

DATES TO REMEMBER:

1/27: Minimum Day;  
Staff in-service

1/27: Report Cards Dis-  
tributed

2/2: NAEP test for nine  
year olds

2/3: 100th Day of School  
Diamond Party  
Peridot to Library

2/10: Hearing Screening  
for K, 2nd, 5th, 8th  
grades

2/17: Network-wide In-  
service, No School

2/20: President's Day, No  
School or Club M

2/25: Pancake Breakfast  
& Science Fair

Elk Grove's average  
weekly attendance as  
of

1/16/12: 96.68%

1/9/12: 96.75%

12/17/11: 96.6%

## Teacher In-service

Mark your calendars! January 27th is a minimum day due to teacher in-service. As we do not provide a drop-in service for Club M, please be sure to pick up your child on time. We appreciate your promptness as it allows the staff to get to the in-service safely and on time.

## Academic Talent Search

The ATS, offered through Sacramento State University, will be given the week of February 20th here on campus to any fourth through ninth grade students interested in this opportunity. ATS offers exciting and challenging summer classes for those students who are eligible. There is a \$15 fee for the test. If you or your child is interested, please see Ms. Lisa C. in the office.

## Pancake Breakfast & Science Fair

Due to a scheduling conflict with the church, we will be rescheduling the pancake breakfast and science fair for February 25th. The pancake breakfast is from 8:30-10:00 and the science fair is from 9:00-12:00. Start looking for items needed for this event in newsletters and on classroom boards next month. This is a great family friendly event, please extend an invitation to other family members and friends.

## Grant Writing Committee

The CMP-EG grant writing committee had it's first meeting last Thursday. The committee identified organizations to target with the intent of supporting our areas of need at our campus. Our goal is to submit at least 1 grant proposal by June of 2012. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2nd at 6:00 PM. We are currently a committee of 4 and look forward to expanding our team. Please join us, no experience necessary, just the desire to help support our school.

**This Week in History:***Jan 23, 1957*[Toy company Wham-O produces first Frisbees](#)*Jan 24, 1908*[Boy Scouts movement begins](#)*Jan 25, 1905*[World's largest diamond found](#)*Jan 26, 1788*[Australia Day](#)*Jan 27, 1888*[National Geographic Society founded](#)*Jan 28, 1986*[Challenger explodes](#)*Jan 29, 1936*[U.S. Baseball Hall of Fame elects first members](#)

## Yearbook

Ms. Jenie Tice is already working on the yearbook for this year. If you have participated or plan on participating on field trips, please get the pictures to Ms. Jenie in the Topaz room so that they may be added to the yearbook. Every year the yearbook turns out great and this year will be no exception. Thank you Ms. Jenie for heading up this huge project.

## Closed Campus

Just as a reminder, we are a closed campus after school. If you are waiting for basketball or cheer friends, please wait near the group. All siblings not signed up for the activity must be supervised and also near the group.

## Running of the Students

When walking on campus please be aware of your surroundings. During basketball or cheer, it is safest and most respectful to walk around the players and not through their practice. This way everyone stays safe and upright.

## Tutoring

Please be sure to pick up your child from the room in which the tutoring is taking place, not from the front of the school. We appreciate your commitment to safety.

## Extracurricular Activities

We are so lucky and thankful to be able to offer volleyball, basketball, and cheer at this campus. These activities offer many opportunities for strengthening their social and athletic skills. Participating in these activities requires a commitment to the team. A student must also keep their commitment to their education as well. In order to be able to participate in these extra curricular activities, students are required to keep up with their school work and maintain consistently strong grades. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please speak with your child's teacher.

## Winter Dress Code

It's gotten colder and the kids have already grown so much that they may be in need of new school clothes. With all of the sales this is a good time to stock up. Please keep in mind that tights, leggings, and socks can be white, black, or navy. Sweatshirts for inside the classroom can be solid white, grey, navy, or burgundy. **Logo, light-up, and sparkle shoes are considered weekend wear.**

## Club M Activities

This week:

23 FREE CHOICE JOBS	24 MUSICAL CHAIRS AM: TBD BY STUDENTS	25 COOTIE CATCHERS	26 FREEZE TAG AM: FREEZE TAG	27 HALF DAY MOVIE @ 4:00
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Next week:

30 FREE CHOICE JOBS	31 KARAOKE PARTY AM: TBD BY STUDENTS	1 Free Art Choice	2	3 Movie @ 4:00
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**January 27<sup>th</sup> - Half Day** - Punch card families, please be sure to let Club M staff know if your child will be attending the program on this day.

**February 17<sup>th</sup> - Full Day** This is a non-instructional day for teachers. Club M will be available from 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Sign-up sheets are posted by the sign-in binders in the mornings and afternoons. Please make sure all payments are made at the time of sign-up by no later than Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Club M Mailboxes** - Be sure to check your child's Club M mailbox daily for class work, invoices, and school/home communication.



# Pancake Breakfast



Come join us for breakfast on Saturday, February 25th  
from 8:30-10:00 at the church  
And the science fair  
From 9:00-12:00 at the school



Each classroom will be asking for donations of food and supplies for this large event.

Please look for sign-up sheets in the classrooms and information in the newsletters.

We appreciate all of your continued support.

There is no cost for this event, however, we will gladly accept monetary donations at the breakfast.

# Parent & Community Day

Friday, March 16, 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM

San Francisco Marriott Marquis  
55 Fourth Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Fee: \$75

Register online at [amshq.org/2012conference](http://amshq.org/2012conference)



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## See Montessori in Action

Demonstration Montessori  
Elementary Classroom  
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

AMS and Valley Montessori School proudly collaborate to offer this demonstration Montessori classroom on-site at the Marriott Marquis. Inspired by the hugely popular "glass classroom" built for the 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition in San Francisco, it will give you a glimpse of an actual school day as elementary students ages 6–9 engage in their usual activities. This includes small group lessons and a long, uninterrupted block of time that allows them to become absorbed in work of their own choosing.

Docents will provide you with an overview and will be available to answer questions.



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