



SPARTAN SHIELD

Sunrise Elementary School

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California Standards Test

Our goal is "847 and Higher!" Last year our school earned an Academic Performance Index score of 847 on the California Standards Test (CST). This CST test is taken throughout the state of California in all public schools and serves as a standard against which to measure student success in meeting grade level standards. This is an excellent score for a school in its first year, but we are aiming higher!



Students in Grades 2-6 will take the 2009 CST Test on the following dates:

Tuesday, April 21st through Thursday, April 23rd and Tuesday, April 28th through Thursday, April 30th

We ask your assistance in supporting your child's optimal performance on this important test. Ways that parents can help are:

- Be sure that your child is in attendance and on time on test dates unless they are ill.
- **Be sure that your child gets a good night's sleep before each test day.**
- **Start your child's day off on a positive tone with words of encouragement and a good breakfast.**
- Discuss with your child the importance of this test and giving their best effort.
- Discuss effective test-taking strategies: reading all instructions, reading all of the possible answer choices before selecting the correct answer, going back into the text to find the correct answer, using scratch paper to work the math problems, checking your work if you finish early.

Once testing has begun we will not be interrupting class for messages to teachers for students or the arrival of late students.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



- **4/1 Deficiency/Progress Reports**
- **4/2 Internet Safety for Parents 6:30-7:30 Library**
- **4/6-10 Spring Break—NO School**
- **4/13-17 Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Recycling Campaign**
- **4/17 Jog-A-Thon Kickoff**
- **2nd Grade Spelling Bee**
- **4/18 Bicycle & Scooter Safety Faire - Sunrise MP room**
- **4/20 R.C. Police Community Meeting 6:30 MP room**
- **4/21-24 STAR Testing (CST)**
- **4/24 Movie Night at 6:30 Hosted by Kindergarten**
- **4/25 Spring Fling Parent Social & Fundraiser**
- **4/28 PTA Executive Board Meeting 6:30**
- **5/1 Jog-A-Thon Event**

Traffic Plan: As announced in the last newsletter, beginning Monday, April 13th, we will implement two new procedures in connection to our traffic plan at arrival and dismissal.

- Right Turn Only from the parking lot - Cars can turn left at Herodian, left on Sunrise and, re-enter the subdivision at Chrysanthy.
- Cones down the middle of Cobble Brook - Cars will not be able to double park or make U turns on Cobble Brook. Foot traffic will need to cross using the crosswalks.
- The purpose of these two changes is to increase safety for students along Cobble Brook Drive and decrease the back-up of traffic in the parking lot making the parking lot a safe place for drop off and pick up.

EGUSD Police Services will be on hand for the first several days of our new procedures to help everyone learn the new routine. We thank everyone in advance for their assistance and cooperation with implementing these changes.

Intent to Return Forms: will be sent home with students on Wednesday, April 15th. Each students must return an Intent to Return Form by Friday, April 24th in order to maintain their enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year. Your prompt return of these forms is critical to our planning and staffing for the new school year.

SUNRISE STUDENT COUNCIL

Hi, my name is Danielle Castrence the secretary of student council. We just had our Golden Awards assembly for classes with good behavior in the lunchroom, computers, and library. Here are the winners!

Computers: Standing, Peterson

Cafeteria: Heine, Rotenberg

Library: George, Peterson

Spirit Day

Sports Day is on April 17, 2009 and the class that has the most spirit will win the spirit trophy, a spirit dance from our spirit officer Chase Kimball, and **Otter Pops** for the whole class!

Last month's spirit winners: Weshner, Tran

Meetings

Representatives need to check classroom C-2 every Monday to see if they need to come to Tuesday's meeting. We meet in C-2 from 7:45 to 8:10.

Smencils

We are selling pencils for 25 cents every Friday during lunch recess. We have ordered more Smencils and will start selling them as soon as they arrive.

Coloring Contest

We will be having a coloring contest from April 14th to April 23rd. The two winning classes get **Otter Pops!!!**

Riddle of the month by Chase Kimball

Why do golfers take an extra pair of socks?

Look for the answer somewhere else in this newsletter.

School Site Council Parent Election

The Sunrise Elementary School Site Council serves an important function in the operation of Sunrise Elementary School. The Council serves as an advisory group to the principal on important matters of school improvement related to **students' academic achievement. The Council is composed of ten members - five of whom are parents and five of whom are staff members. The Council meets once a month for an hour.**

It is time to prepare for an election of five new parent members of our council. The by-laws for our School Site Council state that the term of office for parents on the council is **two years. Our current parent members' terms will be completed in June at the end of this school year. If you are interested in serving on the School Site Council please contact Mrs. Hunt-Brown.**

Summer School Registration:

Registration forms for the 2009 elementary summer school program are currently available in the school office for traditional and D Track students. **This year's summer school program will take place from June 10-29, 2009 at the following schools:**

James McKee Elementary 8701 Halverson Drive Elk Grove, CA 95624 and Arnold Adreani Elementary 9927 Wildhawk West Dr. Sac, CA 95829. Summer School is for students **needing remediation and will require teacher's approval. After your child's teacher has signed the registration form, submit it to the school office by Friday, May 8, 2009.**

APRIL Character Trait "Goal Setting"

- WE WILL set goals that are unique for our abilities.
- WE WILL come to school and strive to achieve our goals.
- WE WILL complete tasks to the best of our abilities.
- WE WILL continue to progress towards our goals

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.



Needed: Parent or Community Member with a Contractor's License to set tiles:

Dry weather is here and we are ready to install our "First Families" tiles on the stage wall for the multi-purpose room.

We are looking for a contractor willing to donate installation services. All supplies will be provided by our PTA. If you or someone you know might help us complete this project, please contact Mrs. Hunt-Brown at (916) 985-4350



Parent Participation - PTA Leadership Needed

Would you like to take a more active role in your child's

school? Do you have ideas for special events, enriching experiences, and ways in which to continue to build our school community? You may wish to consider serving as an elected member of the PTA Board. It is a fabulous opportunity to work collaboratively with other like-minded adults to make a concrete difference in the education of your child and every child in the school.

PTA serves an important role in the operation of our school. Some of the important functions our PTA has accomplished over the past two years include: providing enriching assembly programs for students and parents, increasing the circulation of books in the library, providing award certificates and incentives to promote school pride and spirit, and providing a fabulous fine arts curriculum for K-6 titled ART Docent.

For the next several years, the financial situation in our state is such that a vital and active PTA will be an essential component in maintaining the quality of our instructional program.

The current executive board's term of office will expire at the end of this school year. PTA By-laws prevent the current board from continuing in their same positions for a third year.

We are in need of parents willing to serve in a leadership capacity on the PTA Board. Positions on the board include: president, executive vice-president, and vice-president of fund-raising, vice-president of special events, treasurer, secretary, historian, auditor, and parliamentarian. Involvement in PTA is a wonderful way to bring richness to the educational life of our students. Please contact Theresa Beals at 337-8519 or Mrs. Hunt-Brown at 985-4350 if you are interested.

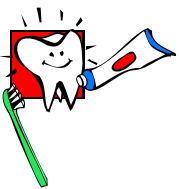
Dress Code for Spring

With winter days fading and the warmer days of spring and summer appearing with more regularity, it is time to review the Sunrise Spartan Dress Code Guidelines. These guidelines were established to support and promote our academic learning environment and maintain the safety of students. The guidelines that apply to spring and summer wardrobes include:

- Shorts, skorts, and dresses must be mid-thigh or longer
- All clothes must be neat looking and of appropriate size, no sagging pants or shorts. **Answer: In case they get a hole in one!**
- Tops must cover the upper body so that no underwear or body parts are exposed on boys and girls: no spaghetti straps or backless; strapless shirts or dresses, no midriff, half-shirts, tub tops, tank tops, or tops with large armholes, low necklines or skin-tight clothing.
- Safe shoes are necessary at all times - lace-ups or tennis shoes are best for daily wear. If sandals are worn, they must have an ankle strap and protect the toes. NO flip-flops

Host a French Foreign Exchange Student this Summer

Make this summer a memorable one for you and your family! Host a student from France! American Discovery is bringing a group of 40 French students to Elk Grove this summer, and would like you to consider hosting a student. **There's absolutely no cost to you, just wonderful memories to make.** Students are here from July 11-31 or July 30 to August 18. Each student speaks English and is coming with the desire to live with a true American family. If this is you, sign up today! Call Miranda Menestrina at (916)201-0609, or email her at www.cmmenestrina@hotmail.com. The deadline to sign up is April 30. This program is not sponsored by the EGUSD.



EELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL DENTAL SCREENING FOR 2008-2009

Dental Screening for Kindergarten students of 2008-2009 and incoming kindergarten student of 2009-2010 will be provided by Western Dental School on April 17, 2009.

Locations will be at:

Florin Elementary 7300 Kara Drive Sacramento, Ca. 383-0530
Time: 8:00-12:00 am

Irene West Elementary 8625 Serio Way Elk Grove, Ca. 683-4362
Time: 8:00-9:30 am

Helen Carr Castello Elementary 9850 Fire Poppy Drive Elk Grove, Ca.
686-1725 Time: 10:00-12:00 am

Kindergarten students from other EGUSD elementary school sites may be screened at any location, but must be accompanied by a parent. Permission slips will be available at the dental screening sites.



Recycle News by Miss Radke

Our school raised \$95 from the Wal-Mart corporation for recycling plastic bags and various plastic products. Go Spartan Families!

Nike Reuse-A-Shoe: Monday April 13th - 17th

Newsletters, soda cans, water bottles...and athletic shoes?

Established in the early 1990s, Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program collects old, worn-out athletic shoes for recycling, transforming them into Nike Grind, a material used in creating athletic and playground surfaces as well as select Nike products. Nearly two decades ago, Nike began looking for a way to reduce the company's environmental footprint and reduce the amount of shoes that ended up in landfills.

Clean out your closet, take a peek under the bed and ask your friends and family - chances are, you'll find a few pairs of kicks lying around that have seen better days.

Just bring your worn-out athletic shoes to our Reuse-A-Shoe collection drive. We can accept any brand of shoes, but remember - our equipment isn't yet able to process cleats, dress shoes or shoes with metal pieces. Make sure your shoes are dry and free of any mud or dirt.

The shoes that are collected will be transported to a Nike Facility in Oregon, where the rubber will be melted down and then be used in the process of building a new basketball court, running track, tennis court or any type of sporting ground.

You can drop off athletic shoes of any brand for recycling. Sandals, flip-flops, dress shoes, boots and other types of shoes are not accepted. We also can't accept shoes containing metal such as cleats or spikes. Nike's recycling equipment is set up specifically for the material and dimensions of athletic shoes. In addition, shoes containing metal cannot be made into Nike Grind material for safety reasons.

Cartridges for Kids—During April & May we are concentrating on the collection of ink cartridges and cell phones.

Community Service at Sunrise

Community service is an aspect of developing students of character. To promote community service, each grade level sponsors and participates in at least one community service project each year. So far this year, the following groups/ organizations have benefitted from the generosity of our students and families:

Kindergarten - Loaves and Fishes - gloves, mittens, and hats,

First Grade - Folsom Zoo - animal maintenance supplies,

Second Grade - Harmony House - coin drive for financial contribution (beginning April 13th)

Third Grade - Wildlife Care Association - coin drive for financial contribution.



Yard Supervisors

Do you enjoy working with children? Do you **have an interest in being active at your child's school?** We currently have need for substitute lunch/yard supervisors. The hours are

11:10- 12:40. Applicants will need to apply for the position on line through the EGUSD Human Resources department and obtain fingerprint and TB clearance. We will also need full-time supervisors for the 2009-2010 school year. If you have any questions please call Mrs. Hunt-Brown at (916) 985-4350.