



FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

August 15, 2025



Superintendent's Message

Thank you to everyone for a successful opening of schools and our first full week!
There is nothing like the joyful feeling of seeing our scholars at school, learning and thriving!

Students from our **Sister City, Shimonoseki, Japan**, are visiting Pittsburg High School next week! Thank you to the City of Pittsburg and Shimonoseki for continuing this important cultural exchange. Welcome to the students and enjoy your time being a Pirate...you know what they say, Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate!

I am conducting virtual training next week for all of our administrators, front office staff, and campus resource assistants on our policies around immigration. No immigration officer is allowed on any school site without prior authorization and confirmation of their warrant from my office. You can see our full policy and other information on your rights on our website:

<https://pittsburgusd.net/Programs--Services/Community-Engagement/Safe-Haven-Resolution-Resources/>

Each week, we will highlight something from a school or a department in our District. This week, we are putting a spotlight on our Parent and Family Hub.

This reminder: We are enforcing our District's Cell Phone Policy. Cell Phones need to be put away during instructional time. Please see this video from our talented scholars and staff at Pittsburg High School regarding the policy: <https://youtu.be/YmVdKS35tKQ>

Human Resources

Hiring Update

Across the District, we have filled all administrative and management positions.

598 of our 606 certificated positions have been filled. Those remaining eight positions are filled by long term substitute teachers while the recruitment for permanent teachers continues.

All classified vacancies except for Special Education Aides are currently filled or have candidates currently in the hiring pipeline. We hired 14 Special Education Aides from the job fair on July 24, 2025, bringing our Special Education aide vacancies down from 42 to 28. We currently have an additional 12 candidates in the hiring pipeline. While some of the remaining vacancies need to be filled by contractors on an ongoing basis due to the specialized services required, for most of the positions we will continue to replace contractors with PUSD employees as we hire.

Upcoming Dates

Saturday, August 16, 2025

PUSD Pancakes and Pages
Literacy Event!
Marina Vista Elementary
8:00AM – 1:30PM

Saturday, August 16, 2025

PAAACT Back to School BBQ
Small World Park
5:00PM-8:00PM

August 20, 2025

Families of African American
Scholars (FAAS), Pittsburg's
B.E.S.T. and PAAACT
Connecting Our Community:
Collaborating with Families for
Student Success
Martin Luther King, Jr. JHS
6:00-7:30PM

August 21, 2025

Elementary Back to School Night!

August 22, 2025

Elementary School Minimum Day

August 27, 2025

(Regular Board Meeting)
Closed Session - 5:00PM Student
Recognition - 6:15PM
Open Session - 6:30PM

September 10, 2025

(Regular Board Meeting) Closed
Session - 5:00PM Student
Recognition - 6:15PM Open
Session - 6:30PM

September 13, 2025

(Board Retreat)
9:00AM – 3:00PM

September 24, 2025

(Regular Board Meeting) Closed
Session - 5:00PM Student
Recognition - 6:15PM Open
Session - 6:30PM

WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT



Our Parent Hub supported **1076** families from July 15th through August 15th including support with Data Confirmation, New Student Registration and more! The Hub hours are 7:30am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday. Parents are encouraged to call for an appointment using the numbers listed below.

For English appointments, call (925) 473-2300, ext. 3195.
For Spanish appointments, call (925) 473-230, ext. 3196.

Along with our various in-person series that will be available throughout the school year, the Parent Hub is excited to announce our new **PARENT UNIVERSITY**, in collaboration with Fresno State. Every month, parents will be able to register for 1 or 2 series of their choice. All of the series will be virtual and include 8 classes, with 2 classes per week. We will hold informational webinars this coming Tuesday, Aug. 19th at 6:00PM in Spanish and Thursday, Aug. 21st at 6:00PM in English.



See below for some of the virtual offerings that will be offered through our Parent University:

- Digital Literacy 1 to 4
- Financial Literacy
- Health and Wellness
- Parenting Skills
- Pathway to College
- Professional Development
- Small Business Development
- Social Emotional Learning
- Spanish Conversation
- English Conversation

Other highlights for the Parent Hub this school year include:

- Expanding our Digital Literacy classes so new cohorts are available every month.
- Expanding our programming for our Mental Health Series so both in-person and virtual cohorts are available (with both morning and evening options).
- Expanding our programming to support Literacy Development.

Keep an eye out for more information via ParentSquare.

The Parent Hub is excited to partner with the Classified Administrators of Pittsburg School (CAPS) to kick off the school year with a **Pancake Breakfast & Literacy Fair** this Saturday, August 16th, at 8:00AM. We will offer various workshops on strategies to support literacy at home, the process of reclassification, the Ages & Stages Questionnaire (for children under the age of 5.5 years of age), making Storytime magical, and much more!

Join us for Pancakes & Pages at Marina Vista Elementary School.



CLASSIFIED ADMINISTRATORS OF PITTSBURG SCHOOLS (CAPS)
& PARENT RESOURCE CENTER (HUB) INVITE YOU TO:

PANCAKES & PAGES

**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 16TH, 8:00am**

Marina Vista Elementary
50 E 8th St, Pittsburg, CA 94565

**Treat yourself to a
FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST & LITERACY FAIR.**

- Free Pancake Breakfast
- Parent Workshops & Book Giveaways
- **500 Free backpacks to be given out!**
- Opportunity Drawing for 4 tickets to a SF Giants Game & Two Kids' Bicycles & Much more!
- Don't miss it!!!

<https://tinyurl.com/literacylectura>



LOS ADMINISTRADORES CLASIFICADOS DE LAS ESCUELAS DE PITTSBURG (CAPS)
Y EL CENTRO DE RECURSOS DE PADRES (EL CENTRO) LE INVITAN A:

PANQUEQUES Y PÁGINAS

**SABADO,
16 de AGOSTO, 8:00am**

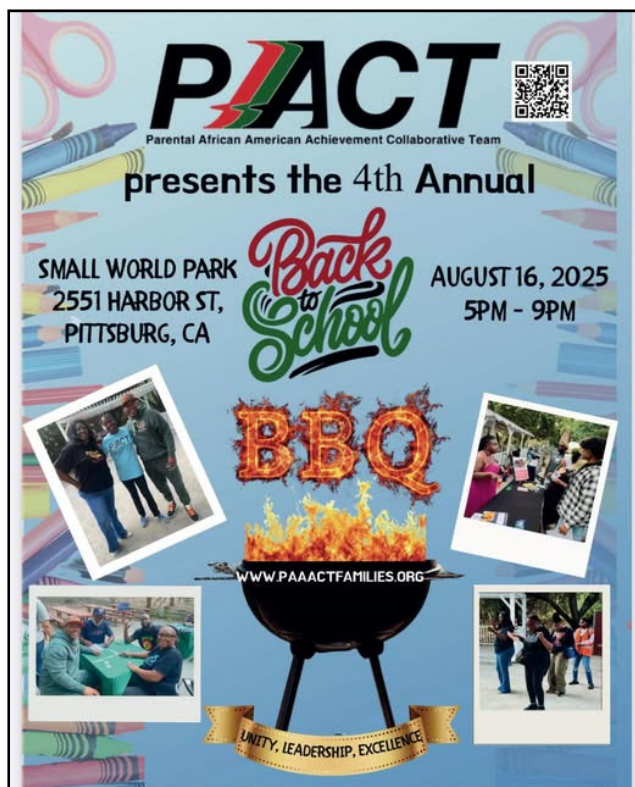
Marina Vista Elementary
50 E 8th St, Pittsburg, CA 94565

**Disfrute de un
DESAYUNO GRATUITO Y UNA FERIA DE LECTURA**

- Desayuno gratuito con panqueques.
- Talleres para padres y entrega de libros.
- **¡Se entregarán 500 mochilas gratuitas!**
- Sorteo de 4 entradas para un partido de los Gigantes de SF, dos bicicletas para niños y mucho más.
- ¡No te lo pierdas!

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Events



PAACT

Parental African American Achievement Collaborative Team

presents the 4th Annual

Back to School BBQ

**SMALL WORLD PARK
2551 HARBOR ST,
PITTSBURG, CA**

**AUGUST 16, 2025
5PM - 9PM**

WWW.PAACTFAMILIES.ORG

UNITY, LEADERSHIP, EXCELLENCE



**Pittsburg Unified in Partnership with
FAAS, Pittsburg's B.E.S.T and PAACT**

Families of African American Scholars, Pittsburg's Black Educators Standing Together and Parental African American Achievement Collaborative Team

Presents:

**Connecting Our Community:
Collaborating with Families for Student Success**

CALL TO ACTION:

All Black students and families are invited to participate in a discussion designed to enhance educational outcomes for Black students within PUSD.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2025

Martin Luther King Jr., Jr High School
2012 Clarion Ct. Pittsburg, CA 94565

6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Lite Refreshments Served

Questions:
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RSVP: <https://forms.gle/3DU4Ctbnmqug4KSwQA>