

Pershing Elementary School

OCTOBER 2019

Character Trait: RESPECT



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Elementary School

Important Update

Pershing families, please be aware that the first round of parent conferences are coming up October 21st - 25th (Monday to Friday) Dismissal time will be 1:30pm ALL WEEK. Teachers will be sending home information regarding your students' conference time and date via backpack. Please be sure to communicate with your child and check for their conference schedule so you can be prepared to be in attendance. If you need to reschedule, please reach out to your students' teacher to reschedule. These conferences are great ways to stay on top of the academic demands for your student. Your attendance and participation in an important part of their success. Thank you for taking an active role in education.

Upcoming Events

10/7/2019

NO School.

DELAC Meeting @ District Office
6-7:30pm

10/9/2019

1st Grade Field trip to Fresno
Discovery Center

10/11/2019

1st quarter Ends.

Soccer Game @ Pershing vs.
Adams Game 1 starts
@12:30, Game 2 immediately
to follow.

10/14/2019

2nd Grade Field trip to Fossil
Discovery Center Chowchilla

10/15/2019

Event Highlight

Mark your calendar for Quarter 1 Awards Assemblies!

Please join us in celebrating your students achievements for the first quarter. We will be holding our first quarter awards assemblies October 21st - 23rd. Please check your students backpack for information from their teacher if they will be receiving an award.

Monday October 21st: 1st grade starts at 8:30am; 4th Grade starts at 9:15am

Tuesday October 22nd: 2nd Grade starts at 8:30am; 5th Grade starts at 9:15am

Wednesday October 23rd: 3rd Grade starts at 8:30am; 6th Grade starts at 9:15am

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: Healthy students learn better. In order to keep our students safe and healthy, the district has certain guidelines that need to be followed. Students should stay home for a fever over 100.0F or greater, vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours. Please also keep students home for the first 24 hours after antibiotics. Students who are sent home with a fever of greater than 100.0F need to stay home from school the following day or until fever-free for 24 hours without medications. They also need to be free of vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours.

5th Grade Field trip Fresno
Chaffee Zoo

10/18/2019

Soccer Championships. Girls
@ Desmond, Boys @ MLK.
Games start @12:30pm

10/21/2019

Awards Assembly:
1st grade @ 8:30am
4th grade @ 9:15am

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1:30PM DISMISSAL

10/22/2019

Awards Assembly:
2nd grade @ 8:30am
5th grade @ 9:15am

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10/23/2019

Awards Assembly:
3rd grade @ 8:30am
6th grade @ 9:15am

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10/28/2019 - 11/2/2019

RED RIBBON WEEK
See flyer for dress up
schedule. Flyer will be sent
home via backpack prior to
Red Ribbon Week.
Rally @ 8:05am Monday 28th

11/1/2019

Volleyball game TBA. Game
will start @ 12:30pm

Student Highlights



Pershing's LegoRobotics Team & ABC30 News

We would like to congratulate our Pershing Panther LegoRobotics Team for their debut on ABC30 News. During the news story/interviews, students had the opportunity to interview the City of Madera Mayor; Andrew Medellin, and discuss topics with him concerning city redevelopment and revitalization which are a portion of their Robotics project/focus for the team. Along with Pershing teacher coaches, the team also works with high school student mentors from the MadTown Robotics World Champion Team. The mentors attend all Pershing team meetings and provide coaching and support to our Panthers. You can watch the local news cast at the following link:

<https://abc30.com/education/madera-students-using-legos-to-help-solve-problems-in-community/5549977/>

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.

