



Patriot's Newsletter



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Message from Dr. Gomez:

We have more than half of the school year behind us and the students have accomplished so much. It is important for us to reflect on the progress of your child as we continue to move forward with our new testing format. Currently our EL students are taking the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California. In April, the testing window will begin for our students to participate in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test. It is a computer adaptive test and will measure student's knowledge in Language Arts and Math in regards to the California State Standards. Please take a moment with your child to try the released items on the SBAC website at www.smarterbalanced.org so you can get a sense of what your children will work on. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to call us. We will also review some of the item types at our next parent academy and Coffee with the Principal.

Coffee with the Principal

Mark your calendars! Our next Coffee with the Principal will be in March so as not to interfere with the many other events we have had recently such as Parent STEAM Day and Family STEAM Night as well as RAK day, Special Person's Day, Muffins with Moms, and Parent Reader Day. Please join us at all our events! We want to continue partnering together to ensure your children's success both at school and at home! Please spread the word and bring another parent with you! Your children enjoy having you here at school and they like sharing everything they're learning about and doing at school! I'm looking forward to having you join us at these various events!

Special Person's Day

On Tuesday, February 13th Carpenter School will be hosting its Special Person's Day. This day allows for a child to invite a special person such as a parent, grandparent or aunt/uncle to bring lunch and enjoy a picnic outside. We will be sending a flyer home with more information.

Read Across America

We will once again celebrate Read Across America this year during the last week of February. Read Across America Week is an opportunity for students to hear about Dr. Seuss and his life as well as celebrate his birthday while enjoying a fun filled week of themed dress days and literature.

How to Motivate Your Child to Love Reading?

Once children can read on their own, they may not read as often. Here are some ways to make reading more fun:

Note your child's interests - Whatever he/she enjoys-from soccer to hamsters to dinosaurs-there is sure to be a book about it.

Share books that you loved as a child - Take turns reading chapters aloud. Your enthusiasm will be contagious.

Look through a craft book - Start a project together. Have your child read the directions to you.

Encourage your child to read to someone younger - Say how proud you are that he/she is such a good reader.

Find answer in books - For example, your child might ask, "What's that funny bug?" Visit the library to find out.

Set a good example - Choose a daily reading time, such as right before bed. Talk about how much you look forward to this relaxing time together.

Message from Mrs. Francis:

Patriot families, in January we celebrated many classes with outstanding attendance through our "Miss School Miss Out!" incentive program. Also, several classes met our classroom goal of earning 100 TRRFCC tickets. Each class that earns 100 tickets is celebrated. We offered many opportunities for our families to attend events at school. Thank you, families, that attended our parent workshops/events. Many families participated in our Family STEAM night. We truly enjoy spending time with our Patriot families. Also, thank you for getting your child to school on time and clearing absences when your child is ill. Please, feel free to email me or send a note, if your 4th or 5th grader does something above and beyond at home, so we can congratulate them at school. Have a Fantastic February!

Mark Your Calendar!

iReady Testing Continues	Feb 1-9
School Dance	Feb 2
Pennies for Patients Fundraiser	Feb 5-23
CHARACTER COUNTS Week 2	Feb 5-9
Random Acts of Kindness Day	Feb 9
Lincoln's B-day (Observed) – No School	Feb 12
PTA Meeting	Feb 13
Chipotle Fundraiser	Feb 13
Special Person's Day	Feb 13
Muffins with Moms	Feb 16
President's Day Holiday – No School	Feb 19
5 th Grade Field Trip	Feb 28

Parking Lot Safety



It is important to be a courteous and safe driver when dropping off and picking up your child at school. To ensure the safety of all students, please park in a safe and designated area. Do not block driveways or bus loading zones. Do not leave your car unattended or park in a red zone. Please follow correct traffic patterns and signs and be extra mindful when pulling into the parking lot to follow the signs which state that you not stop and pull all the way forward. It's dangerous to have students exiting there. Also, if you are using our bus lane in the front of the school, please make sure to pull all the way forward. We can fit 3 cars in the front without blocking the crosswalk which allows for traffic not to build up as much on the street. Take time to park in a safe area and walk to pick up your child. Please do not stop and call your child to your car. All children need to use the crosswalks and the sidewalks when entering and exiting school. We want all of our students to arrive and depart school safely.