

Pleasant Grove Elementary Gazette



Thankful for Our Tiger Community

It's November, a month that we focus on gratitude. According to Harvard Health (2021), "Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships."

We have plenty to be grateful here at PGES! In the past month, we:

- Enjoyed the PTA Fall Festival
- Watched our 6th grade Tigers confidently head off to Sly Park
- Participated in the Great Shake-Out earthquake drill
- Held our first student-led Character Rally
- Collected hundreds of cans and boxes of food for Kids Can (and still going!)
- Completed our first trimester of the 25-26 school year

Looking forward, we are anticipating lots of families coming on to campus to hear about their students' progress during parent/teacher conference week.

Families often ask how they can support their children in school. Of course, attendance is the top priority! Getting your child to school, on time, every day gives them the best opportunity for success. Other things parents can do:

- Talk to your child! It's very easy to get caught up in social media and phones or technology. What our students need more than anything is your full attention and engagement with them.
- Play games! Students learn important math and SEL lessons through board and card games.
- Read with your child. Maybe you are reading together, or maybe it's a silent reading time where everyone (including adults) has a book in their hands!

We are so grateful for the supportive, friendly, and collaborative community here at PGES!

Miss. McCartney

In this newsletter you can expect:

Thankful for Our Tiger Community: Principal's Message

Events

PTA Corner

Character Strong

APEX Fun Run

Reading Screener

See What We've Been Up To!

Celebrate Our Students

EVENTS

Date	Event
November 3	Character Rally
November 6	APEX Fun Run
November 7	Minimum Day Student of the Month (1st - 6th Outdoor Stage @ 8:20 am)
November 11	NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
November 12	Veteran's Day Assembly (Breakfast 8:15, Assembly 8:30) Fall Picture Retake Day
November 13	PTA General Meeting (South Slope Winery @ 6:00 pm)
November 14	Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day
November 17 - 21	Minimum Days - Parent Conferences
November 24 - 28	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break



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 Holiday Movie Night on Friday, December 5!

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: Gratitude

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>

One way to think about Gratitude is “choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives.” Practicing Gratitude can increase our well-being and even our happiness!

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>



APEX Leadership and Fun Run

What is APEX?

APEX combines four important skillsets for students — education, fitness, leadership, and raising money for their school — in our unique school fun runs. It starts with a pep rally, then is followed by team days where APEX leaders go to classes to work on leadership and PBIS. It culminates with a Fun Run where all students get to participate!

The funds raised from APEX will be used to purchase supplies for our classrooms and new outdoor tables for lunch!

Fun Run Schedule - November 6

9:00 a.m. - Morning TK/K & 1st/2nd

10:00 a.m. - 3rd/4th & 6th

11:30 a.m. Afternoon TK/K & 5th

Reading Difficulties Screener



In 2023, a new state education law was passed requiring all CA school districts to screen all kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students for risk of reading difficulties starting in the 2025-26 school year. This school year, EGUSD will implement the Multitudes screener for all students in those grades about midway through the school year. It is a quick, one-on-one assessment of critical areas of reading and language.

Screener results will be shared with families within 45 days of the assessment. PGES students will be taking the screener between January 20 - February 6. Students who are currently on IEPs for reading, or being tested for one, will not take the screener. Students who are not currently proficient in English or Spanish will take an alternate screener.

Parents who wish to opt their students out of the screener must come into the PGES office to fill out an opt-out form by Friday, December 19.



For more information, see the links below:

- [English Flier](#) | [English FAQ](#)
- [Spanish Flier](#) | [Spanish FAQ](#)
- [Vietnamese Flier](#) | [Vietnamese FAQ](#)
- [Chinese Flier](#) | [Chinese FAQ](#)



See What We've Been Up To!



Student Council's First Character Assembly!



Ms. Harris's 3rd Grade AVID Strategy: Reciprocal Teaching

Teachers are Learners Too!



Fun at the PTA Fall Carnival!





Excellent Attendance



TK - AM	TK - PM	Kindergarten
Enterkin, Raegan Ho, Kayla Hoffstot, Parker Lau, Alexis Rowe, Trinity Whitley, Haylee Winkler, Ethan Xiong, Zoey	Asar, Sanya Bui, Evelyn Tran, Kaden Yu, Celine	Bauer, Alexandra Buna, Odin Calvillo, Liana Canuela, Harrison Do, An Hadgu, Samie Jones, Claire Nguyen, Anna Nguyen, Thao An
First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade
Congdon, Ridge DeBolt, Chloe Fang, Juvia Henzie, Ashlee Huynh, Nolan Paine, Christian Parsi, Olivia Raju, Elijah Sythanyarutt, Kaptain Tarr, Athena Valencia, Alessio Whitehead, Everly Yang, Nathan	Anderson, Hope Brennan, Kenzie Cartwright, James III Huynh, Ellylynne Jones, Jordan Luong, Sebastian Supryagin, David Torres, Ivan	Canuela, Franklin Fox, Addison Lux, Ronan MacDonald, Douglas III Poti, Makenzie Pratt, Taylor Raines, Caia Wiechert, Mia

Excellent Attendance



Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
Ahmad, Haniya Usman Brennan, Koa Coates, Hudson Congdon, Maverick Fernandez, Sophia Fonda, Braxton Fonda, Colton Henzie, Kaylee Jones, Jack Lawson, Evie Newman, William Nguyen, Hieu Nguyen, Isabelle Sanchez Perez, Michael Soares, Andrea Elaine Trinh, Jasmine	Anacleto, Faith Aston, Bryce Bennett, Aiden Bennett, Owen Brechbill, Max Coleman, Maci Cunanan, Oscar Dominguez Zavala, Yeray French, Rory Ham, Mason Hardenburg, Evelyn Her, Chu Ye Melendrez Ramirez, Valentina Mendoza, Devin Munoz Romero, Emilio San, Aizelle Sategna, Jaxon Sythanyarutt, Kanan Tarr, Makayla Valencia, Agustin Zhou, Skylar	Bok, Peyton Buna, Ally Chen, Junhao Chuang, Dylan Cuong, Charlotte Enemuoh, Chidimma Fernandez, Catalina Fonda, Kaverick Gasnakis, Sofia Herr, Atticus King, Ava Le, Nelson Luu, Zuri Mohammed, Qismah Nguyen, Hien Nguyen, Ryan Retke, Ella Ruffell, Kash Sondh, Rajvir Taylor, Indie Turanski, Gabriella Winkler, Zachary Xiong, Jordan

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS!

10/1/25-10/31/25

NO LATES, NO ABSENCES, NO EARLY DISMISSALS.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Students of the Month

Academic

Enoch Andaluz
Hope Anderson
Bryce Aston
Kyleigh Aston
Koa Brennan
Harrison Canuela
Maci Coleman
Navaab Dhillon
Chidimma Enemuoh
Ronik Ghuman
Sesinna Hadgu
Gustavo Lua
Aizelle San
Emory Sandhu-Goldner
Kodi Wallace

Responsibility

Erhan Ahmadreshad
Everett Barfield
Ashley Bok
Jalton Bufford
Evelyn Bui
Leah Cabrera
Liana Calvillo
Abigale Coles
Josey Congdon
Owen Cronan
Gianna Dominguez Zavala
Raegan Enterkin
Catalina Fernandez
Margaret Hand
Ashlee Henzie
Myka LaSance
Lucas Ledoux
Lincoln Mac
Rowan Marengo
Madison McMasters
Daniel Naveja Ortiz
Shayaan Saeed
Jackson Schritter
Mason Shaw
Linh Tran
Savannah Tu
Benjamin Ursin

Effort

Eva Calderon
Liam Chavez
Juvia Fang
Kaverick Fonda
Sofia Gasnakis
Elias Godinez
Luka King
Devin Mendoza
Jonathan Nguyen
Eliseko Otero-Frost
Gurbaaz Sandhu
Savannah Shen
Makayla Tarr
Lucas Ursin
Kacper Wozniak



Accelerated Reader



BRONZE

HANIYA AHMAD
HUKAM BATH
KENZIE BRENNAN
SIERRA BUFFORD
ALLY BUNA
FRANKLIN CANUELA
AVA CONGDON
ROSE JACO
KADENCE HICKLING
ALDEN KITENZA
EVIE LAWSON
SEBASTIAN LUONG
YANNELI NAVARRO-RIVERA
ISABELLE NGUYEN
CRUZ PEREZ
MILA PEREZ
ELLA RETKE
KIRA RHYNAS
JAXON SATEGNA
MEHAR SIDHU
AVERY WESSEL

SILVER

BRUCE ANDALUZ
KYLIE ASTON
KOA BRENNAN
ELI LINLEY
SAVANNAH SHEN

GOLD

HOPE ANDERSON
WYATT COLEMAN
BONNIBELLE FEDERMEYER
MILES HOSMANN
JAELYN JONES
EVELYN LINLEY
RONAN LUX

PLATINUM

HAVA ANDALUZ
ASHLEY BOK
TRI DO
AJMEHR GILL
ATTICUS HERR
NATALIE LEWIS
DOUGLAS MACDONALD