

## Notes from the Principal

April 20, 2011

### IMPORTANT DATES....

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** Westside Band  
Festival 7:00 PHS

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** Kenilworth  
Junior High School Open  
House 6:30 – 8:00

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Furlough Days

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** Promotion  
Meeting for 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
parents 7:00

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** Ramp Rats  
Assembly 9:00

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** Author Visit for  
grades 1 and 2

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** Volunteer Tea in  
library 2:45 – 3:45

**May 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>** Sixth Grade  
to Outdoor Education  
Camp

**May 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>** Book Fair

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** Petaluma Junior  
High School Open House  
5:00 BBQ 6:15  
Classrooms open

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** Community  
Service hours due for  
5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders

This time of year our school events line up like dominoes. It is important to keep track of upcoming events and know who they include and what their purpose is as well...

- Tonight is the Fourth Annual **Westside Band Festival!** The music teachers have been busily planning this year's event with the Petaluma High School and Junior High School music teachers. Information letters have been sent home inviting all band students to attend this exciting musical event. It will be a fun evening of band music, with all grade levels (4th-12th) participating in the Grande Finale.
- Next Wednesday is a **Promotion Meeting** for all sixth grade parents. Come hear about the end of year activities for your children and how important your help is for their final days here at school to be successful.
- On May 5<sup>th</sup> in the library, all **volunteers** are invited to our tea! This is the time we honor everyone who has helped at our school in any capacity. We provide child care on the K yard so come have a bite and enjoy!
- May 9<sup>th</sup> our sixth graders leave for a week of **Outdoor Education**. Every year our sixth graders enjoy a week of Science Education and a time for a special week with their classmates. The classes have raised money for an entire year for this trip.
- Our **Book Fair**, that runs from the 10<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> of May is a Buy One, Get One Free sale. This is a great opportunity to stock up on summer reading! The sale will be held at noon and after school until 4 pm.
- A quick reminder that the **library** will close on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May for summer inventory. Now is the time to look around the house for any books that may not have been returned.
- **Community Service** hours are due in a few short weeks. We ask every 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grader to give back to their community in some way. 10 hours is all we ask. Forms are available in the office to document the time and nature of community service.

Whew.... More to follow in the next school newsletter....

We have enough **hand sanitizer** to make it through this year but looking toward next year, we will need new bottles. If you can donate a bottle of sanitizer for our lunch recess, it would be appreciated.

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Students were reminded at last week's assembly that all **primary students** must go down the hill when dismissed at the **end of the day**. We are still getting reports that students are playing on the upper playground with no supervision after school. This is a safety issue as there is no adult on duty to monitor student behavior at this time.

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Sonoma State University acknowledges innovative programs annually and this year our Recess Renaissance program will receive the **Jack London Award** from the college. A video of our program will be included on the County Office website so interested schools can see how it looks. We will be acknowledged at a reception on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

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**Looking ahead....**Please note that next year our start date is July 20<sup>th</sup> and more importantly our end date is June 1<sup>st</sup>, which is one week later than other schools in the District. When planning summer activities for 2012, please keep this date in mind.

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We have had a couple of **ticks** on students this week. It appears to be a healthy year for ticks, so please check your children after they have spent time outside in grassy or wooded areas.

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Buying flowers for Mother's Day? **Vanda Floral Shop** on the corner of Kent and Petaluma Blvd. North will donate 20% of sales to Petaluma Education Foundation the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 9<sup>th</sup>. Just mention PEF when you make a purchase.

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## Music Concert News Flash!

The fifth and sixth grade music students at Penngrove are looking forward to performing their music selections at the upcoming 2011 Spring Music Concert. The school community, parents and family members are invited to attend this special event. The concert is in Penngrove's Multi Purpose Room, at 7:00pm, on Friday, May 20. We look forward to seeing you there.

Date: Friday, May 20

Time: 7:00pm Performers arrive at 6:40

Place: Penngrove Multipurpose Room

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