



# SPARTAN SHIELD

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## Governor's Proposed Budget Cuts to Impact EGUSD

Throughout the State of California, school districts are struggling to develop budgets for the 2008-09 school year that reflect the Governor's proposed budget cuts to public education. If the Governor's proposal is implemented, Elk Grove Unified is facing about \$25 million in cuts next year. Compounding the issue for Elk Grove is a projected decline in enrollment and rising health care costs. Cutting \$25 million from a budget that devotes 85% of its resources to salaries means that unless the situation changes, there will be lay-offs. Given that Sunrise Elementary is a new school with a number of new teachers, the budget situation could have a significant effect on our school.

The EGUSD School Board is currently considering a list of proposed reductions in expenditures that includes:

- ⇒ Returning to the 100 minute kindergarten teaching model which will increase class size in kindergarten and result in a reduction in the number of kindergarten teachers
- ⇒ Eliminating 9<sup>th</sup> grade class size reduction in English and mathematics
- ⇒ Eliminating high school teacher augmentation implemented last year, two teachers per high school
- ⇒ Reassigning academic coaches and resources teacher to the classroom
- ⇒ Reducing textbook funding, professional training for teachers, and management expenditures
- ⇒ Recapturing funds from unfilled positions
- ⇒ **Using half of the district's reserves**
- ⇒ Reducing all budget within the district 5-10%

Parents and community members are encouraged to contact their legislators to express their views on funding for public education. For updates on budget cuts to public education and the potential impact on EGUSD, visit the [district's Budget Watch](#) webpage.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **3/13 PTA General Mtg. 6:30 MP room**
- **PTA Sock Hop at 6:30 p.m. MP room**
- **3/14 ALL Kinder Early 8:20—11:40**
- **Red, White & Blue Performance & Picnic**
- **Albani MS Counselors visit 6th Grade 12:30—2:30**
- **3/17-21 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL**
- **3/25 PTA Executive Mtg. 6:30 Library**
- **3/27 School Site Council Mtg. 6:30 Library**
- **3/28 Movie Night—"Happy Feet" 6:30 MP room**
- **4/2 Excel Spring Picture Day**
- **4/15-27 CST Tests for 2nd -6th Grade**
- **5/17 Spring Fling—Parent Social**

## IMPORTANT - Mark Your Calendars

### STAR Testing is Coming!

Each year students in Grades 2-12 throughout California take the California Standards Test (CST) which is mandated under California's *Standardized Testing and Reporting* (STAR) Program. The results of this assessment are used to measure both individual student and school program progress. How our students perform this year will determine our area(s) of focus for the coming year. It is important that our students do their best on this test.

Please note the following dates on your calendar. We ask that you avoid scheduling any medical, dental, or out-of-school activities on these dates.

Grade 2: April 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>

Grade 3 : April 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>\* and April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>\*

Grades 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> :April 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>

\*Third grade also takes the CAT6 test.

We thank you for your support.



## SUNRISE PTA MARCH 2008 UPDATE

Greetings from Sunrise PTA!

Congratulations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class for hosting our second Movie Night. We had a great time. Thanks goes to all the teachers and the parents who helped with this event. Mark your calendars! The following are the updates for events scheduled during our Spring Trimester:

- March 13, 2008 Sock Hop. 6-8 p.m.  
See the flyer that was sent home in February;
- March 28, 2008. Movie Night Hosted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class;
- March 31, 2008. NED motivational assembly. 9-9:45 a.m.  
More info to come;
- April 7, 2008. Rock Your Body assembly. 8:30-9:15 & 9:15-10:00.  
Fitness kickoff;
- April 18, 2008. Jog-A-Thon fundraiser.  
Children raise \$ while getting in shape
- April 25, 2008. Movie Night Hosted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class;
- May 16, 2008. Movie Night Hosted by the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes;
- May 17, 2008. New date for the Spring Fling

We will send information home with students regarding the above events. The PTA is always looking for volunteers and/or committee members to help with our activities. In addition, PTA board member elections are fast approaching. 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 March 13, 2008 at 6:00pm in the multi-purpose room. Attending these meetings is a great opportunity to learn more about our PTA and to ask questions, plus we could really use your help. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting! Thank you.

### Campus Safety

**Parents...we ask your help with the following in order to maintain the safety of our students:**

- No U turns on Cobble Brook during arrival and dismissal
- No double parking
- Do not call your child(ren) to your vehicle if they must cross the street or cross in front of another car.
- Remember to sign in through the office any time you are on campus outside of arrival and dismissal. If you have 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade children, please do not enter through the kindergarten gate at PM arrival.
- Please do not interrupt class to deliver lunch. Lunches can be left in the office or taken to the lunchroom at lunch-time after signing in.
- Please review bicycle and pedestrian safety rules with your child periodically.

Remind your child that school rules are in effect from the time they leave your home until they arrive back inside your home at the end of the day.

### Looking for Parent Employed by INTEL to Sponsor PC Pals

Are you an INTEL employee, interested in community service, and in taking an active role in supporting our school? Intel Facilities in Folsom and Sacramento have a great program called PC Pals. PC Pals is an email mentoring program where Intel employees email a student twice a week. The idea is to encourage, inspire, and guide young people throughout the school year to work hard and be successful in school. INTEL provides a \$200 Intel Volunteer Grant to our school for every 20 hours Intel employees volunteer at the school. Over the school year, this can add up to a significant amount of money. If you are an INTEL employee and interested in being the Team Lead for our school, please call Mrs. Hunt-Brown at 985-4350.

### MARCH Character Trait:

#### LEADERSHIP, INITIATIVE, AND TEAMWORK

- Working to earn the respect of others
- Setting a good example for others
- Doing my share to make my school and community better
- Doing my part to help other students succeed

These phrases comprise our character education pledge for the month. Each morning, immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance, our students recite this pledge. Throughout the month, teachers will be reinforcing examples of these phrases in the actions of story characters and in the behavior of their students.



### Attendance at Sunrise Sports Team Events

#### Safety and Supervision

Sunrise Elementary is proud to announce that we have fielded our first intramural sports team for the game of volleyball! Games are held after school in the multipurpose room. Because teams must travel, games begin at 3:30 or 3:45. Any Sunrise student that wishes to attend a home game must return home and then return to school accompanied by their parent. Students unaccompanied by a parent will not be admitted to home games.

### Sunrise Fields First School Volleyball Team

Sunrise has fielded its first intramural volleyball team! Congratulations to McKenna Agosta, Morgan Price, Chelsey Reeves, Sarah Debnkoff, Ashley Del Rosario, Enrique Echeverria, Patricia Castrence, Daquan Baker, Michael Stenner, Tyler Vasquez, Andrea Huertas, Auberon Dejesui, Megan Beretta, and Sara Schubert. The team will practice two days a week after school and then play against five other elementary EGUSD elementary schools. The team is coached by Mr. Harding, third grade teacher.