



SPARTAN SHIELD

Sunrise Elementary School

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Budget Cuts Set to Challenge Public Schools

As I sit at the computer with the late December chill outside, preparing this edition of our *Spartan Shield*, I am thinking about our school and the months ahead. The current budget crisis in the state bodes some very rocky times ahead for an adequate and steady funding stream for public education. As decisions are made in the legislature and information becomes known, I will be communicating with you about any impact cuts and/or reductions will have on our school campus and programs. Wherever possible, it is my desire to work with our parent community to minimize any potential negative impact budget cuts might have on the quality of our educational programs.

Primary Intervention Program (PIP)

Sunrise Elementary is the recipient of a state grant from the Department of Mental Health. The grant provides the resources to offer K-3 grade students, who meet the criteria, an opportunity to participate in the Primary Intervention Program (PIP).

One of the key ingredients to success in school is building strong, positive relationships with peers and staff. This program is designed to help students who are experiencing difficulty building such relationships. The challenge with relationships may be the result of shyness, moving to a new community and changing schools, or adjusting to changes when there has been a divorce in the family. Parents of students who meet the criteria for **program participation will be contacted by their child's teacher**. Participation in the program requires parent permission and is voluntary.

The Primary Intervention Program grants have been offered for over twenty years as a result of their proven effectiveness in meeting the needs of children in the school setting. We are pleased to be able to offer this program at Sunrise Elementary.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **1/5/2009 First Day of School in 2009!**
- **1/5 B Street Theatre "Women in History" 4-6 grade**
- **1/8 Roseville High "Dancing Feet" Assembly 9-10:00a**
- **1/15 Chuck E. Cheese visits Sunrise 3:00 - 9:00**
- **School Site Council Meeting 6:30-7:30 Library**
- **1/17 Bicycle Safety Hoopla 10:00 - 1:00**
- **1/19 HOLIDAY- Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday**
- **1/29 "Make a Smile" Dental Presentation**
- **1/27 Family Life Parent Preview Night 7:00 - 8:00p at the District Office Boardroom**
- **1/27 PTA Executive Board Meeting 6:30-7:30 Library**
- **2/3 Board of Education Meeting 7:30 at District Office**

Hi, my name is *Danielle Castrence* the secretary of student council. This is what is going on with our student council.

Student Store

Our student store is scheduled to start in January. Every Friday at lunch recess students can visit us at our store that is attached to the cafeteria.

Pencil Box

In the library students may buy a pencil for twenty-five cents in our awesome pencil box.

Spirit Day

We had a great turnout for P.J. and backwards day. Next spirit day is Crazy Hair Day on January 23!

Representatives

Representatives need to check classroom C-2 every Monday to **see if they need to come Tuesday's meeting. We meet in C-2 from 7:45 to 8:15.**

Riddle of the month by Chase Kimball

Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building?

Look for the answer somewhere else in this newsletter.

Foggy/Adverse Weather Transportation Information

Under foggy or adverse weather conditions, school bus service may be impacted, resulting in delays or cancellations. By law, school buses are prohibited from traveling when there is less than 200 feet of visibility in each direction.

The Transportation Department Safety Plan, includes "spotters" who live in various outlying areas of the district. They report weather conditions in the early morning hours if there is limited visibility or other adverse weather conditions. When visibility or conditions are reduced to an unsafe level, bus drivers will pull off the roadway at the nearest safe location and may not proceed until safe. The driver will notify the transportation dispatcher regarding their location and estimated time of delay, who will in turn, notify the schools.

On days when we are experiencing delays, parents may check our "weather hotline" at 686-7733 and select #3 for an update. This information will also be shared on the district's web site, and the media will be notified when appropriate. Please remember, fog levels vary greatly in our area. While the sun may have broken through in your area, your bus may still be experiencing delays.

(Riddle Answer: Yes. Buildings can't jump.)

Community Board of Education Meeting February 3, 2009

Community members will have an opportunity to ask questions and get answers from EGUSD board members on **February 3, 2009, at Community Board Meetings.** Each year, EGUSD's seven trustees hold individual meetings at seven school sites as a way of bringing the board to the community.

The meetings offer an opportunity for the board to give an update about the district and to answer questions. In honor of the 50th **Anniversary, this year's meetings will also include a screening of the fourth segment of a student produced film honoring the district's rich history.**

The meetings are from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Snacks and water will be provided. Trustees will be holding meetings at the following locations. If you have any questions about the meetings, please contact the EGUSD Communications Department at (916) 686-7732 or communication@egusd.net.

Jeanette J. Amavisca - Isabelle Jackson Elementary School
Pollyanna Cooper-LeVangie - Elliott Ranch Elementary School
Priscilla Cox - Joseph Kerr Middle School
Pamela I rey - Helen Carr Castello Elementary School
William Lugg, Jr. - Florin High School
Chet Madison, Sr. - Charles Mack Elementary School
Brian D. Myers - Arnold Adreani Elementary School

Improved Campus Safety: New Gates and Plans for New Traffic Pattern

The new gates are now complete! Each of the new gates has been installed with panic hardware so that when classes are in session, the campus is secured on the perimeter from outside traffic .Should we have an emergency ,students and staff will now also be able to quickly exit the campus.

New Traffic Pattern - As part of our 2008-09 Comprehensive Safe School Plan, the School Site Council is working with EGUSD Police Services and the city of Rancho Cordova to make some changes to our traffic plan during drop-off and pick-up. Our next planning meeting is scheduled for the first week of January. Several of the changes being explored include: the addition of a crosswalk on Cobble Brook at the east end of campus, creating a coned drop-off only zone along Cobble Brooke, and making the exit out of the main parking lot a right turn only. Please watch upcoming issues of the *Spartan Shield* for final details and the implementation timeline.

Until the new plan is implemented we ask everyone's help with the following:

- NO U turns anywhere along the school boundaries.
- No double parking or double stopping. Do not let your children out of the car to walk in front of another car dropping off children or send them across the street except at the crosswalk.
- Watch for the direction of staff at the crosswalks.
- Maintain a slow speed when driving anywhere around campus when children are present.