



The Penngrove Connection

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Notes from the Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES....

July 16th Campus Clean-Up from 9 to 12 (Refreshments served) Come and spruce up the campus for our first day! *(Seed packet courtesy of Plantin' Panthers. Check out their Facebook page Plantin' Panthers - Penngrove Campus)*

July 20th School resumes. Class lists will be posted on July 19th after 4:00.

Be sure to track reading **minutes** over the summer. There will be a special treat for our summer readers.

Collect 100 **box tops**, turn them in the first week of school, and have pizza with the office staff!

Wow! One more week and a busy one it is...

This Friday night is our annual **Music Concert**. The fifth and sixth grade music students at Penngrove are looking forward to performing their music selections at the upcoming 2011 Spring 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 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there. Students should arrive at 6:45. Tamales and desserts will be available for sale before and after the event. This sale benefits our Outdoor Education program for next year's sixth graders.

Next week is **early dismissal** on Monday through Thursday for all students in grades 1-6. The dismissal times are the same as our Wednesdays with 1:30 for primary and 1:50 for intermediate students.

Intermediate Field Day will happen on Tuesday and **Primary Field Day** will be on Thursday. Please check with your child's classroom teacher on how you can help!

Sixth grade promotion happens on Wednesday evening at 6:00 at our amphitheater. This provides a wonderful opportunity for our sixth grade students to say good bye to the school. Come early to get a seat. There is a reception after the ceremony in the multi-purpose room. Note: We are looking for fifth grade parents to serve and clean up at the reception. Call the office if you can help.

Last day of school is early day for grades 1-6 and morning only for all kindergarten students. K students will be released at **11:35** and all other students will be leaving at **12:10**. This is also Crazy Day, as well as a crazy day, which means students may dress in mismatched shoes, mismatched clothes and crazy hair.

It is late notice but tonight at Rincon Valley Middle School in Santa Rosa, an expert on **Gifted Children**, Dan Peters PhD will speak at 6:45. The topic will be *Understanding Gifted Learners*. Rincon Valley Middle School is located at 4650 Badger Road. There is no charge for the event.

A great big **thank you** to our outgoing PTA board. Led by Larisa Mar, they have demonstrated grace under pressure, a willingness to be transparent, and a welcoming attitude that has made a difference for Penngrove School for years to come.

Very Important: If you have not done your **Inter-district transfers** from Cotati Rohnert Park, please do it now! They have only two board meetings left before we begin our next school year and your transfer must be approved at their board meetings. The last two board meetings are on June 14th and June 28th. Students who do not have the approved paperwork will be unable to start school in July.

Remember: **Library Books** are due!

Changes for the next year include expiration of the **Counseling grant** that brought Han Wingate to our school full time. Next year she will be on our site part time but we are hoping with the addition of some counseling interns to continue to provide services to our students and families. Other funding is being explored as I write this but we will begin the year with Han here on a part time basis only. We are heartbroken to lose her full time presence!

The last two **assemblies** of the year are busy ones as we'll acknowledge our most avid readers as well as students with perfect attendance, our Community Service awards, our Running Club stars and our Science Olympiad and Westside Relay winners. Come if you can!

Remember that all **medication** should be picked up in the next week. We do not store medication over the summer break and any that is not picked up will be discarded.

Lost and Found will be on display next week. Please make sure to check as we will donate all items without a name to a local charity.

We will need **hand sanitizer** for next year. Please donate a bottle if you can.

Recently the **Young Writer's Awards** were held at Old Adobe School. Two of our students were honored at this event. Cassandra Wright from Ms. Boronkay's class and Sallie Hutchinson from Ms. Andersen's class read their selections to an appreciative audience.

Change of Date – The Re-shelving party in the library has been moved to **Friday, May 20th from 8:30 – 3:00**. Please stop by anytime during the school day to participate.

Inventory: For the next two weeks Mrs. Lutz will be doing inventory in the library. If you are interested in helping, please stop by. If you think you may be interested in volunteering in the library next year, please stop by before the end of school.