
October Newsletter



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Message from the Principal

I would like to thank all the parents for coming to our annual Meet The Teacher Night. As always it is a great opportunity for teachers and parents to meet and discuss the school year's curriculum and student expectations. It was so nice seeing so many familiar faces, along with the new.

Please remember there will be two early release days (**Oct. 26th and Nov. 9th**) for parent conferences. Parent conferences are a valuable time to be able to sit down one-on-one with your child's classroom teacher and discuss your child's progress and goals for the upcoming months. School will be **released at 11:30 a.m.** and **lunches will not be served** on these days. Please be aware that report cards will not be issued at this time. **The first marking period ends on December 1st and report cards will be sent home on December 8th.**

During Meet the Teacher Night, you should have received a letter explaining PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports), our school-wide behavior matrix, and our support procedures. Plum Cove Elementary School has always strived to create a safe and positive learning environment for our students. Our primary goal is to create a positive school climate that fosters being respectful, responsible, and ready to learn.

Our students learned about PBIS at a school-wide assembly in which our own students were videotaped explaining the behavior expectations. The student audience enjoyed it immensely.

Throughout our school there are posters promoting positive behavior expectations. We will acknowledge and reward classes who consistently demonstrate these positive behaviors. We award the classrooms on a daily basis with the Golden Whistle and the Golden Plate.

Upcoming Events

October 3

Early Release @ 11:30 a.m.

October 6

Fire Prevention Assembly

October 9

No School – Columbus Day

October 11

PTO Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m. @ Jalapenos

October 12

Gr. 5 Maritime

October 16

Kindergarten Field Trip

October 17

Student Flu Vaccine

October 25

Kids N Kops

October 26

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Early Release @ 11:30 a.m.

October 27

PTO Trunk or Treat 6-8 p.m.

October 30

Sacajawea – Gr. 3-5

Scholastic Book Fair 10/30 – 11/3

October 31

K-1 Halloween Parade 1:45

The Golden Whistle will be given to the class who can demonstrate the expected behavior when recess is over and the expected behavior in the hallways as they walk to the cafeteria. Their class also gets to go first through the lunch line. The Golden Plate is given to the class who can demonstrate the expected cafeteria behavior. Everyday each class has a chance to win the Golden Whistle or Golden Plate. Each day of the month we record the classroom that was awarded the Golden Plate and Golden Whistle. The class that has the most at the end of the month can earn extra recess, extra gym, extra art, free time, a spirit day of their choice, etc.



Please don't forget our traditional Halloween Parade for Kindergarten and Grade 1 students at **1:45 p.m.** on **Tuesday, October 31st**. All parents and relatives are invited to view the parade around the circle.



Savings Makes Cents starts this Tuesday and will continue throughout the year for students in Grades 3-5 on every Tuesday.

Continue to send in your Box Tops. For every Box Top submitted by our school earns 10 cents. Keep up the good work! All proceeds go directly to playground equipment. (Balls – soccer, football, basketball, jump ropes, etc.)





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ABSENT AND TARDINESS POLICY

District/school actions to address tardiness:

1. After the fifth (5) day tardy per year, parent/guardian will receive a notification letter.
2. After the tenth (10) day tardy per year, the principal will request a conference. The principal will make reasonable efforts to develop—with the parents/guardians—an action plan for getting the student to school on time. The District's Attendance Officer may be invited to attend.
3. After fifteenth day (15) tardy per year, school or district staff may take action, including petitioning the Court for remedy.
4. After twentieth day (20) tardy per year, school or district staff may file with the Department of Children and Families.

DISTRICT/SCHOOL ACTIONS TO ADDRESS ABSENTEEISM

1. After the fifth (5) unexcused absence per year, the parent/guardian will receive a notification letter, and the principal will make reasonable efforts to develop an action plan for student attendance, as prescribed in the statute. The District's Attendance Officer may be invited to attend.
2. After the tenth (10) unexcused absence per year, a parent/guardian conference will again be requested. During this conference, the principal will review and revise the previous action plan with the parents/guardians for improving student attendance, as prescribed in the statute. The District's Attendance Officer will be invited to attend.
3. After the fifteenth (15) unexcused absence per year, the school or district staff may take action, including petitioning the Court for remedy and/or filing with the Department of Children and Families.
4. After the twentieth (20) unexcused absence per school year, the student may be considered for the repeat of the grade based upon academic readiness.