Winter Garden Clean-Up

Join us this Sunday afternoon, 1pm-3pm, to help prepare our gardens for spring. We will be weeding, trimming, and deadheading plants to get them ready for spring blooms. Please bring clippers (large and small) and gloves. Contact Anna Symkowick-Rose at asymkowick@yahoo.com with any questions. Thank you!

Kindergarten Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment begins February 16 for families outside our attendance area. If you have a sibling entering kindergarten through Open Enrollment, please let the office know so that we can give them priority registration! If you do not live in our attendance area, you MUST go through the Open Enrollment process for kindergarten even if you have an older sibling attending Caleb. Please contact the front office with any questions.

Parent Conferences – Feb 22-26

Second trimester parent conferences are next week. These conferences are held at the discretion of the teacher or by parent request. Student attendance is also at the discretion of the teacher, so please make note of that when reviewing your scheduling letter. If you will not be able to make your scheduled conference time for any reason, please contact your child’s teacher ASAP to reschedule. Please also arrive on time. In order to accommodate all conferences, teachers must schedule them back-to-back. If you are late to a conference, it may impact the length and quality of the discussion you are able to have about your child’s progress and needs.

Shortened Days – Feb 22-26

With parent conferences come shortened days. Please make note of this schedule and plan ahead for transportation and childcare.

Kinder: 8:00-11:30 (same schedule)
1st-3th: 8:00-12:05 (optional lunch until 12:30)
4th-6th: 8:00-12:15 (optional lunch until 12:30)
Bus riders picked up at 12:30

PTSO Daughters’ Dance – Thank You!

Thank you to our parent organizer, Brett Jones, and his team of volunteers for putting on a great event for our girls and their parents last Friday night. And thank you to fifth grade parent DJ Char for supplying the tunes!

Interactive IB Night – February 23rd

Join us next Tuesday, Feb 23 for an interactive IB experience. Get to know the essential elements of the Primary Years Program with hands on activities run by our own leadership students.

PTSO Mother Son Bingo – March 11th

Save the date for PTSO’s annual Mother Son Bingo event on the evening of Friday, March 11. More details to come soon.

PTSO Spring Auction – April 9th

Early bird tickets go on sale March 1st for $40. Be one of the first to get a spot and win a prize! We’re still looking for items and experiences to auction. Is there something you (or your employer) might donate such as electronics, gift card, vacation rental, merchandise, frequent flyer points, event tickets, hotel stay, tours, host an event/party, or something unique. Be creative! Contact Emily Kapic (emilykapic@yahoo.com/916-207-9233) or Mandi Sittarich (mandisittarich@yahoo.com/916-396-5640).

Annual Talent Show – April 28th

Save the date and start practicing for our annual talent show on Thursday, April 28th. Try-outs take place on March 29th & 31st. Permission forms are in this week’s Wednesday Folders and are due back in the office by March 4th.
**Upcoming Dates**

W 2/17: Progress Notices Sent Home  
F 2/19: Morning Sing  
F 2/19: School Tours  
S 2/21: School Clean-up Day  
2/22-26: Parent Conferences & Shortened Days  
2/23: Interactive IB Night  
3/1: PTSO Board Meeting  
3/4: Moring Sing & Student Recognition  
3/4: Talent Show Permission Forms Due  
3/7-3/11: UCD Lunch Study – 4th Grade  
3/7: School Site Council  
3/11: Mother Son Bingo  
3/18: Morning Sing  
3/18: Shortened Day  
3/21-3/25: Spring Break  
3/28-3/31: 5th/6th Family Health Education  
3/29 & 3/31: Talent Show Try-Outs  
3/30: Report Cards Sent Home  
3/31: School Site Council  
4/1: Moring Sing & Student Recognition  
4/5: District GATE Advisory Committee Meeting @ Caleb  
4/8: World Health Day  
4/9: Spring Auction  
4/20: Open Garden Event  
4/22: Morning Sing  
4/23: Garden Clean Up  
4/27: School Site Council

**February Knowledgeable Event**  
... Read Across America on February 26!

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**IB Learner Profile Focus**  
**KNOWLEDGEABLE**

Students who are KNOWLEDGEABLE have explored relevant and significant concepts and can remember what they have learned. They can draw on this knowledge and apply it in new situations.  
*How can parents help to develop students who are Knowledgeable at home?*

1. Encourage your child to read books at home that correspond with the concepts they are learning about in school. In particular, books in their mother tongue will help your child make more meaningful, lasting connections to what is being taught in their classroom in English.

2. Ask your child about what they are learning in school and engage them in conversation about it. Some questions to ask are:
   - What do you think is an important thing to know about?
   - Can you think of anything that is happening in the world today that might be similar to that concept in history?
   - You’re learning about pulleys and gears at school? This reminds me of your simple machines unit in grade 2. Have you noticed any similarities? How is what you’re learning different?

3. Foster any area that your child expresses and interest in with books and activities, but also be sure to encourage them to explore other areas.

4. Encourage your child to become familiar with current events and to read the newspaper and watch the news when appropriate. Make connections to the concepts they’re learning about in school.

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**UPCOMING SHORTENED DAYS**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 18**