



The Penngrove Connection

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Notes from the Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES....

Summer Reading
minutes due!

July 28th Back to School
Night for grades 2-6 7:00

August 4th Back to
School Potluck at
Penngrove Park 5:00

August 8th Dine and
Donate at Seasons
Restaurant in Rohnert
Park

August 12th Skate Night
at Cal Skate in Rohnert
Park
5:30

August 15th In-Service
Day for staff – no school
for students

August 18th PTA 7:00 in
library

August 31st Jogathon

Welcome to the 11-12 school year! We had an amazing start to our new year with students and staff happy to be back. Classrooms are active and vibrant with new energy and enthusiasm. Our enrollment stands at 420 but we do have limited openings at certain grade levels.

Last night was our **Back to School Night** for our kindergarten and first grade parents and next week we will hold the same event for our second through sixth grade parents. The evening begins at 7:00 in the multi-purpose room. This is an adults only evening, so we ask that you leave children at home. The general meeting in the multi will include staff introductions as well as PTA information and other school wide news. At 7:20 the first classroom sessions will begin and then the second session will begin at 7:55. The evening will wrap up by 8:30. This is a very important evening as teachers will explain their instructional program, their expectations and plans for the year. It is a time you can sign up for volunteer opportunities as well as ask questions. This evening also provides an opportunity to meet other parents in your child's classroom.

The next event to look forward to is our annual **Back to School BBQ/ Potluck** which will be held at Penngrove Park on August 4th. This is a great time to renew acquaintances and chat with other families and staff members. The PTA is working on donations for this event . More information to follow...

Did you move over the summer? Have a new phone? Changed jobs? Please call the office or stop by for new **emergency cards**. It is vitally important that we have up to date information in order to reach you in case of emergency or illness.

Thank you to Michelle Wright and Debbie Prusinovski for agreeing to serve on our **Site Council**. Our first meeting will be held on August 23rd at 3:15 in the library.

Looking ahead....We will have an **In-Service Day** for our teachers on Monday, August 15th. There will be no school for students so plan on a long weekend.

If your child read over the summer and kept track of minutes, now is the time to turn them in. We will acknowledge our **summer readers** at one of our first assemblies.

Have you seen our newly installed **mural**? This was a project that parent, Michele Vachini took on last year and the results are amazing. Working with students, she designed and created our mural using bottle caps. Come take a look! It is directly across from the glass cases in the hallway.

Please have your child turn in **100 box tops** by Friday if they have been saving over the summer. The office will have a pizza party for students who are eligible.

We are beginning a **new program** here at Penngrove that pairs older students with younger students for reading practice. This will happen the last half hour of the day. Students will be trained for this mentor reading program. Look for more information to follow...

We will once again be doing **self-portraits** of all of our students. With the help of one of our art docents, Mrs. Tweten, every student will complete a portrait to be hung in the multipurpose room.

Our beloved **guidance counselor**, Han Wingate will be with us only one day a week this year. We will have interns on campus two days per week that will be supervised by Han. This will begin in mid to late August.

We need hand **sanitizer**! If you could donate a bottle to the office, it would be appreciated. Smaller bottles are the best. Students use the sanitizer after playing and before eating.

Please be aware that the **upper parking lot** is only for staff and handicapped parking. The exception is the Gustafson family who were the high bidders on a reserved parking lot space. Please do not park in their reserved spot for any reason. The lower parking lot is for student drop off and pick up.

Recess Renaissance will begin again on Monday. This is our award winning recess program that provides choices for students. We will have new activities as well as some of your favorites. Mileage Club will resume on Mondays beginning August 8th. We will have Knitting Club on Thursdays, Art and Zumba on Wednesdays, Book Club and Storytelling on Tuesdays and Friday we will once again have Creation Station.