

Crocker/Riverside Elementary School



February

Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following information is for your February calendar and planning.



SCUSD K-8 Open Enrollment

February 5th – 19, 2019

www.scusd.edu/openrollment

The SCUSD Enrollment Center will be accepting Open Enrollment applications from February 5th through the 19th for grades K-8. Crocker/Riverside will have openings in Kindergarten, 4th grade and 5th grade. So tell your friends that they can complete and submit an on-line application to try and get into Crocker/Riverside for next school year!

Lincoln Day Holiday

Monday, February 11, 2019

NO SCHOOL



President's Day Holiday/Washington's Day

Monday, February 18, 2019

NO SCHOOL



Wednesday, February 27, 2019

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. School Auditorium



Our 2019 Crocker/Riverside Science Night will feature a science fair and hands-on experiments. All our students and families are welcome to this fun and exciting event. Students will demonstrate what they have learned in the classroom at Science Night by engaging other students and families in hands-on experiments. Those students who turned in their registration form to enter a science project need to bring their project to the school auditorium between 7:30 – 9:00 am on February 27th. Science Fair winners will be announced between 5:30 and 7:30 pm during the Science Fair Night.

School Rules for Cell Phones and Smart Watches

It has been reported that during the school day some students have been taking pictures and videos of other students without their consent and posting these on social media and other web based sites. This is a reminder that during school hours Cell phones, smart watches and any other device that can send and receive data, must be turned off and put away. Students are not allowed to bring these items out during class time or recess times. Devices that are not put away during the school day will be confiscated and a parent will have to pick up these items from the school. Students with these devices are discouraged from bringing them to school and *the school assumes no liability* if they are lost or stolen. If there is an emergency on campus parents will be notified by an automated call from the principal or the school district. Students may use the school phone if they have a personal emergency or if they have been injured. If parents need to reach their student during the school day, they should call the school office. Parents and Students should make all transportation, childcare arrangements and play dates should be arranged prior to your child arriving to school.



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.

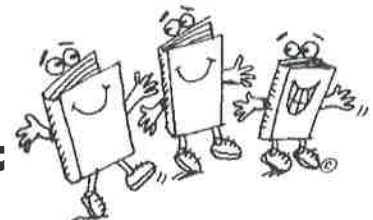
Mark Your Calendar for Saturday, March 9, 2019, Our Pancake Breakfast Is Back!



Our 6th 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 6th grade class fund to support activities such as Alliance Redwoods, the 6th 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 9, 2019



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 PULL INTO/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. You can also go to the District's website at www.scusd.edu. Click on the following: Parent/Student, Student Online Tools and scroll down to Nutrition & Menus and then Menus.



FREE Breakfast Program

Our school provides a FREE Breakfast Program for all students. Our school cafeteria serves FREE breakfast every morning starting at 8:15 a.m. You do not need to sign your student up for the program, just send your student to the cafeteria to eat a healthy breakfast to get a good jump on the start of their day!



24-Hour Absence Recording Line 916-395-4535, press one

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 you would like to pick up your child's homework you may leave that information on the answering machine. This request has to be made by 10:00 am in order for the teacher to have time to prepare the assignments. Homework can be picked up in the school office at the regular dismissal time.

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.

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.