

Pershing Elementary School

NOVEMBER 2019

Character Trait: CITIZENSHIP



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Elementary School

Important Update

Pershing Parents of 4th, 5th and 6th grade students: classroom Spelling Bees will be taking place in your students classrooms throughout the month of November (1st through the 15th). Please mark your calendars for December 4th for the Pershing school-wide Spelling Bee. Please see the upcoming events schedule for specific times for each grade level. Only grades 4th - 6th will be holding competitions to mirror the district competition. We are proud of ALL our Panthers!

Upcoming Events

11/2/2019

Volleyball & Cross Country @
Washington. Games begin @
12:30pm

Red Ribbon Week: Dress Up: Wear
Sports Shirt or Jersey "Drugs Won't
Ruin My Game".

11/4/2019

DELAC Meeting @ District Office
6-7:30pm

11/6/2019

Picture Retake Day

ELAC Meeting #3 5:30-6:30pm

11/8/2019

Volleyball & Cross Country @
Pershing. Games begin @ 12:30pm

11/11/2019

NO SCHOOL. VETERANS DAY.

Event Highlight

Red Ribbon Week has taken place this past week, Oct. 28th - Nov. 1st. Students and staff have been enjoying participating in the dress up days and the kick off rally where students had the opportunity to play some games. Thank you to all the students and families who participated in the annual and national event. We very much enjoy seeing all the students participate in the event and the strengthening of the school culture and comroderry of the school.

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.

11/13/2019

PTO Meeting 3:30pm

11/15/2019

Quarter 2 Progress Reports go home.

11/15/2019

Kindergarten-Stone Soup Event
8:30-11am in Cafeteria.

11/21/2019

Character Trait Photo for Citizenship

11/15/2019

Volleyball & Cross Country @
Desmond. Games begin @ 12:30pm

11/25/2019 - 11/29/2019

NO SCHOOL.
THANKSGIVING BREAK

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 our students who received academic awards at the first quarter awards assemblies. Your hard work and dedication to your academics is recognized and honored by the Pershing staff as well as your families. Keep up the great work and character students! Thank you!

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.