

## Pershing Elementary School

SEPTEMBER 2019

Character Trait: RESPONSIBILITY



**PERSHING**  
Elementary School

### Important Update

Hello parents! Welcome to the new school year. We are excited to announce that our schedule has changed to allow more teacher preparation time outside of instructional minutes and accommodate three parent-teacher conferences for all parents this year! **Regular day 7:55 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. and Early dismissal Tuesday and Thursday 7:55 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

### Upcoming Events

9/6/2019

3rd Grade Field trip to Madera Fairgrounds

Basketball @ Pershing  
(changed from Millview).  
Games start 12:30pm

9/13/2019

Quarter 1 progress reports go home

9/16/2019

DELAC Meeting @ District  
Office 6-7:30pm

9/18/2019

PTO (Parent Club) Meeting @  
3pm

ELAC Meeting @ 5:30pm in  
Library

### Event Highlight

#### Thank you for attending Back To School Night!

Thank you to all the Pershing families who attended Back to School Night. The staff here at Pershing was pleased and excited to share our classrooms and learning environments with you. We hope you enjoyed the evening and have gotten to know your student's teacher a little more. Open communication between parents and teachers and the school staff is a vital piece to student success. Thank you for your efforts and commitments.

### 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 student's 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.

### Student Safety

Student pick up at dismissal:

To ensure that all students remain safe at dismissal time, please make sure to:

VALET LINE/PARKING LOT:

- Please only park in designated parking areas/lots.
- Walk your student across the crosswalk.
- Valet Line: Drivers **MUST** stay with your car, this line constantly moves so please don't park in it.
- Students who are waiting for the valet line are asked to wait by the gate until their vehicle is by the cones (this is for THEIR safety). Once your

**9/20/2019**

Basketball @ Championships  
Games start @ TBA  
Location: TBA

**9/23/2019**

Soccer Starts. Parent signed  
permission slip and 2.0 GPA  
required for tryouts.

**9/25/2019**

PICTURE DAY!!!

**9/26/2019**

SSC (School Site Council)  
Meeting 3:30pm in Library

**9/27/2019**

Soccer game Location-TBA  
Games start at 12:30pm

vehicle moves past the cones, students can walk up to the car and then get in.

**FRONT GATE:**

- The gate will be opened when the dismissal bell rings and you are welcome to walk onto campus and meet your student after class.

**BUS LOADING ZONE:**

- DO NOT park in the bus loading zone. This area is ONLY for school buses.
- Students are NOT to be picked up or dropped off in the bus loading zone. All student drop offs must be done through the Valet Line/Parking lot entrance. Only bus riders and Autism program students enter through this area.

\*Please DO NOT bring animals or pets with you to the school campus when dropping off or picking up students. This is a safety and health/allergy concern for students.

\*While our office staff do their best to relay messages to teachers, please make arrangements and communicate to your students prior to the start of the school day about any changes in their daily routine for dismissal. This will help avoid and alleviate any student confusions and unnecessary worries.

## PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports) Pershing Matrix:

Pershing, and all of Madera Unified, utilizes and follows the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports) Model to promote a positive classroom and campus culture. All teachers have been reviewing their classroom matrix with their students which outlines positive expectations for classroom behavior. Our entire school uses a Pershing School wide Matrix in addition to the classrooms to reinforce positive behavior and expectations in areas outside of the classroom and in locations all over campus. We have attached the PBIS schoolwide matrix for you to view and utilize in your home environment as well. We want to encourage an entire school community to work together on supporting and developing positive relations at school and at home.

## Student Health Wellness

Message from the NURSE: Students need to see in order to learn. Parents, please remind your students about the importance of bringing their glasses to school and wearing them every day. Check with your students to make sure they know where their glasses are and are wearing them. Annual vision screenings are done in Kindergarten, Second, and Fifth grade. Please contact the school nurse if you have problems obtaining glasses and we will try to assist you to the best of our ability.