



Sierra Enterprise

Elementary School Newsletter

Soaring Like Eagles.....Towards Success

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Principal's Message

Connecting with the Community

The word COMMUNITY relates to Sierra Enterprise in every sort of way. We unite and come together to help our children grow. I truly enjoy the opportunities that we have to connect with you and your family. When we connect with each other through teaching, conversations, celebrations and gatherings, we are creating and maintaining a strong bond of learning.

I would like to thank the families that were in attendance for the "Ice Cream Social", at the Florin Community Center on September 23. This month we will hold more family events to connect with the school community, Walk the Track Day-October 7, Watch DOGS Dad's Pizza Night-October 14, & The Harvest Festival-October 30. I hope you can come out to show your support and take part in the "Connection with the Community," activities.

California Standards Test

Each year our students in grades 2-6 take the California Standards Test (CST). We have just received our overall grade for the test. Our score or Annual Performance Index (API) was 781. We didn't reach our goal of 800. However, I truly believe with hard work and dedication from all, YES WE CAN reach that goal.

Ways that you can help your child succeed at school:

- Read to or with them
- Hold your child accountable and check their work. Even if you don't understand the work, you can still check for completion
- Give your child positive praise for their good efforts

These strategies will help your child with their work and build their self esteem for future success.

Mr. Jason Campbell

Calendar of Events

October 7: National Walk 4 Fitness Day

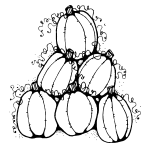
October 12-16: Red Ribbon Week

October 14: Watch D.O.G.S/Dad's Pizza Night

October 22: Community Meeting
at Pleasant Grove High School 7-8 P.M.

October 28-30: Book Fair

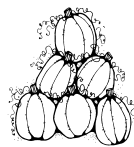
October 30: Harvest Festival/
Fall Carnival



Fall Carnival 2009

Carnival Date: Friday, October 30, 2009

Don't Miss Out On This Night Of Fun!!



**HAUNTED HOUSE
TATTOOS/FACE PAINTING
RAFFLE!!**



**PUMPKIN DECORATING
WILD WEST LAZER RANGE
GHOSTLY HULA HOOP TOSS
FRISBEE TIC TAC TOE TOSS
NACHOS/POPCORN/SNOW CONES/PIZZA
LOCAL SHERIFF DEPT.
METRO FIRE DISTRICT
BOOK FAIR IN THE LIBRARY
AND SO MUCH MORE!!!!**

*Sixth Grade and Third Grade will be having
Fundraisers that night for field trips this year.
Come help support their cause!!!*

Would You Like To Help Out??
WE COULD USE YOUR HELP!!

BAKED GOODS for the Cake Walk and 6th
grade Fundraiser!

CANDY DONATIONS for prizes at the games!!
RAFFLE DONATIONS for raffle baskets!!

*Raffle donations contact Amy @ 812-4291

*Baked goods & candy contact Robin @ 769-4573



English Language Development

Our school will soon begin a program of English Language Development for our students who are learning English as a second language. These students, whom we refer to as "English learners," will receive daily English Language Development lessons specifically designed to help students learn how the English language works. The curriculum we'll use is a published program called *Avenues*. *Avenues* provide lessons in English while students study topics like food chains or neighborhoods.

For example, 4th grade students study a unit about weather. A fourth grader who has just begun to learn English might learn new words like *storm*, *high*, *wind*, *before* and *after*, and how to use the word *because* to connect cause and effect relationships. A fourth grader who has more advanced levels of English might learn new words like *drought*, *rotation*, *violent*, and *climate*, and how to use the phrase *as a result of* to connect cause and effect relationships.

Avenues helps teachers plan ELD lessons that are appropriate for all levels of English learners, from beginning to advanced. *Avenues* emphasizes language practice opportunities, like talking with a partner about a lesson, answering reading comprehension questions or writing sentences and paragraphs—all using the targeted English language skills for the unit. When English learners get additional help in how to speak and write in English, they can reach higher levels of achievement in reading, math, social studies and science, just like students who come to school already fluent in English.

While English learners are getting the special instruction that meets their needs, our students who already speak English fluently will also be getting instruction that meets *their* needs. Some students may need more assistance in reading comprehension or vocabulary, while others may be involved in enrichment or acceleration projects that allow them to extend already-strong reading/language arts skills. Our school is working continuously to provide for the individual learning needs of our students.

EGUSD Budget Community Meetings

The Elk Grove Unified School District will hold four community meetings in October to provide parents, staff, students and the community an opportunity to hear information and ask questions about the district's budget cuts. The meetings will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the following sites:

October 8	Valley High School Library
October 13	Florin High School Theater
October 21	Franklin High School Theater
October 22	Pleasant Grove High School Community Room

If you have questions about these meetings, please email communication@egusd.net or call (916) 686-7732.

Healthy Snacks



In our efforts to educate students on living healthy, we ask that you provide your students with nutritional snacks to school each day. Fruit, vegetables, crackers, and water are just some of the items that you can provide your child for snacks. Cookies, chips and drinks that contain a heavy amount of sugar, causes students to lose focus on instruction and learning. We want your child to eat food that helps them GROW, so they can SHOW WHAT THEY KNOW!



WATCH DOGS- Dad's Pizza Parent Night

We will be launching our Sierra Enterprise WATCH DOGS program with a Pizza Night Kick-Off Event on the evening of Wednesday October 14, 2009 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in our school Multi-Purpose. We are inviting all fathers and father figures from the Sierra Enterprise school community to partner with us to join this very worthwhile effort!



T-Shirt Sales

Sierra Enterprise SOARing to Success T-shirts are ON SALE again. The prices are \$8 dollars for a child shirt, \$10 dollars for an adult. You may purchase a t-shirt in the office or wait for your child to bring an order form. The shirts will also be on sale during the upcoming Harvest Festival on Friday, October 30. Show your school spirit!