



VILLAGE ELEMENTARY OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

10/02 - Walk & Roll
10/08 & 10/10 - Basketball Game @ Village
10/10 - K trip to Tolay Fall Festival
10/10 to 10/11 - Safe School Ambassador
10/11 - Village Picture Day, end of Read-a-Thon & Movie Night
10/17 - The Great American Shake-Out Earthquake training
10/18 - 1st Gr trip to Great Peter Pumpkin Patch & Multicultural Night
10/25 - Student of the Month Assembly
10/30 - 5th Gr trip to Piner High School
11/01 - No School!!

Dear Village Families,

September is already behind us which is unbelievable. Teachers are still in the process of finishing up parent conferences this week. I hope everyone has enjoyed their parent conferences as I had a great time with the ones that I translated for and wish I could be there for all of them. Parent conferences are so important to teacher and parent to work together to ensure the great success of our students where goals are created for the year. We are well on our way to Route 66 success!

Our Student of the Month was amazing where students in every grade level celebrated our great constitution. Kindergarten and first grade learned about the California and United States Flags and waved them as they came into the assembly. Second grade honored George Washington as the father of our country by wearing George Washington masks. Third grade did an amazing job with creating paragraphs, drawings and paintings of the Statue of Liberty. Fourth grade students gave us amazing facts about the constitution which were very well researched and given by the students. Fifth graders recited the preamble to the Constitution and Sixth grade learned the words to America the Beautiful as well as a student performed the song on her violin. It was an amazing celebration of the 232 birthday of the Constitution and everyone did a great job.

We are promoting our morning Reading Club open to all in room 21. We have 2 great teachers in the room helping students with reading and taking those important AR quizzes. Every student has reading goals and this is a way for students to reach their goals while getting the help they might need.

We also have the Computer Lab open from 7:55 to 8:20 for math lessons in Freckle and Zearn. There is also an aide in there assisting students with their math skills. We have designated students who might benefit for this targeted help but we will take other students as well.

I would like to remind everyone to please not pick up or park in the front of the school for pick-up. We have our great roundabout that was designed to help students be picked up safely. We really need to keep the front of the school open for our special buses, regular bus and other vans that pick up students after school. We really appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Additionally, it is important that safety rules are followed and that the crossing walkway is not used as parking. Please be kind and courteous to all and do not cut the line through the parking lot as this is very upsetting to the drivers who are in line and wait their turn in line. We really appreciate your cooperation.

The Read-a-Thon is alive and well. We have our students doing a lot of reading and fundraising. We thank you for your patronage! Remember that the funds raised by the Parent Club helps with field trips, assemblies and other great student activities.

We have a table outside the office where parents can drop off forgotten student lunches, musical instruments and other forgotten items. We do not interrupt classroom instruction to deliver these items. We send an email to the teacher for the student to pick up these items at recess or lunch time.

Village is again sponsoring Safe School Ambassadors where we train students in the upper grades to be upstanders. These selected students will train on October 10th & 11th on how to be an effective SSA. These students are then given a teacher mentor where they touch base once a week to discuss how to best help Village become a caring and safe learning environment. It is a great program and we are lucky to have it again this year for the second year.

Multicultural Night is Friday, October 18th at 6:00pm to 8:00pm. We are looking forward to this fun packed evening with lots of special performances that display Village's great strength - our diversity. Diversity is also our theme for the month and we will be honoring diversity at our Student of the Month Assembly on October 25th.

The Great American Shake-Out Earthquake training will happen at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 17th with all schools participating in this event. Our safety drill will include a lock-down drill and an evacuation drill. We participate in safety drills once a month as a standard operating procedure.

Halloween will be celebrated at Village with the annual morning parade. Students are being encouraged to come up with an idiom for their costume which is optional. We speak in idioms all the time and the meaning of figurative language is an important comprehension skill for students. We encourage students to come up with an idiom and the best costume and idioms in each classroom will be rewarded with a special reward. Teachers are also being encouraged to have an idiom for their costume and the winning teacher will receive a Starbuck prize.

September was a very busy month and October is also going to be a super busy month as you can see. Thank you all for all of your continued support of our Village.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

No dogs (except service dogs) are allowed on the school site.

All items in the lost & found corner will be dropped off at a donation center every 1st of the month. Please make sure to check if your child's belonging is there prior to that.

Procedure for student medications at school: (i) Only doctor prescribed medicine are allowed (ii) Permission letter from the doctor allowing the school administrator to hand out the medicine to the student. (iii) Medicines are to be stored in the office during school hours.

Beginning from this year, all school and district communications will be done in electronic form. Download the app here



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Best,

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