



# SPARTAN SHIELD

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## Sunrise 's FIRST Annual OPEN HOUSE

On Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 Sunrise will host our very first Open House. Parents and family are invited to visit their children's classrooms to see and celebrate all of the wonderful learning that has occurred

this year. In addition to classroom visits there will be several other events happening as part of the evening.

Schedule for Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m.	PTA General Meeting in the Multi Election of 2008-09 Executive Board
6:00 p.m.	Katherine Albani Middle School Parent Outreach Program - Sunrise Library
6:10 p.m.	First Grade Performance in the Multi
6:30-7:30	OPEN HOUSE - classroom visits

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Albani Parent Meeting

Sixth grade parents are invited to meet with an Albani parent for some of the details that parents often wish they knew prior to sending their child to middle school. The presentation will be given on Open House night from 6:00-6:30 in the Sunrise Elementary School Library by Albani parent, Karen Richmond. Karen will stay afterward for parents attending the 1st grade performance.

### Intent to Return Forms

Please be sure to return your *Intent to Return* form by Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This information is critical to the determination of our staffing and subsequently the creation of our class lists. If you have not received a pink *Intent to Return Form*, additional copies are available in the school office. Note: Families to do not return their *Intent to Return Form* will be assumed to NOT be attending Sunrise next year.

### Minimum Day ~ Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

8:20-12:30 for grades 1-6

All Kinders EARLY 8:20- 11:40

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **5/8**      **OPEN HOUSE at 6:30—7:30 p.m.**  
              ~ PTA General Meeting 6:00—6:10 p.m.  
              ~ 1st Grade Performance at 6:10 p.m.  
              ~ 6th Grade Albani Parent Presentation 6:00 p.m.
- **5/9**      **MINIMUM DAY ALL GRADES**  
              ~ Kinder ALL Early 8:20—11:40
- **5/17**     **Spring Fling—Parent Social 6:00—9:00 p.m.**
- **5/26**     **NO School —Memorial Day Holiday**
- **5/29**     **Annie in Review MP room 9:00 a.m.**  
              ~ Annie Parent Performance at 6:30 p.m.
- **6/4**      **6th Grade Promotion at 9:30—10:30 a.m.**
- **6/5**      **Kindergarten Promotion at**  
              ~ 8:45—9:30 Arriaga/Ayson  
              ~ 9:30—10:15 Jones/Radke
- **6/7**      **Community Yard Sale 8:00 a.m.**

### A Successful First Year

**Yes, it's true! There are only twenty-three** days remaining in the school year. The year has absolutely flown by! It seems like eons ago when we were all gathered together for the ribbon cutting ceremony and the white doves flew overhead. The year has been full of significant accomplishments:

- ⇒ Lots of learning...and more learning...and more learning
- ⇒ Making new friends
- ⇒ Establishing school routines and procedures
- ⇒ Reading wonderful books from our beautiful library
- ⇒ Expanding our computer literacy
- ⇒ Field Trips - Sly Park, Exploratorium, State Capital, Sutter's Fort, Coloma, Food Service, Shakespeare in Review, Fog Willow, I MAX theater, Mondavi Center and the Alvin Ailey Dance Troupe-just to name a few.
- ⇒ Organizing PTA, School Site Council, and the English Language Learner Advisory Committee
- ⇒ Twenty-one students referred to take the Naglierei Test as they work toward GATE qualification
- ⇒ Jog-a-thon
- ⇒ NED and his YO-YOs, The Reptile Den
- ⇒ Spartan Pride Spirit Days
- ⇒ STAR Testing Parade

The Last Day of school is Thursday, June 5th. The First Day of school for 2008-2009 is Monday, August 25th.

Goals for 2008-09

Even though this year isn't quite complete, goals for the 2008-09 school year are already in place and implementation has begun.

We have four significant goals for next year:

**Increase student's reading fluency, level, and comprehension** through the use of Accelerated Reader in Grades 2-6

**Improve our students' math facts mastery so that weak facts knowledge does not interfere with mastering concepts.** Implement Rocket Math in Grades 1-6.

**Increase students' exposure to and knowledge about Art and Art History** in grades K-6. Acquire the Art Docent curriculum and develop an Art Docent program staffed with parent and community volunteers.

Develop a program to begin to meet the needs of our Gifted and Talented students.

Funding to support these programs has been secured through School Site Council, PTA, and Fine Arts grant money.

A Note from Food & Nutrition Service:

As we draw closer to the end of the school year, Food & Nutrition Services would appreciate your help to ensure that your student(s) food service account balances are taken care of. If lunch charges are currently owed, please pay the total amount before the last day of school. All account balances will carry over to the 2008/09 school year including negative charges.

Please inform your student(s) that they may not charge for lunches in the school cafeteria starting 5/27/08. During the last two weeks of school, students must bring lunch money for school meals or they should plan to bring a sack lunch from home.

Beginning May 1, 2008 the Food and Nutrition Services has launched a new online service that will allow **parents to prepay for their child's school meals using their credit or debit card.** Sunrise now has this new program.

Parents may enroll by going to [www.myLunchMoney.com](http://www.myLunchMoney.com) and click on ENROLL NOW. This service will allow parents to view student purchases, set spending limits, and even send them an e-mail when account balances are low.

Grant Proposal Written to Provide Primary Intervention Program

In an effort to provide additional support to students to ensure academic success, Mrs. Hunt-Brown has joined with three other principals to write a grant to provide the Primary Intervention Program (PIP) to sunrise elementary. If funded grant would serve K-3 grade students having difficulty adjusting to school. The program is designed to address such issues as shyness, difficulty adjusting to a move or a new school, divorce or death of a family member, and difficulty making friends to name a few.

2007-08 Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be distributed to those students who paid by advance purchase on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Any additional copies will be available for cash purchase for \$20 beginning Monday after school out in front of the office on a

Community Service at Sunrise

One of our goals at Sunrise Elementary is to develop in our students a sense of community awareness and service to others. During the 2007-08 school years, Sunrise Spartans contributed to the following:

- ⇒ Kids Can Food Drive
- ⇒ Coats for Needy Children
- ⇒ Supplies for the SPCA
- ⇒ Mittens for Children in Afghanistan
- ⇒ Recycling Shoes for Nike
- ⇒ Down Syndrome Awareness
- ⇒ Wild Animal Rescue

Yard Supervisors

We are in need of lunch/yard supervisors for the 2008-2009 school year. We need both regular and substitute supervisors. This year the hours are 11:05-12:45. Hours may increase with the new year. If you enjoy children and love the energy of an elementary school campus, this could be the perfect job for you. If you are interested, contact Mrs. Hunt-Brown at 985-4350.

Lost and Found

**Three pieces of women's jewelry were found in our student restrooms.** If you are missing a piece of fine jewelry, please contact Mrs. Hunt-Brown with a description.

### End of the Year Events

A successful year of hard work and accomplishments deserves a little bit of celebration and some fun! To celebrate, each grade will be holding a Field Day and our sixth graders will head off to Raging Waters. We will also hold an Awards Assembly for grades 3-6 and promotion ceremonies for kindergarten and sixth grade.

Schedule of Events (specific details will be sent home by the grade level staff)

Monday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup> -	Third Grade Field Day at the Park AM Fourth Grade Field Day at the Park PM Kindergarten All EARLY Yearbooks Distributed
Tuesday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup> -	3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Assembly 8:30 in the Multi 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Raging Waters 5 <sup>th</sup> & 1 <sup>st</sup> Field Days - Park and Field AM Kindergarten All EARLY - Field Trip to Library
Wednesday, June 4 <sup>th</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grade Field Day at the Park AM 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade PROMOTION 9:30-10:30 in the Multi Kindergarten All EARLY
Thursday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>	MINIMUM DAY 8:20-12:30 Kinders ALL EARLY Kindergarten Promotion Arriaga & Ayson 8:45-9:30 in the Multi Jones & Radke 9:30-10:15 in the Multi

### Kindergarten and Sixth Grade Promotion:

Kindergarten and sixth grade promotion are special signposts of growth and progress in the educational life of a child and their parents. As such we plan to celebrate our kinders and sixth graders as they move forward into their next educational experience. The celebrations however, need to be held in relation to each other and the more significant events of high school and college graduation. For this reason we have set the following standards:

**Dress:** Nice school clothes or slightly dressy clothes that might be worn to church or a nice restaurant are the standard. All clothes must meet the *Standard for Dress*. Dresses need to cover the shoulders, no spaghetti strap or strapless dresses. No low or revealing necklines, backless or exposed midriff dresses. No shorts. Students will be sitting on stage. Longer length skirts are essential. No high heels or platform shoes. No tuxedos for boys and no prom/nightclub dresses for girls.

**Celebration:** No limousines, flowers, or balloons at promotion or on campus. Families are welcome to celebrate at home or off campus once the ceremony is completed. Our goal is for each sixth grader to feel equally honored and recognized.

Your support of these standards is greatly appreciated.

EGUSD Parent Participation Preschool now accepting registration

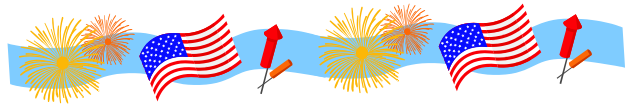
Elk Grove Unified School District Parent Participation Preschool programs are currently accepting registration at two sites: Sierra Enterprise Elementary School (9115 Fruitridge Road) and Valley High School (6300 Ehrhardt Avenue).

The Partners Preschool program provides a way for parents to be actively involved in their children's learning. By working in the classroom four times a month and attending parent education night classes three times a month, parents/guardians assist the teacher in providing a unique and creative learning environment for preschool children.

The preschool program at Sierra Enterprise is a four-day program - Monday through Thursday - and costs \$95 per month. Parents can choose from the morning class - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. or the afternoon class - 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Valley High School's preschool program** is also a four-day program - Monday through Thursday - and costs \$85 per month. Parents can choose from a morning class - 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or an afternoon class - 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Children enrolling at an EGUSD Parent Participation Preschool must meet the following eligibility requirements: must be 3 or 4 years old by December 2, 2007, must be toilet-trained and have current immunizations.

Parents of children attending an EGUSD Parent Participation Preschool must meet the following requirements: have a verified negative TB test, commit to regular attendance at assigned workdays or night classes and pay all fees on or before the due date.



### 2008-2009 Class Lists

The current state budget crisis and **unsteady real estate market are making our school's** enrollment and staffing equally unsettled. In an effort to reduce the probability of changing lists and class configuration once lists have been posted, we will not post class lists until Thursday, August 21st.

### PTA - Spring Fling Adult Social

Please join us on May 17th from 6:00—9:00 p.m. for our first event. We will meet at the Elks Lodge at 11440 Elks Circle in Rancho Cordova.

The cost is \$20.00 per person and that includes, Dinner, Dancing, and Dessert. There will be a Raffle, and Live & Silent Auctions. The cost is \$20.00 per person. An invitation envelope came home with your student. Return **it soon; don't miss out on the fun!**