel 10 Teacher of the Month award for April. She will be placed into a final competition for the News 10 Teacher of the Year. News 10 will be on campus to interview her and her students. If you are interested in viewing her interview spotlight, visit the following link. <http://www.news10.net/video/playernews10.aspx?sid=37149&aid=5042>



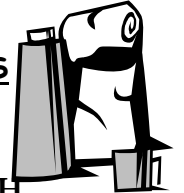
You Can Help Your Children Do Better on Testing

- ✓ Discuss with your child the importance of doing their best on the test.
- ✓ Make sure your children get a good night's rest and breakfast before taking the test.
- ✓ Discuss upcoming tests with your children and try to reduce pre-test anxieties.
- ✓ Do not plan activities that will take your children away from school on important test dates.



Character Education

The character trait for
 April is **TRUSTWORTHINESS**
 April 7th - April 30th



CHARACTER ED VIC LUNCH

Each month two students per class are recognized as their class VIC, Very Important Character. The VIC students are invited to a fancy lunch in the cafeteria with a complimentary dessert and are awarded a character education pencil too!

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

- 1ST Grade: Mrs. Askins class, Hannah O., Sara C.
 2nd Grade: Graysen T.
 3rd Grade: Kareena K., Maya G., Eliza H., Lexi M., Garrett T.
 4th Grade: Koby B., Jacob R., Brian H., Ally S., Jessica N.
 5th Grade: Olivia F., Michael H., Kyle D., Jessica R.
 6th Grade: Kevin L., Yancey P., Diana H. & Natasha S., Richard B.

