

DATES TO REMEMBER:

2/2: NAEP test for nine year olds

2/3: 100th Day of School
Sapphire Party
Diamond Party
Peridot to Library
Pennies For Patients

2/6: Middle School Information Night

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

2/14: Valentine's Party for 1st—3rd grade

2/17: Network-wide Staff Development, No School, Club M Open

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

2/25: Pancake Breakfast & Science Fair

Elk Grove's average weekly attendance as of

1/23/12: 96.53%

1/16/12: 96.68%

1/9/12: 96.75%

12/17/11: 96.6%

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 eighth 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 2 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 30, 1948
[Gandhi assassinated](#)

Jan 31, 1950
[Truman announces development of H-bomb](#)

Feb 01, 1884
[Oxford Dictionary debuts](#)

Feb 02, 1887
[First Groundhog Day](#)

Feb 03, 2005
[Gonzales becomes first Hispanic U.S. attorney general](#)

Feb 04, 1938
[Disney releases Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs](#)

Feb 05, 1919
[United Artists created](#)

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.

Pennies For Patients

Our school is participating in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's School and Youth Program, Pennies For Patients. This is an incredible opportunity to raise funds for lifesaving treatments and cures for blood cancer patients. The students will receive the information tomorrow for this fundraiser that will last through February

Basketball

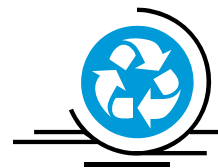
The first basketball games are tomorrow. The Elementary team (4-6) will be playing at 6:30. Our Middle School team will be playing at 8:30. Come out and support our teams!

Lost & Found

The lost and found collection is out of control! All clothing will be donated on Friday. Please double check to see if your child has left anything behind. Just yesterday, 10 articles of clothing were picked up after school and added to the collection.

5 MPH in the Parking Lot

Thank you for driving so slowly and safely through the parking lot! Please be sure to pull up as close to the cones as possible to create two lanes. We appreciate your commitment to the safety and well being of our students, their families, and our staff.

Middle School Recycling

Please bring in your plastic bottles and cans with a crv on Fridays. The middle school uses this as a fundraiser towards their emersion trips.

Campus Tours

Do you have a friend who is interested in attending CMP? If so, let them know that tour season has started. Have them call and reserve a spot on our tour schedule. Tours fill up fast, so they should call soon.

Club M Activities

This 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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Next week:

6 FREE CHOICE JOBS	7 MONOLOGUES	8 Clay Art	9 Pictionary	10 Movie @ 4:00
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Monologues - Afternoon Club M students will begin taping monologues as a part of their Performance Arts special activity on Tuesdays. These monologues are very similar to the ones we have made in past summer intercessions. We will encourage all students to partake in this activity, so we can show of their work in this year's CMP Art Walk.

February Punch Card Calendars - February calendars are out now. These calendars are used to help Club M staff plan for your child. Please help us be successful by filling out the calendar and returning it as soon as possible.

February 17th - Full Day Club M will be available from 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Look for the flyer in your child's Thursday folders.

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



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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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