

# Crocker/Riverside Elementary School



# February

## Parent Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following information is for your February calendar and planning.



### **School Site Council Meeting**

**Thursday, February 1, 2018**

**4:00 p.m. School Library**

We will be having our School Site Council Meeting on the above date. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Lincoln Day Holiday**

**Monday, February 12, 2018**

**NO SCHOOL**



### **Washington Day Holiday**

**Monday, February 19, 2018**

**NO SCHOOL**



### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Alliance Redwoods Trip**

**Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, March 1, 2018**



Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in the Alliance Redwoods Outdoor Education Program.



### **We Need Your Pictures for the School Yearbook!**

Have you been taking digital pictures this school year of class projects, activities, parties, field trips, etc.? Mrs. Kang (aka Debbie) in the school office needs your pictures! Pictures can be given to Mrs. Kang on a CD or flash drive. Just bring your pictures to the school office and she will download the pictures and return your CD or flash drive. The yearbook is due at the end of March, so please send in your pictures soon. The more pictures we have the better the yearbook will turn out. Thank you.

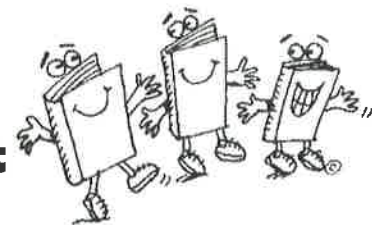
# Mark Your Calendar for Saturday, March 10, 2018, Our Pancake Breakfast Is Back!



Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students along with the assistants of adult volunteers will be working this fundraiser. Tickets are only \$5.00 each for a fresh-made breakfast of pancakes, eggs, fresh fruit and Taylor Market sausage and Espresso Metro Coffee. All monies raised will go towards the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class fund to support activities such as Alliance Redwoods, the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration, and the end of year trip to Sunsplash. We welcome all our families, extended families and neighbors to join us for food, music and community spirit! A detailed flyer will be sent home with students on how you can purchase tickets and sign up to volunteer for this fun & tasty event.



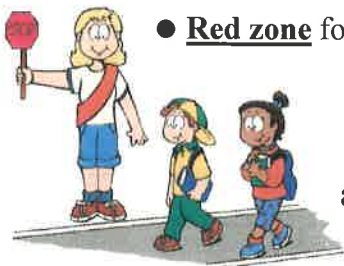
## We Are Having A Book Swap During The Pancake Breakfast On Saturday, March 10, 2018



We will send home more information about the Book Swap as it gets closer.



- The parking lot is for **STAFF ONLY!!**
- **Do not drive, bike or walk through the parking lot.**
- Walk on sidewalks *not* through the parking lot.
- Use the crosswalk. **DO NOT jaywalk.**
- Drop and Go zone in front of school. **Keep moving!**  
No parked cars: you can be ticketed.
- **Please be courteous to our neighbor's. Don't block driveways or move their garbage cans, find another place to park!!**
- **Red zone** for school buses only!



Thank you for setting a good example for all our students by being considerate and thoughtful of others and keeping our neighborhood and school safe for everyone.

## School Lunch Menus



The lunch menu can be found on our school webpage [www.crockerriverside.org](http://www.crockerriverside.org). You can also go to the District's website at [www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu). Click on the following: Parent/Student, Student Online Tools and scroll down to Nutrition & Menus and then Menus.





**24-Hour Absence Recording Line  
916-395-4535, press 1**

**Crocker/Riverside 2017-2018 School Calendar of Events**  
Please check web page for updates [www.crockerriverside.org](http://www.crockerriverside.org).



It's flu season! If your child is sick, please keep them at home. Anytime your child will not be at school for any reason, please and call our 24-hour Absence Recording Line at 916-395-4535, press 1 to leave a message with your child's name, teacher, the reason for the absence and how many days they will be out of school.

If your child has a fever (100 degrees or higher), please keep them at home. No one should return to school until they have had **no fever for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine**, even if they feel better. Thank you.

We recently passed the halfway mark of the school year and are looking forward to an excellent second half!

I have received several inquiries recently about the start date for the 2017-2018 school year. So far nothing has been finalized. This is a negotiable item with the District's bargaining units, and negotiations are still under way. I can assure you that District and our school board are well aware of the rapidly closing window to make a decision to change the start of the school year and are hoping to have this issue settled shortly.

In case our 6th Grade parents have forgotten, the 6th Grade trip to Alliance Redwoods begins on Monday, February 26th and ends on Thursday, March 1st. Our students will enjoy a variety of outdoor science education and high adventure activities. The excitement for this seems to grow every day. Many thanks to our parent chaperones who will be attending as well!

On March 2nd, we will be participating in the Read Across America Day. A group of 5th and 6th graders are helping to coordinate reading-related activities on that day and the following week. The activities will culminate in a book swap on Saturday, March 10th, at the Pancake Breakfast.

Please enjoy the two upcoming three-day holiday weekends (February 12th and February 19th)!

--Mr. McCord

# Empathy

Resource for Families

SEL Core Competencies:  
Social Awareness

## What is Empathy?

Being empathic means that you have the ability to understand and share the feelings of others.

Be kind  
for  
everyone  
you meet  
is  
fighting a  
hard  
battle.  
-Plato

Why do we need to provide opportunity to practice empathy?

A child's ability to employ higher order thinking skills is not fully developed until their mid to late twenties. To be empathetic, you must be able to understand the complex relationship between cause and effect, which is a higher order thinking skill. It is important to remember that our brains are malleable and our ability to empathize with the world around us is always growing. Because of this, it is important to offer children the opportunity, in safe and stress free environments, to put themselves in "someone else's shoes." It is through this practice that new neural networks are developed that strengthen a person's ability to be truly empathetic.

Let's Practice empathy everywhere!

What can you do at home?

- Have your child go through clothes, toys, and books that he/she no longer uses and donate them to a local charity. In this process, talk about the reason for the donation and the intent behind the donation. For example, ask your child what items they have that are still in a useable condition that another child may want. In other words, cleaning out your closet to get rid of ripped or broken items is not the same as donating items that could still be treasured by others.

Online Resources:

- <http://parenttoolkit.com>
- <https://characterlab.org>
- <https://mcc.gse.harvard.edu/files/gse-mcc/files/empathy.pdf>

Coming Next Month:

Integrity

We Are. We Belong. We Can.