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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 9/6- Parent Surveys were due
- 9/8- Lower Elementary Ice Cream Social (1st-3rd), 4:00 -6:00 p.m.
- 9/12-9/16- Ruby Leatherby's Fundraiser
- 9/19- Love & Logic series begins at Shingle Springs
- 9/20- Love & Logic series begins at Capitol
- 9/23- Minimum Day
- 9/26-9/30- Spirit Week
- 9/30- Walk-a-Thon
- 10/6- 7 Habits workshop @ 5:00

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

ELK GROVE CAMPUS IS A "STAR"

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE INDEX (API) INCREASES!!!!

Maria Montessori initiated the vision that we respect the whole child through the recognition of the social, emotional, physical and cognitive levels of individualized development. Montessori educators use a variety of techniques, instructional tools, and assessments that encourage the child to experience and reach his/her own human potential.

Dr. Maria Montessori advocated close observation of each child as the best means of creating an appropriate education path for that individual. Additionally, CMP assesses student progress through standardized testing, as required by the public education system.

It is very exciting to report that our campus STAR Academic Performance Index (API) increased by 33 points, from 799 to 832 during the 2010-2011 school year!!! We made significant increases in all categories. This could not have happened without the support of our amazing families, the additional daily effort by our exceptional staff, and our extraordinary students. Reaching an API of 800 been a community effort and the results are spectacular. Congratulations to everyone!!!!

Parental Supervision

Students are required to be supervised at all times. If class has not yet started, students must be in Club M or with a parent. Between 1:45-3:15, we have over 300 students and families preparing to leave for the day. With all of the students leaving classrooms with parents, for Club M, and car line, it can become very confusing for teaching and Club M staff to know where students are supposed to be. To ease some of the confusion **the campus will be closed from 8:30-6:00 pm to anyone not enrolled in Club M.** We invite you to wait at the beautiful Jessie Baker park located by the parking lot while you wait for other children or would like some additional socializing time after school. We appreciate your support in helping us remedy this challenge.

CONFIDENTIAL SURVEYS ARE PAST DUE!

Please return your confidential survey to the office immediately. Additional surveys are available in the office. Thank you!

*Never help a child
with a task at
which he feels he
can succeed.*

-Maria Montessori

BEST

Friday we had our first BEST, Building Effective Schools Together, assembly. BEST, is as program designed to develop social and academic skills of all students. We reviewed the 3 rules of the school and sang a little ditty to help the students remember them.

The Three B's (to the tune of Oh, Susanna)

It was during lunch, my friend and I ,
We had a little fight.
He took my juice and then ran off
I knew I wasn't right!
I didn't know just what to do,
To the teacher, I just ran.
She told me I could make a choice.
That's how it all began.

(Chorus)

Oh dear student
Please act respectfully
Be safe and be responsible
Solve problems peacefully.

Returning to the table,
I just sat down by my friend
I told him how I felt about
The thing that he just did.
He said he didn't know just how
To get my at-ten-tion
He apologized for doing it
And asked to be my friend.

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Ice Cream, Ice Cream, We all Scream for Ice Cream

The 6-9 team is hosting an Ice Cream Social today. All the families with students in the **lower elementary (1st -3rd grade)** are invited to join us this afternoon on the black-top. The Ice Cream Social is one way that we are able to welcome everyone back to school and have an opportunity to get to know each other in a relaxing atmosphere. We hope you are able to join us for this fun annual event.

Walk-A-Thon

Only 22 more days!! Many classrooms are still in need of parent volunteers to help run the carnival and food booths during the Walk-A-Thon. Please check in with your student's teachers to see what you can do to support this event. Each classroom has a silent auction basket they are putting together. If you can contribute to any of the baskets listed below that would be **GREAT!!!** Remember you can write these donations off as parent hours.

EMERALD - TECHNOLOGY

DIAMOND - MOVIE

RUBY - BAKERS FUN

AMETHYST - CAR KIT

ONYX- OUTDOOR FUN

GARNET - SCHOOL SUPPLIES

TURQUOISE - PAMPER ME

AQUAMARINE - BABY SHOWER

PERIDOT - PASTA LOVERS

TOPAZ - AVID READER

SAPPHIRE- ARTS & CRAFTS

QUARTZ- FAMILY FUN

MIDDLE SCHOOL -GIFT CARD TREE

The Parent Education

The second presentation of the "7 Habits of Highly Effective Volunteers" training has been scheduled for **Thursady, October 6th at 5:00** in Room 8. The November 3rd and December 1st dates are both scheduled for 2:00.

If you are unable to make these dates, the Carmichael and Orangevale campuses are offering this workshop before October 6th. Orangevale is offering their workshop on September 15th at 5:00 and Carmichael is on September 19th at 6:00. If you choose to go to another campus, please RSVP as well as sign in at the other campus so there is a record of your attendance.

Love & Logic

Fall is here ... and it's also time to kick-off our Back-to-School Parent Education series! CMP is once again proud to host the Love & Logic Parent series, on Mondays, beginning September 19th at the Shingle Springs Campus or Tuesdays, beginning September 20th at the Capitol Campus. Join other CMP parents for a fun-filled parenting experience you will never forget!! Love & Logic parenting is not just about learning new and effective discipline techniques. It is also about enhancing relationships, improving communication skills, and supporting the development of respect, self-accountability and responsibility in our children. Love and Logic principles are effective with toddlers to teens and everyone in between. They can also positively impact relationships with adult children, co-workers, and significant others. Get ready to experience something life changing!! Love & Logic tools and strategies help parents take family life to a whole new level of interaction and enjoyment.

More information and registration forms available on the CMP website: www.cacmp.org.

Montessori Attire & Free Dress Friday

Please remember to assist your child each day in choosing appropriate school attire as outlined in the CMP-Elk Grove dress code. Again this year, students will have the opportunity to earn free dress every Friday. In order to earn free dress, students must:

Be in dress code Monday through Thursday

Be on time to class every day

Be in class the entire school day

This week in History

Sep 06, 1915

First tank produced

Sep 07, 1813

United States nicknamed Uncle Sam

Sep 08, 1974

Ford pardons Nixon

Sep 09, 1893

President's child born in White House

Sep 10, 2000

Halle Berry wins Emmy for Dandridge

Sep 11, 2001

Attack on America

Sep 12, 1940

Lascaux cave paintings discovered