

## Pershing Elementary School

FEBRUARY 2020

Character Trait: HONESTY



**PERSHING**  
Elementary School

### Important Update

Valentines Candy Grams will be for sale from February 4th to February 11th. Grams will be sold for \$1.00. Students can purchase grams before, during, after school from office or noon aides. Candy Grams will be delivered on the 13th & 14th.

Purple Pyramid Choir Concert for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students will be held on February 18th at Madera South High School - MSHS. The concert will be at 6:30pm in the evening. Students will have a dress rehearsal from 8:30-11:30am on the 18th as well. Mr. Horn will be sending home permission slips to students attending with more details.

### Upcoming Events

2/4/2020 - 2/11/2020

Valentine Candy Grams for sale  
\$1.00 each

2/5/2020

ELAC Meeting 5:30pm Library

12/7/2020

Flag Football/Cheer 12:30pm  
Girls @ Millview  
Boys @ Adams

2/10/2020

NO SCHOOL - Lincoln's Day  
Observed

12/11/2020

Pennies 4 Patients Begins

2/12/2020

Cheer Exhibition starts 2:00-4:00pm  
@ MSHS.

2/13/2020

School Site Council Meeting 3:30pm  
in Library

Candy Grams Delivered

### Event Highlight

**Pennie 4 Patients:** MUSD participates in the Pennies 4 Patients program where school sites collect money donations in the form of change which benefits cancer research/finding cures through the collection of change. Participation from students is voluntary. Please reference the flier that comes home with the collection box for students for a list of complete details. Pershing will be participating in the fundraiser February 11th through the 28th.

### Student Safety

Please continue to 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, follow 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.

### Student Health Wellness

**Message from the NURSE:** This winter, the mornings on our playground are VERY COLD! It's important to ensure your students are dressed for the cold

**2/14/2020**

Candy Grams Delivered

Flag Football/Cheer Championships  
@ MSHS3rd Quarter Progress Reports go  
home**2/17/2020**NO SCHOOL - Washington's Day  
Observed**2/18/2020**Purple Pyramid Choir Concert ( 4-6  
grades) 6:30pm @ MSHS**2/27/2020**

4th Grade Gold Gulch @ Pershing

**2/28/2020**

Pennies 4 Patients ends.

**3/2/2020**ELPAC Testing - Speaking 2-6th  
grades.DELAC Meeting 6:00pm @ District  
Office**3/2/2020 - 3/6/2020**READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK  
Dress Up Days Schedule coming  
soon!

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! 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.

If your student wears glasses please make sure to establish a routine that helps them get their glasses to and from school successfully. This is very important especially for younger students to get help with this task.

## Student Highlights

Congratulations to all the District Spelling Bee winners in 4th through 6th grade! We are proud of you all and the time and effort you put into your academics. 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](http://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](http://stopbullying.gov) for in depth resources to help parents, students and communities put a stop to bullying.