



Tiger Newsletter

Parsons Junior High School

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

November

- 11/13-17 – CONFERENCE WEEK/ Minimum Days
- 11/14 – Cyber Safety & Technology – 6:30pm
- 11/15 – 7th gr. SL Conferences – 2:00-6:00pm
- 11/15 – 8th gr. SL Conferences – 2:30-6:00pm
- 11/15 – Last Day of Food Drive
- 11/15 – 7/8 Boys Basketball Tryouts: 5:30-7:30
- 11/16 – 7th Boys BB Tryouts – 5:30-7:30pm
8th Boys BB Tryouts – 7:30-9:00pm
- 11/16 – 6th gr. SL Conferences – 2:00-6:15pm
- 11/17 – Turkey Trot – 1:00pm
- 11/17-18 – Girls Tiger Basketball Tournament
- 11/ 20-24 – NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
- 11/27-29-6th gr. Boys BB Tryouts – 3:00-4:30pm
- 11/29-30 – 7th/8th Band Practice – 8:30-10:30am

Happy Thanksgiving!

December

- 12/2 – Saturday School – 9:00am – 12:00pm
- 12/2 – 6:00pm – Lighted Christmas Parade
(Band Performing; M&M selling hot cocoa)
- 12/4 – Minimum Day – Dismissal @ 1:42pm
- 12/6 – EHS Victorian Carolers – 1:00pm
- 12/6 – EESD Board Meeting – 5:30pm
- 12/8 – Winter Dance – All grades – 5:30-7:00pm
- 12/13 – 6th Grade Awards Assembly – 1:30pm
- 12/14 – 7th Grade Awards Assembly – 1:30pm
- 12/15 – 8th Grade Awards Assembly – 12:40pm
- 12/18-21 – Christmas grams on sale in a.m.
- 12/19 – Band Winter Concert in gym – 6:00pm
- 12/20 – Winter Concert Assemblies – all day
- 12/20 – Vocal Winter Concert in gym – 6:00pm
- Dec. 22-Jan. 9 – NO SCHOOL / Winter Break

*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!*

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parsons Families,

Wow! The year can certainly fly by. Here we are already at the beginning of the 2nd Trimester. I would like to thank those of you who pick up your students after school. The traffic flow is safe and smooth. Many of you are using the designated loading zones as instructed, as well as the sidewalk side of June St. Remember, we do not allow students to walk into the parking lot or cross the street.

I would like to share with you some exciting information about one of our incentive programs for students, the Tiger Card. As a No Excuses University School (NEU), we strive to continue improving in several areas. One such area is Culture of Universal Achievement. Culture of Universal Achievement is the foundation, the building block of any NEU school. It signifies that everything we do as a school, including all staff, students, and parents, is to ensure that all students are successful and that we build a culture of success on campus. The new Tiger Card is part of a Culture of Universal Achievement. There are 4 levels of Tiger Cards, each one building upon the other with a few more requirements such as GPA, discipline, participation in sports or clubs, doing a school based project, and even doing a community service project. Each level is based on a certain college degree. One of the components of an NEU school is to have college symbolism and awareness. The 4 levels are as follows in ascending order: Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, and Ph.D. We have a Ph.D. Club to help students achieve levels of the Tiger Card. A specific NEU colored sticker will be placed on the back of a student's ID card to signify which level they are on. Some of the incentives include, monthly lunchtime treats, participating in pep rallies and dances, trimester field trips, Days on the Green, and a surprise field trip at the end of the year. We are currently planning that field trip. Students that end the year on the Ph.D. level will be eligible. We are enthusiastic about this new reward and incentive program. Please encourage your student to work as hard as they can to receive a Tiger Card.

We recently wrapped up our first session of after school tutoring. There will be another 6-week session starting in January. Between now and then, if you feel your student needs some extra help, our Academic Saturday Schools are still available. The next Saturday School will be on December 2. The times are from 9:00am-12:00pm. Students can come at any time to receive extra help. Students should arrive on the east side of campus and go to room 514.

Lastly, just a quick mention of our Conference Week, Lady Tiger Tournament, Turkey Trot and Thanksgiving Break. Conference Week is coming up the week of November 13-17. Each day that week is a minimum day. You should expect to receive something from your child's teachers about times and format of conferences. We are also bringing back the Turkey Trot this year, which will run on Friday, November 17. Our girl's basketball teams will be hosting the Lady Tiger Tournament November 17 and 18. This is one of our two tournaments for the school year. Much of the money raised goes toward supporting our athletics program. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact our office. The tournament will kick off our Thanksgiving Break. Students are off from November 20-24.

Have a wonderful break!

Tony Moebes, Principal

PARENT CONFERENCE WEEK – Nov. 13-17 Minimum Days All Week

Parents: You should have received correspondence from your child's teachers regarding conference week. Conference week provides an excellent opportunity for parents to see first-hand, how your child is doing in school. Many teachers will be doing student-led conferences this year. During a student-led conference, under the teacher's supervision, students will show parents their work, share their assessment scores, and discuss their progress and goals. Teachers will be present during student-led conferences in case you have any questions. Trimester 1 report cards will be given to parents at their conference. If you are not able to attend a student-led conference, you are welcome to request a traditional conference by contacting your child's teachers to schedule a time. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Cyber Safety and Technology

Parents/families are invited to join Sarah Murphy, Shasta County Deputy District Attorney and Joseph Hendrix, Investigator, on Tuesday, November 14 from 6:30-8:00 at the Enterprise Elementary School District office for an informational night on how to keep your kids safe when using technology. Receive important information regarding the technology being used by some kids. Learn about the dangers of social media and laws relating to cyber bullying and child exploitation. This is a free event for parents.

RSVP by calling Rachael Swan at 224-4100 or go to eesd.net to register online.

FLU SEASON IS HERE

Once again we are seeing a significant increase in the number of students who are experiencing flu symptoms at school. If your child is experiencing flu symptoms at home on a school night, we would advise you not come to send them to school the following morning. If your child gets sick in the morning before school, please do not send them to school that day. It is recommended that school children stay home from school at least 24 hours after experiencing flu symptoms. Please remind your children of these important steps to prevent the spread of the flu virus:

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE FLU

Besides getting vaccinated, the CDC recommends taking these steps:



■ **Avoid contact** with sick people.



■ If you have flu-like symptoms, **stay home** until 24 hours after the symptoms disappear.



■ Disinfect surfaces and **wash your hands** often with soap and water.



■ **Avoid touching** your eyes, nose and mouth, as germs spread faster that way.



■ **INSTEAD,** cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue away.

YEARBOOKS - \$25 through December 21

We are taking orders for 2017-18 yearbooks which are \$25.00 through December 21st. After we return from Winter Break, yearbook prices will go up to \$30.00 and then in March the price increases to \$35.00 so buy your yearbook soon and save! Yearbooks can be purchased with cash or a check in the office. After the first of the year, we will set up a website which will allow credit card purchases as well. Yearbooks are full of precious memories that students and families will enjoy for many years to come so be sure and get yours soon! Yearbooks are distributed to students the last week of school. No checks will be accepted after May 31st.

LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

Our very own Parsons Band will be marching in Redding's annual Lighted Christmas Parade on **Saturday, December 2nd**. Mr. D'Acquisto's band room is filled with 1st Place trophies from this parade and our band students are looking forward to another one this year! M&M's students will be selling hot cocoa at the parade to help earn money for their spring trip to Disneyland. The parade is held in downtown Redding. We hope to see you and your whole family at this fun annual holiday event!



Please help support Parsons Art department by turning in box tops from your favorite products!

Look for the box top logo on cereals, snacks, baking boxes and more. Students can pick up a box tops sheet in the school office and when they turn in a full sheet of box tops, they will receive a free lollipop. Please make sure the box tops are not expired. Thank you for supporting Parsons Art Department!

LOST & FOUND

We have racks of various clothing items in our Lost & Found which is located next to the Cafeteria just outside the health office. Please remind your child to check to see if anything in Lost & Found belongs to them. All clothing items that are still unclaimed over Winter Break will be donated to a local charity.

THANKSGIVING & WINTER BREAKS

Students have no school the week of November 20-24 for Thanksgiving break. In December, the last day of school before Christmas break is Thursday, December 21. Christmas Break begins on Friday, December 22 and continues through Monday, January 8. Students return to school on Tuesday, January 9. We wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving holiday and we hope you enjoy the time spent with family and friends during this holiday season.

T-SHIRTS / COLLEGE SHIRTS / SWEATSHIRTS

We have a brand new shipment of Parsons t-shirts, sweat shirts and various college shirts that can be purchased in our main office. T-shirts are \$12 and sweat shirts are \$25.00 and we have a variety of sizes – small through x-large. Any of these shirts would make a great birthday or Christmas gift for a Parsons student. Students are encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing school shirts or school colors on Mondays and college wear on Fridays. We have college shirts from Cal State, Chico State, San Diego, Oregon, Sac State, UCLA, UC Davis, Shasta College and Cal Poly. Stop by our office anytime between 7:30am and 4:00pm to purchase a shirt for your Parsons student.



BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

7th & 8th Grade: Wed, November 15 – 5:30-7:30pm

Thurs, November 16 – 7th grade (5:30-7:30) & 8th grade (7:30-9:00pm)

6th grade – November 27, 28 & 29 in the cafeteria

Students must have a signed permission slip to participate in tryouts. Sports permission slips are available in the office or from P.E. teachers. If students have a 4:00 or later tryout, they will need to go home after school and return when tryouts begin. Note: Grades will be checked to determine academic eligibility before final cuts are made.



Lady Tiger Girls Basketball Tournament

Friday, November 17 – 3:30 to 8:00pm

Saturday, November 18 – 8:00am to 8:00pm

Attention Parents/Guardians: Each year, Parsons hosts a girls “Lady Tiger” basketball tournament in November and a boys “Brett Mercer” basketball tournament the third weekend in January. Proceeds from these tournaments help pay for uniforms, equipment, officials/umpires, awards, etc. for all our sports programs throughout the school year. Therefore, if you are a parent of a Parsons student who plays any sport (cross country, volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball, baseball, or track) we ask that you please contact Mrs. McKenzie at 224-4190 or email her at imckenzie@eesd.net to sign up to help at least two hours during one or both of our tournaments. We need help at the door, in the snack bar, running clocks, and much more. Thank you for helping support Parsons sports programs!



LIBRARY

Open 8:00am-2:00pm



Greetings!

The library is open daily from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Student can come to the library before school with a pass from the office or from one of the morning supervisors. Students can also come in the library 3 days a week (M-W-F) during their lunchtime.

As many of you know, our library recently went through gentrification reorganization. What this means is that the library is now set up by genre. The students love it and it's much easier for them to find books. The Dewey decimal system is still used within each genre section.

Maker Spaces: This year I am going to add some "maker spaces" to the library. Not official places, or even official "maker spaces" activities which usually go along the STEAM class, but some activities for the students to do during lunch and before school. With that, I would like to ask for donations of stuff you may have lying around your house. Legos, straws, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, etc. to build with. Little jewels/beads etc., craft items, yarn, crochet hooks/knitting needles, gel pens, craft pens and the like. I won't be doing any painting so please don't send paint/brushes. Feel free to donate anything else you might have that you think we can use. We will be making treasure boxes with old VHS cases, maybe some small tables with the cassettes, crocheting with the film. Doing collages, building with a variety of materials, maybe some scrap booking, and origami. So far that's all I have planned, I think that's enough to monitor at one time for now.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 224-4190 ext. 1412.

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