

FLOWERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RAP – JUNE 2010

Principal's Message

It's amazing to think we have arrived at the end of the school year! We have so much to be proud of as a school community. Our students benefited from an abundance of new learning in all content areas including enrichment areas like art, music, physical education, garden, field trips, and after school intervention. The community events and enrichment programs would not be possible without the support of our parent volunteers and parent organizations such as PTO and ELAC. Thank you to our countless parent volunteers for spending many hours in the classroom and around the school.

As we end the school year and begin summer vacation, I encourage students and parents to continue working on their academic skills through summer reading. Although summer school is not available for students in grades K-4, I encourage students to keep a journal and to find books at home or at the library to read over the summer. Keeping a journal or diary to write about summer trips or special events with family provides a purpose for practicing writing and keeping up with skills over the summer. Also, remember that engaging in rich conversations with your child promotes language and vocabulary development. As parents you can provide an abundance of learning opportunities by interacting with your child through games or reading. I encourage you to find those moments to enjoy with your child over the summer.

I had a phenomenal first year working with the Flowery community. The community feel of our school is created by the passionate team of staff, educators, and parents who work tirelessly to provide the best learning environment for every child. I appreciate the way the school welcomed and supported me throughout my first year as principal. I look forward to our continued work together for years to come!

-Esmeralda Sanchez Moseley

ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS

**First day of school:
Wednesday,
August 18, 2010 at 8:20 a.m.**

This will be a shortened Wednesday!

K-3 students will be dismissed at 12:55-5
students will be dismissed at 1:00

New Bell Schedule for 2010-2011

As you may recall, after many months of budget analysis the Board, in January, approved a series of reductions for the 2010/11 school year. One of these reductions was a \$100,000 reduction to Transportation. Over the last few months, there has been a lot of work done behind the scenes in the Transportation Department to come up with a plan to achieve these reductions with the least student impact possible. What will enable us to make these required route changes is to change the bell schedules at El Verano, Sassari, and Flowery to have a single release time, similar to Prestwood.

The 2010 – 2011 Bell Schedule for Flowery will be as follows:

M, T, TH, F

Grades K – 3	8:20 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.
Grades 4 – 5	8:20 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Wednesday

Grades K – 3	8:20 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.
Grades 4 – 5	8:20 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Minimum

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Grades 4 – 5	8:20 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Flowery PTO and Community Events

Thank you to PTO President, **Yazbeth Navarrete** and all parent volunteers for organizing and assisting at the annual Cinco de Mayo event on April 30th. We enjoyed a variety of classroom presentations and celebrated the spirit of Flowery School!

Our new PTO officers for 2010-2011 include:

President: **Yazbeth Navarrete**

Vice Presidents: **Brian Jenks** and **Allison Smith**

Treasurers: **Patti O'Driscoll** and **Leslie Miller**

Secretary: **Michelle Keys**

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Flowery Uniform Policy

Thank you to all parents and students who supported the new uniform policy. Please see the attached feedback form. We are asking parents to fill out the form and return it to the classroom teacher or office by the last day of school. We appreciate your input!

Art Program

Thank you to all teachers, parents and local businesses that supported the art program this year. The success of the student art show at Open House owes everything to you! We appreciate the following businesses for their donations of scrap wood and cuts of wood for specific projects: Plaza Cabinetry on Church Street in Sonoma, John Moldovan of Moldovan Studio Furniture on 6th St. E in Sonoma and Dan Dudgeon & Son Woodworking. A heartfelt thank you to Zach McCormick at Fine Line Art Supply, for donating an abundance of materials and services, and for special ordering supplies we needed in a hurry.

Thank you!

Thanks to the following PTO members and parents who helped collect, arrange and hang student artwork for the Open House Art show.

Martina Lutz-Schneider
Teresa Sueiro
Tory McKale
Verónica Contreras
Cheli Contreras

Thanks to **Amy Smith** for editing and formatting the monthly RAP sheet! This monthly form of parent communication would not be possible without Amy's volunteer hours. We also appreciate Amy for creating the yearbook and helping to provide students with treasured memories of their elementary years at Flowery.

Final week!

Tuesday, June 1st

Sing Along & Volunteer
Appreciation

9:00am

4th/5th Honor Roll Assembly

1:00pm

Wednesday, June 2nd

5th Grade Promotion

1:30pm

5th Grade Party

3:30pm

Thursday, June 3rd

Field Day

9:00am-11:00am

Last day of school-

MINIMUM DAY!

ALL STUDENTS

DISMISSED AT 12:40pm