

Pleasant Grove Elementary Gazette



An Autumn to Remember

Welcome to October!

We have had an excellent start to our school year. Our classrooms are vibrant with standards based learning, our students have had informative visits from both Elk Grove and Lodi police officers, and our student council has been elected.

Our PTA has run the first major event this year, the Sock Hop, with great success. See some pictures from the event below. Thanks to all who joined in the fun. Look for the next big event on October 24, the Fall Carnival!

Soon, we will be at the end of our first trimester of school. In this Gazette there are some homework and organization tips for your student. One of the most important ways to support your student in school is to make sure they are here on time, every day! Our district is placing boards at each school site where we will let you know our daily attendance statistics.

According to HealthyChildren.org, *"Missing just two days a month of school—for any reason—can make life harder. Children who are chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade are less likely to read on grade level by the third grade. For older students, chronic absenteeism is strongly associated with school failure—even more so than low grades or test scores. When absences add up, these students are more likely to be suspended and drop out of high school."*

Our goal is to increase our site daily attendance from 95.3% to 96%, and decrease chronic absenteeism (2 or more days per month) from 19% to 13%. Our daily board showing our attendance progress will start on Monday, October 6 in front of the office. Not sure if you should send your child to school? [Click to see these guidelines!](#)

Wishing you a wonderful October!

Mrs. McCartney

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EVENTS

Date	Event
October 3	Student of the Month (1 st - 6 th Outdoor Stage @ 2:00 pm)
October 6	Character Rally (Outdoor Stage @ 8:20 am) Trait of the Month: Responsibility Kids Can Food Drive Kickoff
October 9	PTA General Meeting (South Slope Winery @ 6:00 pm)
October 15	Coffee Chat w/ Mrs. McCartney and Ms. Bowles (PGES Conference Room @ 8:30 am)
October 16	<u>Great ShakeOut</u> (Earthquake Drill)
October 17	3 rd Grade Roller King Field Trip
October 24	Fall Carnival
October 29	Kinder Fog Willow Field Trip
October 27 - 31	6 th Grade Sly Park Field Trip
October 27 - Nov. 7	APEX Lessons, Fun Run (Nov.6) & Fundraising



PTA Corner

PTA General Meetings are the second Thursday of the month at South Slope Winery at 6:00 pm. All are welcome!

The next event of the year will be the Fall Carnival on Friday, October 24! We need your help! Look for volunteer sign-ups later this month.

TIGERS PGES PTA UPCOMING EVENTS	
GENERAL PTA MEETINGS 2ND THURSDAY EACH MONTH FROM 6-7 AT SOUTH SLOPE WINES	
25 SEP	SOCK HOP & BOOK FAIR 
24 OCT	FALL CARNIVAL 
05 DEC	HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT 
23 JAN	FAMILY DANCE 
16 FEB	FAMILY SKATE 
07 MAR	ANNUAL FUNDRAISER DINNER 
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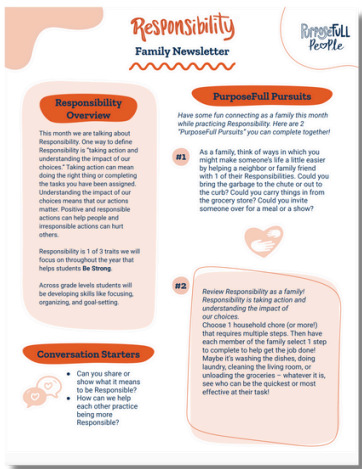
Trait of the Month: Responsibility

Our Character Strong Curriculum has its own family website! Click on the Family Strong icon to access the website or go to:

<https://www.characterstrong.com/familystrong>

The trait we will focus on this month is Responsibility. One way to define Responsibility is “taking action and understanding the impact of our choices.” Taking action can mean doing the right thing or completing the tasks you have been assigned. Understanding the impact of our choices means that our actions matter. Positive and responsible actions can help people and irresponsible actions can hurt others.

To read more about this month’s trait, along how you can talk about it as a family, click on the newsletter pictured to the left, or go to our website: <http://pleasantgrove.egusd.net>.





Home Work



Homework Help

Some students cannot wait for the day that they get to have homework, while others will find any way possible to escape it! A current Scholastic article provides some great tips for dealing with homework (read the whole article here:

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/family-life/parent-child/homework-help-parents.html>)

- Stay available when it's homework time but don't hover
- Avoid nagging by setting up a no-nonsense routine
- Teach time management skills
- Praise effort and accomplishment!

If homework seems to be problematic, start by working with your child's teacher to understand their homework policy.

Elk Grove Unified School District has also partnered with Varsity Tutors through June, 2030. Look for the Varsity Tutors icon in your student's EGUSD portal to access the service, which includes:

- 24/7 On-Demand Chat Tutoring
- On-Demand Essay Review
- Live Enrichment and Remediation Classes

AVID Organization Strategy: Five Factors in a Successful Study Space



Comfort: A good study space should have room for all supplies, ample space to spread out, and good lighting. This study space could be a desk, kitchen table, bed, comfortable chair, or even the floor.

Sound: Turn off any distracting noises. Distractions could include cell phones, the television, or anything that takes your attention away from homework and studying. Some students like to have a little background noise, so in those cases, try soothing sounds, like a light fan or classical music.

Surroundings: Find a place where focusing on homework and studying can happen; in other words, select a setting with no interruptions. It may be helpful to close the door to a room and place cell phones at a distance.

Materials: Ensure that everything you will need to study and complete homework is present with you in the study space. Items you may want include pencils, pens, books, notepaper-any resources that will aid your efforts and help you focus.

Breaks and Snacks: Every 30 minutes, either a stretch break or a 5-minute breather away from you studies should be taken. Drink water and have a healthy snack; this will keep your energy up to get back to completing the task at hand.

Meet Our Office Staff!



Mrs. Teasjia Bangle, School Office Assistant

Ms. Teasjia started at PGE when all 3 of her children went to school here, and she was a parent volunteer starting in 2008. She started working here in the office 2016, and she is the school office assistant.

She says, "What I love most about PGE is its heart. In this small, country setting, relationships matter and I feel that every day from the students, families, and staff. It's always a great day to be a Tiger!!"

When not at work, you will find her walking her dog Hank, and spending time with her family and friends.

Mrs. Dolly Chamberlain, School Secretary

In January Ms. Dolly will have been working at PGE for 19 years and with the district for 25 years. She is currently the school site secretary.

She says, "I love our little country school, everyone is so close and we are like a family here and the students are so special and kind."

She and her husband live out in the country and they have 13 acres. Their property keeps them pretty busy throughout the week and on the weekends. They also love going to Sprint Car races when they can.

thanks
for your
support

See What We've Been Up To!

Tiger Ticket Drawings



Police & K9 Visits

Primary Art (Based on *The Dot*)

Sock Hop



Kinder Alphabet Fashion Show





Excellent Attendance



TK - AM	TK - PM	Kindergarten
<p>Cabrera, Leah Enterkin, Raegan Fujishima, Ayumi Hart, Harrison Hoffstot, Parker Lau, Alexis Ledoux, Lucas Phelps, Taj Rowe, Trinity Snyder, Charles Thor, Miles Vo, Jessie Wessel, Camryn Whitley, Haylee Winkler, Ethan</p>	<p>Ahmadreshad, Erhan Asar, Sanya Bui, Evelyn Cronan, Owen Davila, Travis Dominguez Zavala, Gianna Hand, Margaret Hoang, Caleb Huang, Evan Orozco, Andrea Orozco, Audrey Pham, Chase Phan, Nathaniel Qu, Katie Schritter, Jackson Thach, Elliette Woolston Linares, Vevila</p>	<p>Coles, Amelia Congdon, Josey Do, An Ghuman, Ronik Gonzales, Genevieve Hadgu, Samie Ham Alexander Kitenza, Alyana Love, Charles Nanzer, Bennett Nguyen, Anna Nguyen, Jonathan Wessel, Lincoln</p>
First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade
<p>Ahmadreshad, Idris Andaluz, Enoch Bufford, Seraphina Congdon, Ridge Fang, Juvia Gill, Japreet Hart, Fiona Henzie, Ashlee Khuu, Hai Phu, Madison Raju, Elijah Shapiro, Ayla Whitehead, Everly Yang, Nathan</p>	<p>Aguilar, Andres Banks, Jeremiah Chavez, Liam Coleman, Wyatt Coles, Abigale Cooper, Gabriel Do, Tri Edralin, Angela Federmeier, Bonnibelle Hand, Nash Huynh, Ellylynn Jones, Jordan Khuu, Hanhna Love, Owen Nguyen, Lani Roblada, Isaac Tran, Linh Wessel, Avery</p>	<p>Andaluz, Hava Borlak, Eli Bufford, Jaily Congdon, Ava Garcia, Ava Linley, Evelyn Lozano, Evelyn MacDonald, Douglas III Nanzer, Lucy Phu, Mason Poti, Mackenzie Raines, Caia Rhynas, Kira Trukhan, Leo Trukhan, Mark Trukhan, Victoria Ursin, Lucas</p>

Excellent Attendance



Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
Ahmad, Hainya Usman Bath, Hukam Brennan, Koa Bufford, Jalton Coles, Elliot Congdon, Kinsley Congdon, Maverick Cornell, Gemma Fernandez, Sophia Fonda, Braxton Gregor, Madison Gregor, Nolan Henzie, Kaylee Jones, Jack Kumar-Pesci, Mia Lema, Christopher Newman, William Nguyen, Hieu Nguyen, Isabelle Pitt, Saige Sanchez Perez, Mike Soares, Andrea Elaine Tran, Huy-Haiden Trukhan, Vera	Anacleto, Faith Andaluz, Bruce Barrozo, Brody Bennett, Aiden Bennett, Owen Bufford, Sierra Cabrera, Julian Chavez, Paisley Coleman, Maci Cunanan, Oscar Dominguez Zavala, Yeray Ham, Mason Hardenburg, Evelyn Her, Chu Ye Kitenza, Alden Linley, Eli Lopez Sanchez, Noel Motoike, Kainoa Munoz Romero, Emilio Phelps, Amelia San, Aizelle Sander, Charlotte Sategna, Jaxon Seavers, Luke Shaw, Mason Shen, Savannah Sythanyarutt, Kanan Tarr, Makayla Wiechert, Benjamin	Borlak, Andrew Buna, Ally Congdon, Dallas Cuong, Charlotte Enemuoh, Chidimma Fernandez, Catalina King, Ava Le, Nelson Nguyen, Hien Nguyen, Ryan Retke, Ella Ruffell, Kash Sondh, Rajvir Vang, Kent Vongvilay, Carson Winkler, Zachary

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS!

9/1/25-9/30/25

NO LATES, NO ABSENCES, NO EARLY DISMISSALS.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Students of the Month

Academic

Anna Bustamante
Ava Congdon
Kinsley Congdon
Carter Cunat
Charlotte Cuong
Cruz Davila
An Do
Yeray Dominguez Zavala
Ajmehr Gill
Hanhna Khuu
Lucy Nanzer
Anna Nguyen
Mila Perez
Charlotte Popham
Carson Retke

Respect

Eliana Banks
Eli Borlak
Kenzie Brennan
Julian Cabrera
Ailynn Capetillo-Montalvo
Alec Chan
Elena Decena Rede
Sydney De Cou
Ava Garcia
Simreet Gill
Evelyn Hardenburg
Joaquin Lapid
Avery Le
Kelsie Lux
Lincoln Mac
Hunter Moua
Caliah Olvera Contreas
Cruz Perez
Madison Phu
Katie Qu
Antonio Ruano
Kaptain Synthanyarutt
Elliette Thach
Tristan Thich
Huy-Haiden Tran
Evelyn Vargas Valencia
Ethan Winkler

Effort

Aiden Bennett
Ayla Brady
Jesus Cervantes
Bonnibelle Federmeier
Sophia Fernandez
Genevieve Gonzales
Ava King
Olivia Marengo
Julian Noriega
Natalie Noriega
Auraelia Ortega
Leodan Ortiz-Guzman
Elijah Raju
Valeria Torres
Jordan Xlong



Accelerated Reader



BRONZE

HAVA ANDALUZ
KYLEIGH ASTON
CAMDEN BOK
KOA BRENNAN
WYATT COLEMAN
JAELYN JONES
DOUGLAS MACDONALD
HIEN NGUYEN
AMELIA PHELPS
MACKENZIE POTI
SAVANNAH SHEN

SILVER

HOPE ANDERSON
ASHLEY BOK
BONNIBELLE FEDERMEYER
MILES HOSMANN
NATALIE LEWIS
EVELYN LINLEY
RONAN LUX

GOLD

TRI DO
AJMEHR GILL
SARGI SIDHU

PLATINUM

EMILY BORGES
KINSLEY CONGDON
HIEU NGUYEN
AIZELLE SAN
EMORY SANDHU-GOLDNER
BENJAMIN WIECHERT
BENJAMIN WINEMILLER