

Rescue Union School District
PLEASANT GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL
October 2009 NEWSLETTER
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*Welcome to the new PG Newsletter. Still produced monthly but now has a convenient cut-out calendar at the end.
Also, look for the 'Week at a glance' link we've added to the PG website.*



PTO

Entertainment Books

September 25th-October 9th

Look for them to come home in your student's backpack and look for the great deal, only \$40.

PTO Meeting Monday October 19th, 6:30pm Staff Room

All are welcome.



MUSIC BOOSTERS

Music Booster meeting, October 20th, 6:30pm in the Band Room

September 29 – We Care Coffee Fundraiser Kick-off
October 13–Collect order forms for We Care Coffee Fundraiser.

October 14 –Ponderosa Invitational, time-TBA, Ponderosa main gym

October 20 –Booster Meeting, 6:30 Band Room

October 23 & 24 –Western Slopes Honor Band, Hosted by Pleasant Grove

Boys' Basketball Season runs from October 14 to December 17. Students interested in trying out should watch the bulletin for announcements. Athletic packets, including Physical Forms, are available in the office.

Students must have a current Physical Form completed and on file if they want to try out.

COLLABORATION DAY

Monday, October 19th, students are excused at

PAPER DRIVE

Our school is still in need of white paper 8 ½ by 11 for photocopy. If you are able, please send a ream (or more) to the school with your student. Every little bit helps! Thanks

11:40pm.

IZ Xtreme Vaccinations will be available at Pleasant Grove on October 22. For more information and a permission slip, visit www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/publichealth or call the Public Health Department at (530) 621-6112, (530) 573-3157, or (530) 621-6233.

SCHOOL POOL

El Dorado County Transit Commission sponsors School Pool, a program which provides carpool and ride match lists to parents with students attending the same school. For additional information or to request carpool ride match applications, contact EDCTC at (530) 642-5267 or EDCTC.org/_schoolpool.htm.



PE MAKE-UP RUN SCHEDULE

Oct. 7th @ 7:20 AM

Oct. 14th @ 2:05 PM

Oct. 21st @ 7:20 AM

Oct. 28th @ 2:05 PM



Picture Retake Day, October 20th

Turn that frown upside down and get that haircut from picture retake day is coming, Tuesday October 20th.

SITE COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on October 15th 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.

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.

On-Line Math Help Check with your math teacher to get instructions on how to use the Holt On-Line Math help.



A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

We encourage all students to

1. wash hands frequently with soap and water.
2. cover a cough with a tissue or cough into your elbow.
3. keep your hands away from your nose and eyes.
4. don't share drinks.

We are also working closely with the County Health Department on H1N1 issues. We will notify you as soon as possible should new information become available.

District News

On Saturday, October 10, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ben Ali Shrine Center Hart House of the Sacramento Shriners Hospital for Children will be conducting a free screening clinic to identify children who can benefit from expert orthopedic, spinal cord and burn care provided by the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Although the emphasis is on orthopedic, burn and spinal cord care, the hospital also offers other services, including plastic surgery for non-burned related scarring and cleft palate repair. All care provided at Shriners Hospitals is absolutely free of charge. The Clinic is held at The Ben Ali Shrine Center Hart House located at 3262 Marysville Blvd., Sacramento, CA. Call or e-mail for more information or with questions: Jason and

Dortha Hise 925-766-9960

jason_dortha_hise@yahoo.com.

Western Slopes Honor Band update:

Live auditions were held Sept 21 at Markham MS for the annual 7-8 WSHB. This is the only live audition process in the greater Capitol Section and our students proved exceptional! The following students qualified

Julia Phillips, Lindsay Zigmant, Andrew Stone, Andrew Masarweh, Destiny Burrows, Sorelle Hofner, Noah Canepa, Jessica Kim, Jennifer Lee, Alexa Carcione, Savannah Valdez, Kelsie Kozlowski, Alexandra Merrill, Abbie Lossius, Greg Popovitch, Sophia George, Rylee Johnson, Zach Trevor, Eric Haynes, Dillon Gugin, Matt Kesselring, Ryan Lee, Courtney Abajian.

Congratulations!!! These students will be in an all-day rehearsal in the Music Room on Friday October 23 and return for more rehearsal on Saturday, October 24. The concert will be held in the Pleasant Grove MP Room at 3:00 on the 24th with guest director Dr. Gilroy from California State University, Fresno. We hope to see you there!

Do we have your current 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.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH It is a time to reflect on and celebrate those who have overcome obstacles in life as a result of a disability. Disabilities come in many forms from physical to mental to emotional to medical conditions. Individuals impacted with disabilities are diverse in nature and are first and foremost individuals with their own unique abilities. Most times, individuals with disabilities desire to be treated equally. They welcome relationships with others and prefer to be treated like everyone else. We strive to meet the needs of all students on our school campuses. Our goal is that all students are able to access their curriculum and have a welcoming environment in which to acquire knowledge.

What you can do?

- o Please consider encouraging your child to engage with all students on campus, to reach out and befriend individuals with disabilities.
- o Consider volunteering in local programs such as Special Olympics.
- o Consider donating to a charitable organization to assist individual with disabilities.

We have more in common than you might think!

Yearbook News

Yearbooks are now available for purchase online at www.jostensyearbooks.com. Personalization is available for a fee. The price of the yearbook is \$25 until January 15th.

8th Grade parents

Tell your graduate how proud you are of them with a love line. Love lines will be printed at the top and bottom of the 8th grade portrait pages. Order forms are available in the office. The fee is \$5. The deadline is November 16th.

New this year, 1/8th page ads will be available on our Baby Puma pages through www.jostensadsservices.com. The cost for this service is \$40. The ad will include a "baby" picture of your grad and a message. Space is limited. The deadline is November 16th.

Pictures Wanted

If you have taken pictures at Pleasant Grove events, we would love to see them for possible use in the yearbook. You can upload pictures at <https://images.jostens.com/login?user=400005346&pw=Grove>. The User ID is 400005346. The password is PG. The deadline is February 1st.

If you have questions or would like more information about the yearbook, please contact Tammie Cotenat at 530-672-4400 or email tcotenat@rescue.k12.ca.us

GATE News

On Thursday, September 24th, all the GATE students took an interest survey to help plan for the afterschool enrichment program and field trips. There is one field trip already scheduled to the Sacramento Science Museum to assimilate a mission to Mars on a Space Shuttle. Attendance to at least two afterschool workshops will be required in order to go on this field trip. Students will learn information about Mars and how a Space Shuttle is run. The field trip is planned for January 13th. Look for the announcement to sign up soon. There will only be 30 spots available.

Currently our program is looking for anyone who would like to teach an afterschool enrichment class. Some topic examples are art, poetry, chess, health, nutrition, a book club, learning about a career, astronomy, a drama club, a nature club, a chess club, computer classes and a cooking class. The class can be for any length of time afterschool. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Halkett at Lhalkett@rescue.k12.ca.us or call the school.

Do you know a gifted student excelling well beyond their age or grade level in a particular subject? If so, the Eld Dorado County Superintendent of Schools, Vicki Barber, has asked us to let you know that Mark Burnett Productions, the creative force behind "Survivor," "The Apprentice" and "Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?" is searching for young people (ages 4-12) who are experts in a specific subject or subjects for a new MAJOR network series set to air in early 2010. They are looking for exceptional children who are experts in one or more areas such as Math, History, Biology or even Baseball Trivia. To submit a student, please contact:

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 Casting Associate
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 Email: jdrcasting@gmail.com
 Mark Burnett Productions



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 BMX Assembly	2	3
4	5	6 VB league Tournament	7 P.E. Make-up Run 7:20am	8 Cross Country League Finals	9	10 Shriners Screening, Sacramento (see above)
11	12	13	14 P.E. Make-up Run 2:05pm Band plays at Ponderosa	15 Site Council 2:30pm Scoliosis Screening 6-8 Girls	16	17
18	19 Collaboration Day Students Excused at 11:40am PTO Meeting 6:30pm	20 Picture Retakes Music Booster Meeting 6:30pm	21 P.E. Make-up Run 7:20am	22 IZ Extreme Shots	23 Western Slopes Honor Band at PG	24 Western Slopes Honor Band at PG
25	26	27	28 P.E. Make-up Run 2:05pm	29 Scoliosis Screening 7-8 Boys	30	31