



Pleasant Hill Elementary

February, 2012

From the Principal's Desk

February is traditionally a time when we can once again actually focus on learning. The craziness of the holidays is over and we are all settling back into the school routine. The year is half over and we are looking at the gains that have been made thus far and the areas on which we still need to focus. We are contacting parents if we feel there is a need to meet and I hope you will contact us if you have any concerns. However, there are a few things that I need to address with you.

First is being on time for school. I want to commend those of you who always get your child to school on time. However, we have some students who are habitually tardy. These students are missing valuable instruction. We will have students attend study hall at recess time to make up any missed work due to the tardiness. In addition we are looking closely at absenteeism at this time, and reporting any violators to juvenile court. It is imperative that children attend any day in which they are healthy enough to do so. Make sure you send a note when your child misses and a doctor's excuse if he/she misses three or more consecutive days.

Secondly, it is cold and flu season and the issue of cough drops has once again arisen. By law, students are not allowed to carry cough drops to school with or without a note. Cough drops are considered to be over the counter medication. In addition, cough drops present a choking hazard to children if they cough with one in the mouth. We suggest that parents dispense cough medication (as approved by your doctor) at home in the morning and if necessary, send liquid cough medication to school with the instructions from the doctor filled out on the appropriate form. Call the school nurse or secretary if you need a form.

Next, I would like to focus on our after school program, Dreams. It is for students who are having trouble keeping up with their school work.

If your child is doing well in school, you may consider withdrawing from Dreams. Also, if your child is signed up for Dreams, they must stay every session unless you send us a note otherwise.

The fourth issue is our pick up situation. We are once again getting far too many calls between 3:00 and dismissal concerning a change in dismissal procedure. Please decide in the morning and send a note if needed. These phone calls are time consuming and lead to mistakes by the staff. Please work with us for the safety and well-being of all students.

The next issue this month is electronics. According to school policy electronics are not allowed on school property. If your child brings a phone, ipod, or e-reader to school, it should not come out of the back pack and this includes on the school bus. I know that e-readers are fun for students who love to read and I do not want to discourage this. If they bring them to school, they do so at their own risk. We will not take time out of the school day to look for any electronics or investigate theft. We just don't have the time to do this. For this reason, I suggest, all electronics be used at home.

The last issue concerns the up-coming levy. Please attend meetings and be an informed voter. There will be cuts without the passing of this levy, so please stay informed. There will be a meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 at the High School. This will give you the opportunity to get any questions you may have answered and to offer input. We need you.

Once again, please feel free to call or stop by if you have any questions or concerns for me. I want to work with you and your children for the best education possible.





Happy Valentines Day!

February Calendar of Events Pleasant Hill Elementary 2012

- 8 Levy Meeting@ High School @ 6:30
- 9 Pajama Day for ELEA scholarship fund
PTO Meeting
- 10 Movie Night
- 14 Valentine's Day Parties
- 17 Girl Scouts
- 20 President's Day-No School
- 24 Interims Distributed
- 28 Preschool Bowling Trip

A B Cs Of Student Success

F is for FAILURE.

Did you know that Abraham Lincoln weathered many failures before he became president? When a child experiences failure -- on a test, the ballfield, or anywhere else...

- acknowledge the child's feelings of frustration and disappointment. Those are natural feelings.

- don't try to minimize the situation because it *does* matter to your child.

- Help your child evaluate the cause for failure and use what he or she has learned to create a new strategy and try, try again!

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“Teaching kids to count is fine,
but teaching them what counts is best.”

Bob Talbert

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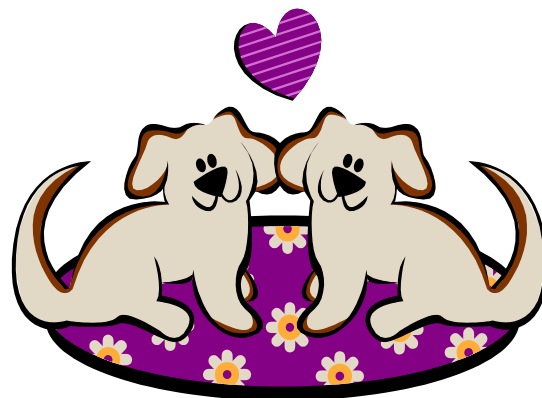


**Math
@Home**

What Are My Chances?

Flip one coin. Every time it comes up heads, your child gets 1 point. Every time it comes up tails, you get 1 point. Flip it 50 times. Tally by 5's to make it easier to keep track of scores. The person with the most points wins. If one person has 10 points more than the other person does, score an extra 10 points. Does that happen very often? Why not?

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