



SPARTAN SHIELD

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Welcome Ms. Sanchez!

We are delighted to introduce and welcome Ms. Sanchez who is now teaching our 5th 6th grade combination class.

Sunrise Students to Take EGUSD MYPAS Test

Sunrise students in grades 2-6 will take EGUSD's Mid-year Progress Assessment System test (MYPAS) on December 11th-13th. This assessment was developed by EGUSD to provide teachers with data about their students' progress in meeting standards at the mid-point in the year. Teachers are then able to modify their I instruction to ensure that students have mastered the essential concepts prior to the California Standards Test (CST) which is administered in April.

The MYPAS test covers Reading, Mathematics, and Writing standards. We encourage parents to have their child in attendance during the testing periods so that we can have the most accurate and in-depth knowledge possible. To support your child's best performance we recommend a good night's sleep, breakfast, and encouragement. Unlike the California Standards Test, there are not parent reports that accompany the MYPAS. MYPAS is a progress monitoring tool for us to use as we work to maximize the learning of our students.

Sunrise Hosts First Annual BOOK FAIR



Looking for a terrific holiday gift for a child? Do you love children's books? Be sure to make plans to attend one of our two parent nights for Book Fair. Parent nights are scheduled for Tuesday, December 11th and Thursday, December 13th from 6:30-7:30. Book Fair will be held in the school library. Tuesday evening's theme is Polar PJ Party. Thursday's theme is book Treasure Hunt and Picture with Santa. Come join in the fun!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 12/3-7 6th Grade Sly Park Trip
- 12/4 Band Performance ~ Sheldon PAC at 7:00 pm
- 12/6 & 13 Science Textbook Adoption Night 5:00 pm
- 12/11-14 Book Fair in the Library
- 12/21 Minimum Day - ALL Grades early
- 12/24-1/4 WINTER BREAK
- 1/7/2008 ALL Grades back to regular schedule
- 1/9/2008 Family Life Preview Night 7:00 pm
At the District Office Boardroom

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS DURING WINTER BREAK

Our office will be closed from December 24, 2007 through January 4, 2008. School will resume regular schedules on Monday January 7, 2008. Everyone Have a Wonderful Holiday and a Happy New Year!



Kids Can

Our students have demonstrated the character trait of **Caring, Giving, and Serving** in the community through their recent participation in the Kids Can canned food drive. Our Student Council, under the supervision of Mrs. Garrett, coordinated this school-wide project. We collected over 400 cans of food that went to the Rancho Cordova Food Closet.

Spartan Shield Sweatshirts Now Available

Attached to this copy of the *Spartan Shield* is an order form for anyone interested in purchasing a Spartan Shield sweatshirt. With the change in temperature, it's now sweatshirt weather! The sweatshirt color is a deep red/burgundy, a little deeper in color than our t-shirts, with our logo printed on the front. We have pre-ordered some sweatshirts for immediate purchase and will place additional orders to meet demand. Youth sizes are \$12.00 and adult sizes are \$15.00-\$16.00.

Minimum Day for MYPAS Analysis

Friday, January 18, 2008

There will be a minimum day scheduled for all students K-6 on Friday, January 18, 2008. The school day for grades 1-6 will be 8:20-12:30. Kindergarten students will all attend on the early schedule 8:20-11:40. EGUSD schools are each allowed two minimum days for the purpose of staff development and academic progress monitoring. The first of our two minimum days will be Friday, January 18th. Teachers will be meeting to analyze the results of the MYPAS test and to develop action plans for instruction for the remainder of the school year.

Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to Abram Vang, Jessica Conlon, and Dave Crockett who finished first, second, and third, respectively, in the Sunrise Elementary Spelling Bee. Our twenty-six semi-finalists did an excellent job during the oral bee! Not only did they spell some difficult words, but they persevered and conquered the nerves that often go with this level of competition. Abram will represent Sunrise in the district spelling bee on December 11th.



SUNRISE PTA NOVEMBER UPDATE

PTA Meeting Making Progress on Goals

The Sunrise Elementary School PTA is making great progress in meeting their goals to support our school and programs. They have already provided support for the sixth grade Sly Park Science trip, purchased the fancy papers that we used for award certificates, and purchase a license so that we can show videos in class and have movie night events. Their current goal is to provide a significant number of additional library books for our library. Their ideal is to "fill the shelves"! The PTA Board extends a hearty "thank you" to all of the parents who have joined PTA, participated in the Family Tile Nights, and sold chocolates. With everyone's combined efforts, close to \$6,000 has been raised in support of our school. Through the Family Tile Project and the recent candy sales.

2008-2009 REGISTRATION DAY

December 3, 2007

On this day the **Kindergarten Registration** process will begin for students that will turn 5 on or prior to December 2, 2008. In order to plan efficiently, we need everyone's help getting the word out to friends, family, and neighbors who live within our attendance boundaries to register now.

Also on this date, if you have children in grades 1-6 who are not currently Sunrise students you may pick up a registration packet for the 2008-2009 school year.

For each student packet you pick up and return it must have the *child's birth certificate, proof of residency (SMUD or PGE bill) and the most current immunization record*. We cannot accept your registration packet without these important documents. This registration process and request for documents is a district wide policy of the Elk Grove Unified School District. The deadline to turn in your packet is February 1, 2008.

Parent Teacher Student Conferences

As a faculty, we would like to extend our appreciation and compliments to our parent community. We had fabulous attendance for our Parent Teacher Student Conferences! Having the opportunity to meet and speak individually with you is immensely valuable in meeting the learning needs of each individual child and in developing our school's sense of community.

Campus Safety

We ask everyone's help in the morning and after school when you are picking up your children at the curb in the parking lot. Please be sure that you are stopped at the curb before dropping or picking up your children. It is especially important to watch your rate of speed and look over your left shoulder as you are pulling forward through the drop-off zone.

Bicycle safety - We have classroom presentations scheduled for the month of January. The EGUSD police will be spending a couple of morning and afternoons in our neighborhood speaking with bicycle riding students that are observed riding in an unsafe manner or who are riding without a helmet. Wearing a helmet while bicycling is a state law. Please be sure that your child has a bicycle helmet.