

Pershing Elementary School

DECEMBER 2019

Character Trait: KINDNESS



PERSHING
Elementary School

Important Update

Pershing Spelling Bee for 4th-6th grade students will be held December 4th during the school day in the cafeteria. The schedule is: 4th grade @ 8:30am, 5th grade @ 9:15am and 6th grade @ 1:15pm.

Santa Pictures will be held on December 10th and 11th after school in the cafeteria. On Tuesday the 10th, pictures will be from 3:30-4:30pm. On Wednesday the 11th, pictures will be from 4:30-6:30pm. Cost for pictures will be \$10.00

Winter Break will be Monday, December 23, 2019 through Monday, January 13, 2020. Students will return TUESDAY, January 14, 2020.

Upcoming Events

12/2/2019

DLI (Dual Language Immersion)
Parent Meeting 5:30pm in Cafeteria

12/4/2019

Spelling Bee (Cafeteria)
4th grade @ 8:30am
5th grade @ 9:15am
6th grade @ 1:15pm

12/5/2019

3rd Grade: Fossil Discovery Center
visit to Pershing

12/9/2019

Candy Gram Sales: \$1.00 each
Before & After School

12/10/2019

Candy Gram Sales: \$1.00 each
Before & After School

SANTA PICTURES (Cafeteria)
3:30-4:30pm

12/11/2019

Candy Gram Sales: \$1.00 each
Before & After School

Event Highlight

On Monday December 16th, we will be hosting the Pershing Winter Concert where our Band, Orchestra and Choir will all have a performance for families. The Winter Concert will begin at 6:00pm in the school cafeteria/stage.

Pershing Parents of KINDER - 3RD grade students: The Pershing Winter Program will be held Friday December 20th in the school cafeteria/stage. The program begins with Kindergarten starting at 8:30am then we will move onto 1st grade, then 2nd grade, then 3rd grade will end the program.

Student Safety

Please make sure when you are picking up and dropping off your student that you are following traffic safety laws. There have been several complaints to the school office of vehicles speeding in the parking lot and using unsafe driving practices around the children. Please, for the safety of ALL OUR CHILDREN, follows the speed limit and traffic safety laws.

Attendance Policy

Morning Bell: rings at 7:55am, instruction begins at 8:00am. Students who arrive to school and are not in class by 8:00am are required to report to the school office to receive a late pass for class. Attendance is taken daily. When your child is absent, please call the school office at (559) 664-9741 to report your students absence to the office. As a reminder, you must call the school within 3 days to clear the absence or turn in a medical note. Please refer to the School or District handbook for specifics on excusable absences and further details.

SANTA PICTURES (Cafeteria)
4:30-6:30pm

12/12/2019

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Volleyball Championships @ MSHS
1:00-4:00pm

Cross Country Championships @
Lion's Town & Country Park
1:00-4:00pm

12/16/2019

Pershing Winter Concert (Music
program 4-6 grades) 6:00pm
In Cafeteria/Stage

12/19/2019

Candy Grams Delivered

12/20/2019

Pershing Winter Program (Kinder-3rd
grades) Begins at 8:30am

2nd Quarter Ends!

12/23/2019 - 1/13/2020

WINTER BREAK. ENJOY YOUR TIME
OFF!

1/14/2020

Students return from break.
Welcome Back!

1/16/2020

6th Grade students: Desmond
Registration Assembly (Pershing
Cafeteria) 8:30am

1/20/2020

NO SCHOOL. MARTIN LUTHER KING
JR. HOLIDAY.

Student Health Wellness

Message from the NURSE: As the winter months are upon us, it's important to ensure your students are dressed for the cold weather. Please make sure to send your child to school with jackets and/or warm sweaters. This is the first and best step to ward off the flu and runny noses! It is very cold on our playground in the mornings so please make sure your child is prepared for the cold weather. Should you find your child is in need of a warm coat or jacket, please stop by the nurses office as we work with several organizations like the Madera Leo Club to provide warm jackets for students in need.

Student Highlights

Congratulations to all the classroom Spelling Bee winners in 4th through 6th grade! We are proud of you all and the time and effort you put into your academics. Best of luck to you all! Way to go Panthers!!!

School Climate & Culture :

What is bullying?

The word bully at times is loosely used, but what is bullying? According to stopbullying.gov, the definition of bullying is "unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time."

If it is not bullying, then what is it?

Teasing - Everyone is having fun, no one is getting hurt and everyone is participating.

Conflict - No one is having fun, there is a possible solution to the disagreement and there is an equal balance of power.

Mean Moment - Someone is being hurt on purpose, reaction to a strong feeling or emotion, isolated event that does not happen regularly.

What can parents do?

Parents play a key role in preventing and responding to bullying. If you know or suspect that your child is involved in bullying, there are several resources that may help. It is important to learn to recognize the [warning signs](#) that your child is involved in bullying. Parents can learn [what bullying is](#) and [what it is not](#). Understanding what bullying is, is the first step in forming a plan to prevent or respond to bullying with your child. Many behaviors that look like bullying may be just as serious, but may require different response strategies. Please visit stopbullying.gov for in depth resources to help parents, students and communities put a stop to bullying.