

Rescue Union School District

PLEASANT GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

December/January 2009-2010 NEWSLETTER

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PTO Meeting Monday December 14th and January 25th, 6:30pm, Staff Room, all are welcome. **Puma Wear** on sale now. We've added a new raglan style T and sweat just in time for winter PE. Samples and forms in the office, erleo93@comcast.net



MUSIC BOOSTERS

Music Booster meeting, December 15th and January 19th, 6:30pm, Band Room
Winter Concerts: December 9th will be the Jazz, Symphonic and Strings concert and December 10th Beginner and Intermediate concert.

See's Candy and Butter Braids will go home your student on Tuesday, December 15th only. You must make arrangements to pick up your order if your student is absent.



December 21st-January 1st,

School resumes on Monday, January 4th.



Dance January 29th, 2:30pm-5:00pm, MP room.
\$5.00 at the door and make sure to have your school I.D.



PE MAKE-UP RUN SCHEDULE

(AM @ 7:20 AM ---PM@ 2:05 PM)

Dec. 2 nd	AM
Dec. 9 th	PM
Dec. 16 th	AM
Jan. 6 th	PM
Jan. 13 th	AM
Jan. 20 th	PM
Jan. 27 th	AM



Inclement weather is upon us and there are many questions that arise regarding **PE activity** during the winter months. We will try and go outside for activity whenever possible. If fields and playing surfaces are deemed safe by the physical education department, students will be outside participating even during cold, windy, and possibly light rain situations. Students may wear sweatpants and sweatshirts or jackets over their PE clothes to stay warm. Sweats may be any color as long as they are athletic type and safe for participation. It also might be a good idea to pack a plastic bag in your students backpack for wet, muddy shoes.

Gate: Field Trip to Sacramento Discovery Museum January 13th. Students must attend 3 classes after school to be eligible.

Academic Talent Search (ATS) testing date, February 22nd. By taking the ATS test, your student will have the opportunity to take summer classes at California State University, Sacramento, with other middle schoolers. While the test is open to all students, individual test results determine which classes the student is eligible to take. ATS is offering over 120 summer classes; including language, media arts and dance. For more information go to <http://edweb.csus.edu/projects/ATS/>

SITE COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on December 17th and January 21st from 2:30 to 4:00 pm in the Library. Discussion of our School Improvement Plan will be the topic. Parents are welcome to attend.



A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Family Life Preview at Green Valley Elementary on January 6th and at Jackson on January 12th.

TB Test will be given January 19th and 26th.

If your student has medication(s) at school, please stop by the health office and pick up the medication by the last day of school. We CANNOT send medication home with the student. It must be picked up by an adult. California Education Code requires that a new medication form be completed by the physician and parent for each school year. Forms are available in the school office.



FROM THE OFFICE: SNAPGRADES. Have you checked out our newest electronic tool? This is for parents and students to keep track of grades on-line daily or weekly if you wish. Go to www.snapgrades.net and sign up. You will need your students ID number (located on their Student ID card) or call the office and we will be happy to assist you.

Do we have your email? We are in the process of updating our computer system database. If you have not given us your email address, please email it to rbriggs@rescue.k12.ca.us this information will allow us to contact you with school information and alerts.

8th Grade News – The PG 2010 yearbook is on sale now for only \$25.00. Don't wait for the price of the yearbook will go up after January 15th. Order online at jostensyearbooks.com and locate *Pleasant Grove* and the *2010 yearbook link* or pick up a form at the office now. New this year, 1/8th page ads will be available on our Baby Puma pages through www.jostensadservices.com. The cost for this service is \$40. The ad will include a "baby" picture of your grad and a message. Space is limited.

English Learner Parent Meeting – Our third parent meeting for parents whose native language is not English is scheduled for December 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the Pleasant Grove Staff Room. We will start with a brief DELAC meeting, followed by a potluck dinner. Please bring a main dish or salad to share. Dessert, paper products, drinks, and eating utensils will be provided. Please note that the time and location of this meeting is different from that of the first two meetings we've had. If you have questions about our parent group or the upcoming meeting, please call Norma Pettit at 672-4400 or Liz Ulmer at 677-4812.

English Learner Tutoring – After school tutoring for English Learners in grades 4-8 begins on December 1st and will run through May 20th. The tutoring, which will be held at Green Valley School's library on Tuesdays and Thursdays, will run from 3:15 to 5:30, with start times of 3:15 and 4:00. Tutoring will focus on homework help and academic areas in which students are struggling, with as many as three teachers providing the instruction. Parents are also encouraged to attend to assist the children with their homework. Snacks will be provided. Parents must sign out their students at the end of the tutoring sessions. Students will not be released to walk home without their parent or guardian. For more information about this program, please contact Mrs. Ulmer at 677-4812 or Mrs. Pettit at 672-4400.

Distribution of Community Bulletins and Flyers - RUSD facilitates the distribution of community information from non-profit organizations that is of interest and value to our students and families. Flyers are posted on the district website at <http://rescue.k12.ca.us/district/flyers.html> .

Lunch Tutorials All Teachers at Pleasant Grove offer extra help weekly to students. If your student is having trouble with an assignment please check with their teacher for tutorial times.

Interested in Teaching an After School GATE Class? If there are any parents or someone you know who would like to teach an after school, please contact Mrs. Halkett. The class can be as simple as running a Chess Club, to teaching students how to write computer programs. You will be paid for your time.

Family Life Parent Preview Night - Parents of 6th grade girls and boys will have an opportunity to preview materials and videos on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at Green Valley School (Room C-1) and Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at Jackson School (Library). Great Body Shop materials and supplemental videos will be shown. The videos will be shown starting at 7:00 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend either evening to preview these materials.

High School Counselor Visits – The counselors from Ponderosa and Oak Ridge will here in January to speak with the 8th grade students during 3rd period. There will be a separate meeting for parents at a later date.

Shenandoah High Information Evening – There will be a parent information meeting on January 13th here in the Pleasant Grove library at 6:30 PM. Parents and students are welcome to attend.

Show Your Puma Pride and Support Our School With e-Scrip - In addition to sending in your Box Tops, you can support our school with e-script. Use your Safeway club card every time you shop, and up to 4% of your purchases are donated to our school. You can register on-line at www.escrip.com. Use your Raley's/BelAir Quality of Life Card and up to 4% of your monthly purchases will go to Pleasant Grove. Register your card on-line at www.raleys.com. Use your Target Red Card and 1% of your in-store or Target.com purchases will be donated to our school. You can enroll at www.Target.com. We have 12 cards registered to date. Think of all the shopping we all do at Target and the grocery stores, and how much our school could earn!

Girls Basketball Tryouts Will be held on Monday, January 4th through Wednesday, January 7th. 8th grade girls tryout from 2:15 to 3:30 PM. 6th/7th grade girls tryout from 3:30 to 4:45 PM. All girls must have at least 80 merits and 2.0 GPA. You must have an Athletic packet signed at the time of practice, including a current physical card. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Cristillo at extension 4039.









8TH Grade Party Committee It's time to begin the process of organizing the Promotion dance and activities at the end of the year. If you are interested in being involved or providing input, please plan on attending our first planning meeting Thursday, December 3 4:30-5:30 in the Library.

ATS Testing – The ATS Testing date at Pleasant Grove will be February 22nd. Students who scored Advanced on the CST are eligible to take the ATS test. The scores from this test will be used for acceptance to a summer school held at California State University, Sacramento. It is a unique educational opportunity for motivated and academically advanced students. There are over 120 fun summer classes offered in a variety of subject areas. There will be a sample class catalog in the Pleasant Grove Office. For more information visit their website at edweb/csus.edu/Projects/ats .



December



29	30	1 Boys Basketball home v Marina 3:30	2  P.E. Make-up Run 7:20am	3 Boys Basketball at Camerado 3:30	4	5
6	7	8 Boys Basketball Home v Sutter 3:30	9  P.E. Make-up Run 2:05pm  Winter Concert Jazz, strings and symphonic Bands 6:30-8:00pm	10 Boys Basketball at Rolling Hills 3:30  Winter Concert Beginner and Intermediate Bands 7:00pm	11 Music Booster Movie Night 5:00-9:30	12
13	14  PTO Meeting 6:30pm	15 See's & Butter home with students  IZ Xtreme  Music Booster Meeting 7:00pm	16  P.E. Make-up Run 7:20am Boys Basketball League Tournament	17 Site Council 2:30pm	18 Minimum Day	19
20	21 WINTER BREAK>>>>	22	23	24	25	26
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3	4 School Starts	5	6 P.E. Make-up Run 2:05pm	7	8 Family Life Preview at Green Valley	9
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