

Letter From The Principal



Dear Parents:

This year all students in first - sixth grade will take the state mandated tests which compare student achievement by grade level around the country. This is the APRENDA test in Spanish and the STANFORD test in English. Your children will soon take home additional information regarding testing dates and test preparation. Please help your children do their best on these assessments by following the test preparation strategies described in this newsletter.

I wish to thank all of the parents who attended our February 13 Fifth Grade Parent meeting to discuss the district's decision to send our sixth graders on to middle school. At that meeting, we had the opportunity to discuss your concerns and answer your questions. We also had a presentation from the Sixth Grade Counselor from Virgil Middle School. Since that meeting, the fifth and sixth grade teachers have started to plan for the end of the year activities and culmination programs. If you have any questions regarding culmination activities or the transition to middle school, please contact your child's teacher or our assistant principal, Dr. Terry Campa.

In a previous newsletter, I told you that we expected the arrival of additional classroom bungalows in February. Unfortunately, there were some problems with the original installation plans and the bungalow delivery has been delayed until April 28. These bungalows will be placed on the school grounds near the Rosewood Parking Lot and along the wall in one of the kickball diamond areas. I will keep you informed on the progress of the installation of these additional bungalows.

Thank you for your cooperation and willing participation in the district's Consolidated Charitable Campaign. Your donations will help the Los Angeles Area in its many needs.

I look forward to seeing you here at school during the spring's Open House.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Carol Labrow
Principal

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Sixth Grade Students

Alexandria is an over-crowded school. There are several hundred students who ride the bus to other schools each year. This school year, over 120 kindergarten students have taken the bus to White House Primary Center and Logan Elementary School. To allow these four and five years olds to attend Alexandria and stop putting them on the bus, we need to send our fifth graders on to middle school to receive their sixth grade education. Most of the sixth graders living in our school community attendance area will attend Virgil Middle School. If you have any questions regarding sixth grade in the middle school, please call the school at (213) 660-1936. Culmination activities are scheduled for all of the sixth and fifth graders who will be leaving at the end of the school year. If you have any questions regarding culmination, please contact your child's teacher.

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Kindergarten and SRLDP

Kindergarten and SRLDP (Preschool) enrollment packets are available in the main office for the 1997-98 school year. In order to enroll in Kindergarten or the SRLDP (Preschool) Program, you must live in our school community attendance area. We will need proof of address with every enrollment packet and will accept a current utility with the name of the parent or guardian. If you cannot provide a bill, you must fill out a form obtained from our office. For Kindergarten, the child must be five (5) years old on or before December 2, 1997. To enroll in the SRLDP (Preschool) Program, the child must be four (4) years old on or before December 2, 1997. We will need proof of age and will accept a Birth Certificate, Passport, Baptism Certificate or a Hospital Certificate of Birth. Please come by the school's main office to pick up an enrollment packet and find out about the other requirements or call the school at (213) 660-1936.

Test Taking

This year all students in grades 1-6 will take state required tests which will help the teachers determine what your child has learned and to compare his/her achievement with students around the country who have taken the same test at the same grade level. The test results are available in the fall and a copy is given to the parents at the first conference of the new school year. Students will be tested in the APRENDA (Spanish) or the Stanford (English) this spring.

You can help your child to do his/her best by following these suggestions:

- Send your child to school each day. Do not schedule any medical or dental appointments during the testing period.
- Arrive to school on time. Have your child get up early enough to avoid hurrying and to eat a good breakfast.
- Talk to your child about the test. Remind them that all tests show how well they are doing academically and give the teachers an opportunity to see where they need assistance.



Nightingale Middle School

The School Volunteer Program invites all parents to attend the third series of Volunteer Training Classes at Nightingale Middle School beginning April 2 - May 22. These classes are offered in Math, Reading, Computer Orientation, Making Learning Games, K-3rd Grade Early Intervention in Reading and Assisting the Classroom Teacher as a Volunteer. Nightingale MS is located at 3311 N. Figueroa Street in Los Angeles. For more information please call Mrs. Gonzalez at Nightingale Middle School at (213) 221-2128 or call the School volunteer Program Office at (213)625-6900.



Attendance

When your child is absent from school, he misses more than the day's lessons. Class discussions can be just as valuable. If you child is truly sick, he should stay home. But missing school for any other reason can become a bad habit. Studies show that kids who have poor attendance in the elementary years are much more likely to drop out of high school later. You can show your child the importance of good attendance. Schedule doctors' appointments, haircuts and shopping after school hours. Schedule family vacations when they are not in school. If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the school if assignments can be sent home. Keeping up with schoolwork will make things easier when he returns. Finally, remind your child that going to school is his number one job!

Important Dates


April 2
Pupil Free Day

April 9
Uniform Sale

April 22
Red (B) & Green (C) Track
Open House

May 14
Uniform Sale

May 20
Blue (A) Track Open House



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