

Principal's News:

Dear Ararat Charter School Families,

We would like to thank all parents for supporting us in our Pennies for Patients program. This program helps us teach our children in giving to others without expecting to receive something in return. Our teachers reiterate these points to our students so that they can value what they currently have and understand that there are many children who are in need.

Our students in grades 3-5 are currently taking the Interim Assessment Blocks. These assessments are taken on a computer and are being utilized in order to prepare our students for the upcoming CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress). We encourage you to have your child visit the website in preparation for their upcoming state assessment in April. You can visit the practice test online at the following websites:

<http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>. The scoring guides for the test are also available at <http://www.caaspp.org/ta-resources/practice-training.html>.

College and Career Day

Ararat Charter School believes that “College and Career Readiness” begins in elementary school and encompasses a strong academic foundation. In an effort to make your child’s visions of success a reality, it is necessary to prepare them for the future at a young age.

Ararat Charter School will be having our annual College and Career Fair on Friday March 24, 2017. Every year, we have a set of presenters from different career professions come out to present to our students about their career and the importance of going to college. If you are interested in being a presenter or know someone who may be interested in presenting, please contact me at your earliest convenience. There will be more information forthcoming on this event.

Parent Conferences:

Parent conferences are coming up on Friday March 17, 2017. This is a great opportunity to come out and meet with your child’s classroom teacher. The goal of the meeting is to find out how your child is performing academically at school. If you need translation for your conference, please let your child’s classroom teacher know.

In order to keep our students’ safe at school, we would like to ask for your support with the following school safety rules:

Traffic Safety

1. No U-Turns
2. Drive at the speed limit
3. Use crosswalks
4. Do not have your child cross the street unsupervised or on their own
5. Please do not block driveways!

Parent Corner:

Fundraisers and Events for School:

- The next Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) meeting is scheduled for **Friday, March 31, 2017 @ 8:00am**. Please join us in our efforts of supporting our students.
- **January 27, 2017** – Skateland Fundraiser Profit of \$507.50
- **February 10, 2017** – Krispy Kreme – Doughnut Sale Profit of: \$444.90

On behalf of our students, Ararat Charter School Staff and the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) we would like to extend our gratitude to every Ararat Charter School family and friends for all the help and support extended to our students.



March 2017



March 6 – Jun 13, 2017
 March 9, 2017
 March 10, 2017
 March 13, 2017
 March 14 & 15, 2017
 March 17, 2017
 March 21, 2017
 March 24, 2017
 March 24, 2017
 March 18, 2017
 March 29, 2017
 March 30 2017
 March 30, 2017
 March 31, 2017

Choir – Campus 2 – Mondays
 Trimester 2 Ends
 Professional Development – **No School for Students**
 Trimester 3 Begins
 5th Grade field trip to Riley’s Farm
 Parent-Teacher Conferences
 Big Smiles Visit
 College & Career Day
 Audiometric Testing Grades K, 2, 5 and SPED
 Governing Board Meeting – Campus 1 – MPR
 Award Assembly – Campus 1 & 2
 Spring Picture Make-up Day
 2nd Grade field Trip to Stough Canyon Nature Center
 PIC Meeting – Campus 1

LAUSD Parent Trainings:

For more information call (800) 933-8133 or (213) 481-3350
 Go to: <http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/643> for LAUSD Parent Training Schedule.

Reminders:

SCHOOL HOURS

School begins at **7:50am** sharp and ends at **3:00pm** sharp. Please make sure that students are at school on time as class instruction begins promptly. Late arrivals disrupt class instruction.

STUDENT LATE ARRIVAL

Parents must walk tardy children into the school’s office and sign them in.

DISMISSAL/VALET

The safety of our students is our first priority. Please adhere to the school speed limit and **DO NOT** block drive-ways. Traffic safety officers will be patrolling as a result of high number of violations.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Monday – Friday: Ararat white polo shirt (short/long sleeve) – Navy blue pants/shorts/skorts
- Fridays’ spirit wear - Ararat blue T-shirt (short/long sleeve) – Navy blue pants/shorts/skorts
- Navy blue Ararat Hoodie / Ararat Caps only
- Avoid sending students with short skorts. Skorts should be slightly above the knees

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