

Garden Grove Unified School District

CLINTON-MENDENHALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

Principal Awards are coming up soon! We're so excited to celebrate the many achievements our students have made – and we're so grateful for all the help and support from home to ensure great success!

It was a pleasure to see parents here for conferences. In fact, 99% of parents made it here to learn about their children's progress and to plan for future successes as a team with the school. Truly, our students' successes are a result of collaborative teamwork between home and school, and we're so pleased with our results!

We wish you a wonderful, restful Spring Break! We look forward to hearing about adventures of all kinds – the ones we take into the bright world, and the ones we find in great books.

School resumes on April 19th, and then we're in a big push to make sure all of our students in grades 2-6 are ready for the California State Tests (CST). This test is very important, not only for your child, but for our whole school. Please continue to support and encourage your children to do their best on the test! CST Testing will begin on May 3rd, and will continue through May 14th. ~ Dr. Mitchell

NO SCHOOL

April 2

Local Holiday



April 12 – 16
Spring Break

School Resumes on Monday, April 19

Thank You!!

Thanks for all your efforts with the Spring Candybar Sale! Together we made over \$5500 to support field trips and school-wide events for next year! Way to go, families!!

A Clinton Cougar
PRRRS with Pride!

Be **P**roud

Be **R**espectful

Be **R**esponsible

Be **R**esourceful

Be **S**afe



Principal Awards

Principal Awards are coming up on April 9th! Students in 2nd – 6th grades earn the award when they reach their goal in English Language Arts or Math (or both!) on their Benchmark tests. Students in Kindergarten and First Grade will earn it based on their report card "overall performance" marks. Students will be awarded a special Principal Award certificate!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Did you know that the national average for school absences are 3-5 per year? More than 10 absences in a school year is excessive. By law, three or more unexcused absences, or three or more tardies of more than 30 minutes (or any combination) is considered truant.

Like you, we want to be sure that your child has every benefit of a successful elementary school experience. In order to be successful in school, your child must attend regularly.

Children's poor attendance at school may be in violation of the state law which compels parents and guardians to ensure that all their children aged 6-18 years old attend school. A parent meeting with the principal and the GGUSD School Attendance and Review Board Chairperson has been scheduled for April 8th to discuss the importance of regular school attendance, and parents/guardians legal obligation to ensure children attend school regularly and promptly.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council is celebrating Earth Day all month! Beginning the week of April 5th, a recycling center will be set up for juice pouches, plastic, and cans. From April 19-23, students can purchase and plant a sunflower to be planted on-campus. Welcome Spring!



KIDS CLUB SOCCER

Our Kids Club is geared up for soccer! Wish them well at their games against other Clubs. All games are played at Stanford:

April 6: vs. Edgar

April 8: vs. Stanford

April 21: vs. Main Branch

April 22: vs. Patton

April 28: vs. Edgar

May 5: vs. Stanford

May 6: vs. Main Branch

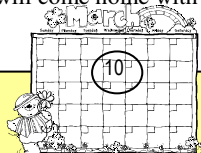
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May 18: vs. Edgar

The Positive Place For Kids

SPRING PICTURES

Spring pictures will be coming home soon! You can purchase the photos you like, and return the rest to school. More info will come home with the pictures.



It's time to enroll our newest class of Kindergarteners! Children who will be age 5 by Dec. 2, 2010 may enroll for Kindergarten from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM daily.

Important Dates

April

- 2 – Local Holiday – NO SCHOOL
- 5 – 3rd Quarter Language Arts Benchmark Testing Begins
- 5 – Recycling program begins
- 8 – 3rd Trimester Math Benchmark Testing (Gr. 2-6)
- 8 – Attendance Meeting (8:30 – English & 9:30 – Spanish)
- 8 – Fire Drill
- 9 – Trimester 2 Principal Awards Assemblies
- 9 – 1:00 Exchange Concert with Doig
- 12-16 – SPRING BREAK – No School
- 19 – 5th Grade Physical Fitness Testing Begins
- 19-23 – Student Council Sunflower Sale!
- 21 – School Secretary Appreciation Day
- 22 – EARTH DAY!
- 27 – 8:30 Goal 2 Reclassification Parent Meeting
- 30 – ASSEMBLY "Travelling Scientist" – 5th grade
- 30 – Open House @ Doig

May

- 3 – Progress Reports go home this week, as needed
- 3-14 – CST Testing
- 17-21 – Classified Employee Appreciation Week
- 20 – Fire Drill
- 25 – 6th Grade Panoramic Picture
- 27 – 6:30 PM – Open House
- 31 – Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL

June

- 1 – Spring Concert
- 2 – 4th Q Language Arts Benchmark Testing Begins (thru 6/16)
- 3 – Chorus Field Trip to Santiago
- 10 – Disaster Drill
- 15 – Upper Grade Olympic Prelims
- 17 – Trimester 3 Principal Awards Assemblies
- 18 – Upper Grade Olympics
- 21 – Primary Olympics
- 21 – Teachers vs. 6th Grade Softball Game
- 22 – 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony
- 23 – Last Day of School – Dismissal @ 12:20

Kindergarten Registration

Parents, when you come to enroll your child, please bring all of the following documents:

- Your child's birth certificate;
- Immunization Records; and
- Proof of Residence.

Please call our school office if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting you and our new students!