

# Garden Grove Unified School District

## CLINTON-MENDENHALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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**Happy Father's Day!**

**JUNE 2010**

*Have a great summer!*

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

It was so lovely to see you all here for Open House in late May. What a pleasure it was to celebrate the year's accomplishments with you. The kids sure have learned a lot this year, and I hope you saw how proud we are of them. The pizza dinner was a big success too! Hopefully having the option for pizza at school helped take a little stress out of your evening so that you could really enjoy your time in your kids' classrooms. We'll plan to do something like that again (and we'll plan for more extra pizzas and more sodas!)

A few words about the recent traffic enforcement in front of our school: I sent you a letter in early May letting you know that many community members have expressed such a concern about traffic safety that they may call GGPD to request additional patrols. Well, GGPD has made quite a showing on Clinton Street in the last few weeks. Most of the tickets they've written have been for seat belt & car seat violations, and for parking in the red zone. You also may have seen cars towed away for reasons I do not know. My heart is heavy knowing that families have to deal with these traffic citations, but, like most folks in our community, I'm glad to see people being more careful driving around our school.

Safety laws are in place for one simple reason – to keep passengers and pedestrians safe. Please, please, please obey traffic laws and use proper seat restraints both when the police are here and when they're not. It's up to all of us to make sure our kids get to and from school safely. Officers have told me they'll probably be around Clinton for a while because they can write many tickets in a short amount of time!

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is nearly here. And already we're looking ahead to the great things coming our way in 2010-11! It has been wonderful to watch our children grow throughout this school year. Like you, I am very proud of our children. They have worked very hard toward their grade level's standards. I send you all my best wishes for a safe and wonderful summer. ~ Dr. Mitchell



### About Measure A

Measure A is a school facility improvement bond measure on the June 8, 2010, ballot authorizing \$250 million in improvements and upgrades for schools in the Garden Grove Unified School District. Voter approval of Measure A allows the district to receive an additional \$200 million in state matching funds to repair, modernize, and upgrade classrooms throughout the district.

### Current Condition of GGUSD Schools

The 69 schools in the Garden Grove Unified School District range in age from 37 to 89 years old. Garden Grove High School opened in 1921 and moved to its present location in 1923. The district's newest campus, Northcutt Elementary School, opened in 1973. Our school, Clinton Elementary, opened in 1955 and is now 55 years old. By the end of the current school year, more than half of GGUSD schools will be in excess of 50 years old, thus lacking many of the amenities of recently constructed schools. The functional life expectancy of school facilities with good maintenance is 50 years.

### Measure A District Project Summary

In consultation with industry experts, the district conducted a comprehensive draft needs assessment to identify and prioritize Measure A improvement and modernization projects. Subject to voter approval of Measure A, all schools will benefit from repair, replacement, and modernization projects such as:

- Replace older heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and lighting systems with energy efficient systems.
- Upgrade electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology, and other electrical devices.
- Renovate aging restrooms and plumbing systems.
- Upgrade older schools so that all students will have comparable school facilities.
- Repair or replace unsafe flooring.
- Repair or replace deteriorating water main, sewer, and drainage systems.
- Repair or replace worn out roofs, windows, walls, and doors as needed.
- Refresh classroom interiors that may include painting, carpet, or vinyl tile.
- Improve access for disabled persons.
- Repair or replace cracked asphalt playground surfaces, classroom ramps, and sidewalks.
- Repair, replace, or upgrade of fire alarms, emergency communications, fencing, and security systems as needed.

For more information on the Measure A school bond, please visit the district website at [www.ggusd.us](http://www.ggusd.us) or call the district Public Information Office.

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
The Clinton School Office will close on June 30, and will reopen on Aug. 30, 2010.

### School Attendance in 2010-11

We have made such great improvements with student attendance this year – keep up the good work! As you're planning your vacations for next school year, please remember to avoid school days! The fast pace of learning in our school requires all students to be here every day. Plus, parents are required under state law to compel their child's school attendance. Students have excessive unexcused absences will be referred to the School Attendance Review Team. (Education Code §§48293, 48454 and Penal Code §272.)

**Wed-  
June 23  
Last Day of School  
Dismissal @ 12:20**

### Important Dates

#### June

- 1 – 6:30 PM – Spring Concert
- 2 – 4<sup>th</sup> Q ELA Benchmark Tests Begin (thru 6/16)
- 3 – Chorus Field Trip to Santiago
- 4 – Last Day to check-out books from the Library
- 7 – ASSEMBLY – GGPD General Safety (Gr. 3)
- 7 – FIELD TRIP – U.C. Irvine (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- 8 – Voting Day
- 10 – Disaster Drill
- 10 – ASSEMBLY – GGPD Stranger Danger (Gr. 3)
- 11 – All Books are due to the Library
- 11 – Last Day for the Computer Lab
- 15 – Upper Grade Olympic Prelims
- 17 – Trimester 3 Principal Awards Assemblies
- 18 – Upper Grade Olympics
- 21 – Primary Olympics
- 21 – Staff vs. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball Game
- 22 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony
- 23 – 8:30 – ASSEMBLY Kindergarten Performance & Celebration
- 23 – Last Day of School – Dismissal @ 12:20
- 30 – Clinton School Office closes for the summer

#### July

- 6 – Summer School begins
- 16 – Last Day of Summer School

#### August

- 30 – Clinton School Office Opens

#### September

- 3 – Class Lists Posted in front of School
- 6 – Labor Day – Clinton Office Closed
- 7 – First Day of School for Students



### June 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>

### Week of the Teacher

Student Council would like to invite all families to participate in Clinton's "Week of the Teacher". (Tues., June 1 – Fri., June 4<sup>th</sup>). Here are some special suggestions:

- **Tuesday 6/1** – Bring a sweet treat for your teacher
- **Wednesday 6/2** – Write your teacher a letter of appreciation
- **Thursday 6/3** – Bring a school tool for your teacher
- **Friday 6/4** – Bring a flower from your garden

Student Council will be providing a special treat for the teacher that Friday as well!!

A Clinton Cougar  
**PRRRS** with Pride!

Be **P**roud

Be **R**espectful

Be **R**esponsible

Be **R**esourceful

Be **S**afe



### BE GREAT!

#### Boys & Girls Club Summer Program

Our very own Kids Club will be offering a great opportunity for our kids this summer. Special pricing and packages are available for K-6 programs from June 28<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 AM – 6:30 PM. They offer a morning snack, lunch, and an afternoon snack, plus lots of great activities for kids! There will be optional field trips (at an extra cost), challenges with other Kids Clubs, swimming at Santiago High School, and lots of other great, fun things! **Call Evelyn @ Clinton Kids Club for more information – (714) 537-8833.** There is also a **FREE** summer program for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade Doig students, Monday – Friday, 10:45 am – 2:15 pm from July 6<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited. **Call Santiago Tristan at (714) 719-1664 for more information!**