



Dillard News

October Pioneer Print

Bringing You the Latest Buzz from Dillard!



Dear Families and Community Members,

What an incredible month it has been at our school! September was filled with energy, community spirit, and memorable learning experiences. Our campus was buzzing as students saddled up for the TK Rodeo, gathered for fun at Pioneer Picnic Day, celebrated at the Epic Round-Up, and reflected on kindness and harmony for World Peace Day. We have even more exciting events planned for October and hope to see you there! Thank you to all the families, staff, and volunteers who helped make these events so special.

With the end of the trimester fast approaching, please take a moment to check in with your child. Sit down with them to celebrate their progress and set goals for the upcoming term.

Together, we can create a school community where every student feels supported and inspired to do their best. As we navigate this busy season, let's continue to model our Pioneer Pact: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe.

Warmly,

Trina Keating, Principal



Upcoming Events

- October 12th Can Food Drive begins
- October 14th Coffee Talk 5:30-6:15
- October 15th PTO General Meeting 6:00-7:00
- October 22nd 50's day for the 50th day of school
- October 24th Harvest Festival 4:00-6:00 pm
- October 26-30th Book Fair
- November 2nd Minimum Day
- November 11th Veteran's Day NO SCHOOL

Digital Citizenship

In computers we are learning about what it means to be a good digital citizen. Here are three things you can help students continue this work at home.

- 1. Set a clear intention when you use computers, phones, and tablets.** Your attention is a valuable commodity, and many websites devote lots of resources to capturing it! Knowing what you are trying to do online can help avoid unintentionally spending lots of your time and energy in ways you didn't plan to. Sticky notes and reminders from parents can help our students stay focused and use digital tools effectively.
- 2. Safeguard your personal information.** If any app or website asks for any personal information, students should ask an adult before supplying it.
- 3. Be kind.** Students who are using social media need to be as mindful of the impact of their digital communications as they are in person. Their messages are read by real people with real feelings.

Character Strong

As we move into fall, we are focusing on the character trait, responsibility. Responsibility is taking action and understanding the impact of our choices. We can show respect along with responsibility to our Dillard family by always helping out, finding help if we can't help a friend, and remembering to say something if we see something.

The next Pizza with the Principal is scheduled for November 6. Please click on the linked [Family Newsletter](#) for an overview of this month's character trait!

The Great California ShakeOut Earthquake Drill

This year's International ShakeOut Day is October 15 at 10:15 am. We will join millions of people worldwide who will participate in earthquake drills at school, work, or home.



At school, we will practice in the classroom Drop, Cover, and Hold On:

- **Drop** to the ground
- Take **cover** by getting under a sturdy desk or table
- **Hold** on to it until the shaking stops

Round-UP!

We had our first Epic Round-Up on Friday, Sept 25 celebrating Constitution Day and Patriot Day. 70 Families joined their students for the pledge of allegiance and a fun Minute to Win It Game. Join us every Friday for Round-Up. Next Epic Round-Up is Oct. 30.

PTO:

Our PTO's goal is to build a home/school partnership and foster a strong community relationship. Learn more by clicking on the [Link to C.W. Dillard PTO Website](#)



PBIS

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports: Be Responsible

We ask our students to use "hands free" when they are using their hands or body in a way that can hurt others. For example, we would say, "Hands free" if a student is grabbing, jumping on, pushing, or hitting/kicking another student/s. Often children are playing but this kind of play usually results in someone getting hurt, upset, or angry. We do encourage students to give high fives, hand shakes, fist bumps, or 3 sec hugs as long as the other person agrees.



Clubs & Activities

National Elementary Honors Society

Student Leadership for Grades 4-6 have been meeting before school to plan activities that will increase school spirit, create a positive school culture, and give back to our community. Last month they held a successful bake sale raising funds to support activities. This month they will run activities for Red Ribbon Week during lunch times and running the Kids Can! food drive through November 7th.

Runnin' For Rhett

Does your child enjoy running?

If they do, we have the perfect running club for them. Running for Rhett

We're excited to bring the Runnin' for Rhett Youth Fitness Program to our school! Have your child turn in the blue permission slip in to their teacher.

Students will train for six weeks to build endurance, confidence, and a love for running — all leading up to the MaraFUNrun 5K at Land Park on Saturday, December 5.

Practices: October 20 – December 3 | Tuesdays & Thursdays | 7:45–8:45 AM | Grades K-6

 **Sign up today at runninforrhett.org** to join the fun and be part of this inspiring community event!



Pioneer Picnic Day

What a fantastic turnout for our school Picnic Day! We were thrilled to welcome 235 families to campus to share a special lunch alongside their students.

It was wonderful seeing our school community connect. Parents were catching up with one another or joining in on the playground action. Whether you were playing soccer, basketball, four square, or nine square, or cheering on the students as they conquered the monkey bars, mini rock wall, and slides, your presence made the afternoon unforgettable.

Thank you so much for taking the time out of your day to join us. Our school community is at its best when we come together!

Mark your calendars: Our next Picnic Day will be on March 12th. We hope to see you there!



Parking Reminders

Please do not park behind cars in the parking lot. This prevents others from getting into and out of parking spots. As a reminder, do not park and leave your car unattended in the drop off/pick up lane. This hinders the flow of traffic.

School Attendance Board

Way to Go Pioneers! Our attendance is up .2% from last year. Our average for the months of August and September is 95.1%. Check out our daily attendance board in the pick-up/drop-off lane. You will be able to track with us as we strive to meet our school wide goal of 95.5%.

Family Resources

☀ Pioneer Positivity for ❤ October

Catch the Good!

Our brains can sometimes focus on what went wrong. This month, practice noticing what went right! It could be something big or something tiny: a funny moment, a kind friend, or a really good snack.

 **Try It Together:** At dinner or before bed, have everyone share one good thing from their day.

❤ Additional Family Support: Care Solace

Care Solace is a free, confidential service that connects students, staff, and their families to mental health providers and social services to match their needs. Call 888-515-0595 or visit caresolace.com/egusdfamilies to find a care provider that's right for you.

Attendance Matters!

Research has repeatedly shown that frequent absences (over 10 a school year) can lead to a higher likelihood of falling behind academically, dropping out and not graduating. If you need help getting your students to school, call our office. We can help! Dillard Elementary 916-687-6121

**Read to learn how
you can...**

**“Help Your Child
Succeed in School:
[Build the Habit of
Good Attendance
Early](#)”**

**Click on the link
for full view
English and Spanish**



The graphic is a checklist titled "Attendance Matters!" with two columns: "See You in Class!" and "Best to Stay Home." It includes checkboxes for symptoms like fever, cough, and diarrhea, and instructions for when to stay home or return to school. It also features a section for "Consistent Attendance" leading to "Academic Success!" and a "HEALTH SERVICES" logo at the bottom.

See You in Class!	Best to Stay Home.
☒ Have a runny nose or a little cough, but no other symptoms.	☒ Temperature higher than 100 (with or without medicine)
☒ No fever (temperature of 100 or higher) for 24 hours without using fever reducing medications.	☒ Persistent cough
☒ No throwing up or diarrhea for 24 hours	☒ Colored drainage from the nose
	☒ Throwing up or diarrhea
	☒ Eyes are pink and crusty
	☒ Instructed by the doctor to isolate from others
Heading to class! What should I know?	My student is staying home. What should I do next?
ATTENDANCE MATTERS!	1 Notify the school by phone or email
Consistent Attendance = Academic Success!	If possible, let us know before them on the day of the absence.
	2 Repeat this checklist every morning. We hope to see your student back soon!
	