



SPARTAN SHIELD

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EGUSD Board President and Superintendent to Visit Sunrise

EGUSD School Board President, Brian Meyers, and Superintendent Dr. Steven Ladd, will chair a community Board meeting at Sunrise Elementary School on Tuesday, February 5th from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Sunrise Elementary Library. This meeting is open to all parents and community members. This is wonderful opportunity to find out what is happening in our school district and to meet two of the key leaders in an informational and casual setting. There will be a presentation about the district's current goals and an opportunity for questions and answers. Interpreters for Spanish and Russian speaking families will be on hand. Child care will be provided.

Second Trimester Report Cards and Parent Conferences

As amazing as it seems, we are rapidly approaching the end of the second trimester....or two-thirds of the way through our first year at Sunrise Elementary! Report cards will be sent home with each child on Wednesday, February 20th. The Awards Assembly for 3rd-6th grades will be Friday, February 22nd at 8:45 in the multipurpose room.

Parent Conferences for the second trimester are on an *as needed* basis. Teachers and/or parents may request a conference. You will receive a notice from your child's teacher on Tuesday, February 5th stating whether or not the teacher feels a conference is needed. If your child's teacher has not scheduled you for a conference and you would like one, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher with this request. **Minimum Days** will be held **Tuesday, February 19th through Friday, February 22nd** for students in grades 1st-6th. The school day will be 8:20-12:30 to provide time for conferences. Kindergarten students will remain on their regular schedule for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Friday, both sessions will attend on the early session of 8:20-11:40.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2/5 EGUSD Community Board Mtg. 7-8:30//Library
- 2/7 PTA General Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Family Life Parent Night at District Office
- 2/11 NO SCHOOL—Lincoln's Holiday
- 2/18 NO SCHOOL—President's Day Holiday
- 2/19-22 Parent Conferences - Minimum Day Schedule
1st—6th 8:20 - 12:30
Kinder Regular Schedule
2/29 ONLY ALL Kinder late 11:10—2:30
2nd Trimester Awards Assembly 8:45 a.m.
- 2/26 PTA Executive Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 2/29 Movie Night "Surfs Up II" Hosted by 2nd grade
Last Day to Purchase the Yearbook at \$15.00
- 3/3 6th Grade Visits Albiani Middle School
- 3/13 PTA Sock Hop at 6:30 p.m. MP room



Farewell

To our wonderful librarian, Mrs. Mason, she will be leaving us as of February 8th. Her husband has secured his dream job that will relocate them to Pennsylvania. I know that you all join us in thanking Mrs. Mason for doing such a wonderful job with getting our library open and running smoothly as well as hosting a fabulous Book Faire! Our library will be closed for several weeks while we interview and select a

Valentine's Day Celebrations

Thursday, February 14th is Valentine's Day. We ask your help in keeping this day a happy one for each and every child on campus. If your child's class is exchanging valentines, please follow the teacher's instructions on sending a valentine for each child in the class. We also ask that the exchange of valentine remembrances between parents and children happen either before or after school.



Comprehensive Safe School Plan

California schools are required to comply with various Federal, state, and local regulations dealing with health and safety. Pursuant to Senate Bill 187 (Comprehensive School Safety Plan), California State regulations require that school districts maintain an appropriate social climate on campus, in classrooms, and at school-sponsored events. In particular, California Education Code (CEC) requires the preparation of comprehensive "safe school plans" dealing with violence prevention, emergency preparedness, crisis intervention, and student and employee safety.

Sunrise Elementary School maintains a safe school plan that is available for parent review upon request. The plan deals with safety and school climate. The plan contains improvement goals that are reviewed annually. The plan is developed and reviewed by the faculty Leadership Team and the School Site Council.

SPARTAN Yearbook! First Edition

To commemorate this wonderful first year at Sunrise Elementary School, we will be offering interested students and parents the opportunity to purchase a yearbook. The yearbook will be in color and will feature individual student portraits as well as collages of photos from class and school events. The cost of the yearbook is \$15 until February 29th. We will have a limited number of yearbooks available the first week of June



Warm Hearts and Hands

Sunrise kindergarten students collected over 100 pairs of mittens and gloves for the children of Afghanistan! The mittens will be sent to Sgt. Lucia who is stationed with the US Airforce in the mountains of Afghanistan. Sgt. Lucia wrote home telling of the freezing cold weather and the young children without gloves and mittens. Enter our four kindergarten classes and a story about mittens!

Character Education Theme -

Our character education theme for the month of February is **Trustworthiness**.

We have selected this character trait for the month of February because it aligns closely with the leadership qualities recognized in George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, whose birthdays we celebrate this month. Our character pledge is:

I will be Trustworthy.

I will keep my word.

I will be honest.

I will be loyal.

I will not deceive, cheat, or steal.

Call for Photos

If you have taken photographs of some of our special events that could be used in our yearbook, we would love to have the photos to add to our selection pool! Photos burned to a CD or actual photos can be submitted to the Yearbook basket in the office. Please label your photos with your name, child's name, and teacher's name so that we can be sure to return your photos. We need your photos by Friday, February 29th

READ ACROSS AMERICA - Character Day

Sunrise students will have the opportunity to participate in National Read Across Day on Friday, February 29th. The day will also mark the birthday celebration (Sunday, March 2nd) for Dr. Seuss, beloved children's author. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favorite story character or author. A reminder, that all costumes must be school appropriate.

SUNRISE PTA FEBRUARY UPDATE

Greetings from Sunrise PTA!

Congratulations to the Kindergarten Class for hosting our first Movie Night. It was a great success! A big thanks goes to all of the kindergarten teachers and to the parents for their help with the preparation of this event. We have been very busy planning a variety of special events for the Spring trimester(s). The following are a list of upcoming events:

February 29, 2008. Movie Night hosted by the Second Grade Classes;

February 29, 2008. Last day to purchase yearbooks for \$15;

Price is \$20 this date;

March 13, 2008. Family Dance/Sock Hop. This will be a free event held at the school; (refreshments provided by Sixth grade).

March 28, 2008. Movie Night (Refreshments provide by First Grade);

April 7, 2008. Fitness month kickoff activities;

April 18, 2008. Jog-A-Thon;

April 19, 2008. Adult Social and Fundraiser;

April 25, 2008. Movie Night (host will be announced in March);

May 16, 2008. Movie Night (host will be announced in April).

We will send information home with students regarding the above events. Sonya Wade, PTA Vice-President of Fundraising is welcoming volunteers to assist with the preparation of the Adult Social. The PTA is always looking for volunteers and/or committee members to help with our activities. In addition, PTA board member elections will be coming up soon. If interested in helping out with our ongoing programs, or running for office, please call the school office at 985-4350 for contact information. It's never too late to become a member! **Our next general membership meeting will be held on Thursday February 7, 2008 at 6:30pm in the multi-purpose room.** Attending these meetings is a great opportunity to learn more about our PTA and to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!