

Notes from the Principal

March 9, 2011

IMPORTANT DATES....

March 10
PTA Meeting, Elections
7:00 P.M., Library

March 11
Final Jog-a-thon
Money Due

March 11
Skate Night
5:30 P.M., Cal Skate

March 14 — March 25
Spring Break

March 28
School Begins

April 4 — April 7
Staff Appreciation
Week

April 11th – 25th *STAR*
testing for grades 2-6

Wow! Where did the third quarter go? It is hard to believe we are heading into our spring break and will return just in time for the wild days of the final quarter.

Last week we had an amazing Jogathon. The students ran or walked, the parents who were able to be here cheered them on, and the weather cooperated! The entire event was so organized and special thanks are due to Renee Donmon and Shannon Potter who took an idea and ran with it to produce this special event. At this moment we have raised over \$10,000 for our classrooms, so a big thank you also goes out to our generous families. If you have not turned in your pledge sheets, please do so this week. All money raised goes directly into classrooms and makes a difference for all of our students. Penngrove is special for many reasons but a major reason is our generous families who support us in many ways.

Enjoy the next two weeks and take some time for family fun, reading and relaxing. The office will be open on an intermittent basis but messages will be checked.

Before your child leaves on Friday, make sure the lost and found is checked. We have many, many pieces of clothing which will be donated next week. With the cold mornings and sunny afternoons, we have one of our larger collections in recent memory.

At a recent Site Council we discussed the **District Complaint** procedure. The process always begins with the person with whom you have a complaint. If the problem is not resolved, then it is the time to consult with the principal. Room parents should not be used as sounding boards for confidentiality reasons as well as common courtesy to the people involved.

Did you receive an **automated phone call** last week? We have a new system that makes phone calls for our students. Unfortunately there was a mishap and families received a message from another school. We caught the error and resent a message to all families at Penngrove. Unfortunately when we recalled families, one third of families hung up on the call. Please be aware you will be receiving automated calls from the school with important information in the future. Please don't hang up until the message is completely delivered.

Primary students remaining after school must go down the hill and remain with adult supervision until their upper grade siblings are ready to go home. Students are never allowed on the playground after school unless they are part of the YMCA day care. All other students must be down in the parking lot with supervision.

Please note our **upcoming STAR dates**. It is very important that students in grades 2-6, especially, be at school well rested and well nourished. Thank you for not scheduling appointments during this window as well.

A reminder to our fifth and sixth grade families: **Community service hours** are due in May. Our spring break may be a good time to do your 10 hours of service.

Dine and Donate at the Sweet Spot in Cotati has been cancelled for March 12th.

Congratulations to Hayden Dennis and Avery DuBois who represented Penngrove at our recent regional Spelling Bee. Both handled the pressure with poise and presence and did us proud!

Interdistrict transfers should be completed by now and submitted to the District Offices.

Skate Night is this Friday night! What a fun-filled way to kick off our break! It begins at 5:30 at Cal Skate in Rohnert Park.