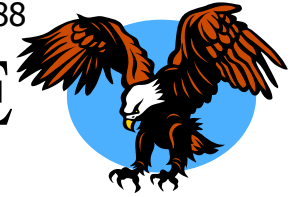


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Principal's Message

The school year opened in September with many new families joining the El Oro Way Elementary School learning community. I have had the privilege of meeting many of you in the last two months and the pleasure of meeting the students in classrooms and on the playground.

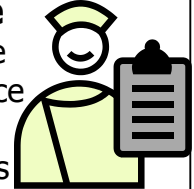
The Academic Performance Index (API) given by the CA Department of Education showed that the students of El Oro Way gained 27 points this year, earning our school a score of 888. This is a tremendous increase, and near at the upper end of the scale. (API ranges from 200 -1000.)

The partnership our school shares with the community fosters and supports the academic success of the students. Your continued participation in the El Oro Way learning community is always welcome. This newsletter is to inform you of various parent participation opportunities.

Thank you for preparing your children so well for school--the faculty, staff and I look forward to a continued partnership in keeping El Oro Way an excellent learning community!

Health Update

Teachers and staff have encouraged students to practice preventative measures for students to remain healthy this flu season. Many parents have donated to the classrooms to minimize the spread of germs. The best way to not get infected is to wash hands with soap before eating, and avoiding touching one's eyes and nose. Also, coughing/sneezing into one's arm is best. Please encourage your children to follow the directions of teachers on these matters.



If a child is showing symptoms (a fever of 100 or higher and sneezing/coughing/vomiting,) the office will contact home to have take her/him home. Children are to be symptom free (without the use of fever reducers such as Tylenol) for 24 hours before returning to school. This will ensure that the child is rested enough to perform well at school as well as prevent the spread of a cold or flu.

The Habitat Outdoor Classroom was trimmed and cleared on Saturday, October 3rd when many volunteers put on their work gloves and engaged nature. Mr. Villaseñor and Ms. Yoneda continue to be the lead teachers in the upkeep of this haven. The next workday will be Saturday, November 7th. Come and participate in maintaining this wonderful space that provides the heart of El Oro Way with both an educational setting and retreat from the urban landscape.

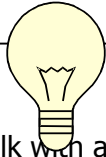


Playground News

Mr. Alevras, P.E. Teacher, continues to supervise and engage students during recess and lunch on the days that he is at El Oro Way. He has worked hard to provide a variety of equipment for student use during recess and P.E. times. Students are enjoying Frisbees, soft footballs, paddles, bats, balls, and mats as they exercise and build healthy bodies. El Oro Way is planning fitness clubs and/or sports tournaments for students during recess and lunch. If you are available to volunteer on the playground for such activities, please contact the office.

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Safety Tips

- Avoid walking alone
- NEVER take a ride from or walk with a stranger
- If a stranger approaches or offers a ride, scream for help and run away
- Families should maintain good communication about pick-up/drop-off times, locations, and who (mom, dad, grandma, aunt, etc.) will pick up that day

5th Grade Academy

Students, teachers, and families work together to enhance the students' last year at EOW. Please support this year's culminating class as they fundraise with a Snack Shop. They are on the playground on Fridays after school.



Upcoming Events

- 10.22 PTA Restaurant of the Month: Shakey's
- 10.30 PTA Fall Harvest Festival (3-6 on the playground)
- 11.2 LSLC Parent/Community Members Announced
- 11.6 PTA Movie Night
- 11.7 Habitat Work Day
- 11.9 PTA Fundraiser - See's Candy
- 11.11 Veteran's Day Holiday
- 11.13 PTA Meeting
- 11.17 PTA Restaurant of the Month – El Pollo Loco
- 11.19 Picture Make-up Day
- 11.30-12.9 Parent Conferences – Minimum Days
- 12.1 PTA Fundraiser – See's Candy
- 12.4 PTA Movie Night
- 12.11 PTA "Original Artwork" delivered
- 12.14 PTA Holiday Gift Shop
- 12.5 Habitat Day
- 12.16 PTA Restaurant of the Month
- 12.18 Holiday Program
- 12.19 – 1.10 Winter Break
- 1.11 School Resumes

Volunteers Needed

The El Oro Way Elementary School is greatly supported by our wonderful volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, but are unsure where or how to start, here are some contacts:

Classroom: Photocopying, art project set up/clean up, fieldtrip chaperone, in-class tutoring. Contact your child's teacher to discuss availability and schedules.

PTA: Anita Bernardo is the PTA President. You can leave a message for her with the office. PTA holds monthly meetings on the second Friday of each month at 8:30 am in the Provenzale Dining Hall. All are welcome to attend the meetings.

For the following, please call the office and speak with Elisa.

School Site Council: Meets on the second Monday of each month at 3 pm in the Provenzale Dining Hall. All are welcome to attend in governing the categorical budget and Single School Plan. Only elected members are eligible to vote.

English Language Advisory Committee: Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am in the Provenzale Dining Hall. All are welcome to attend in advising the SSC. Only elected members are eligible to vote.

Local School Leadership Committee: Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 3 pm in the Provenzale Dining Hall. All are welcome to attend in governing the school-wide calendar, school discipline policy, general instructional material spending, use of school equipment, and staff development.

Playground: Parents support the supervision of students as they eat and play during recess and lunch recess. Parents were instrumental last year in assisting students to solve conflicts with words!

Morning Drop-Off: Cars pull over and parent volunteers open the doors to facilitate drop off and traffic congestion.

Gardening: Community members maintain the beautiful rose garden in front of the school. Please let us know if you would like to assist with the maintenance of other garden areas at El Oro Way.

