

Helping Hands Field Trip

Friday, Sept. 19th, is our chance to learn about how our food is grown and harvested at our local Davis Ranch. Students and parents get to go out and harvest different foods and bring home a box of produce! Cost is \$5 per student. Adults are no charge. This is open to students of all ages; however, students 3rd grade or younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

We will meet at the learning center at 8:15 am or parents can drive their own children and meet us there at 8:45 am. All students need the various field trip forms to be returned with the payment by Thursday, Sept. 11th.

Career GPS

All 6th- 12th grade students are invited to attend Career GPS at Cal Expo on Wednesday, Sept. 24th. Here is your chance to engage with over 175 exhibitors from a variety of career pathways. Spaces are limited to 20 students in each section. Field trip forms are due by Friday, Sept. 19th. Go to their website to begin researching your future now and possibly win a prize at the event:

<http://next-ed.org/careergps/>

9th- 12th graders
9:30 am-11:30 am

6th – 8th graders
12:30 pm-2:30 pm

School Escape

What a great time we had at our first School Escape! This Thursday, Sept. 11th, will be the day that prizes are distributed. Wear your colors and accessories to show team spirit!
First Place: Team Alpha- Ice Cream
Second Place: Team Bravo- Ice Cream
Third Place: Team Delta- Candy Bar
Fourth Place: Team Charlie- Tootsie Pops



A Message From Dr. Keefer, Director

Pacific Charter Institute continues to focus on the educational needs of each student. With that in mind, it remains imperative that we continue to focus on the Academic Triangle, which includes the student, parent, and teacher. This relationship is crucial to the success of our students and requires attention. Unlike the traditional educational system, we have the unique opportunity to maximize the learning for every student through the dynamic relationship that is inherent in the Academic Triangle. I encourage each of you to take the time to continually build the relationships within your "Triangle" as it is the point in which Pacific Charter Institute balances!

Sincerely,
Dr. Paul Keefer
Chief Executive Officer

Parents As Partners

Monday, Sept. 8th, was our first meeting of Parents As Partners. This is a monthly meeting with K-7 parents and their advisory teacher to improve communication and be better able to partner as teachers for our students. Advisory teachers will meet with their parents and review the upcoming curriculum, answer questions and train on any processes. Our first session was a great success. Teacher run two duplicate sessions to allow parents of multiple students to attend at least two sessions each month. Session 1 will be from 6:00-6:30 and session 2 will be from 6:30-7:00. The dates for the next meetings will be Monday, Oct. 13th and Nov. 10th.

Karate Class Opportunity

Our neighboring karate school is creating a karate class just for our students. The class will run for 8 weeks and parents pay only \$100 per student for Mon. & Wed. from 3-4 pm. It will be for students ages 8-12 yrs. Classes will start on Monday, Sept. 29th. Class is limited to 15 students, so it will be on a first come, first served basis. If we have more interest for younger or older students, we can open up more sessions as needed. Please call Mrs. Hagstrom at 916-599-3633 if you are interested.

Absences and Early Dismissal Policy

All students should stay at home if they are sick. Please call our main number at 916-405-6600 to report an absence. Once students are feeling better, they should look on their PowerSchool account to see their current assignments. Because students only attend school two days per week, they cannot afford to wait until they return to school to get their assignments.

If students need to leave school early, please call the office to give us the information. They cannot be released without a parent or guardian's permission.

International Club Meeting

Our next info meeting for our Costa Rica trip for high school students is on Thursday, Sept. 18th, at 11:30 am during lunch in room 3. Students who are already signed up or those interested in signing up should attend. We will be discussing fundraising opportunities. The next parent/student planning meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 22nd, from 5:00-7:00 pm. All students should apply for passports NOW!

Please contact Mrs. Hagstrom at rosaleehagstrom@gmail.com or 916-599-3633 for info. Check out our tour website for info.: www.eftours.com/1461389FM

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Parent Council

Parent involvement is one of the most important factors in student success, so we are developing this part of our program. The first Parent Council meeting for this year was on Monday, Sept. 8th, at 7:00 pm.

We had a great turnout and look forward to a great year of parent support. We discussed our goals for this year which involve getting parents more involved in improving the facility, planning field trips and events, and fundraising for the program.

We will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm immediately following our Parents As Partners meetings.

Mark your calendar

Sept. 12th
Friday classes cancelled except Spanish 3 and CPART 2

Sept. 19th
Helping Hands field trip

Sept 22nd
Costa Rica meeting

Sept 24th
Career GPS

Oct. 13th
Parents as Partners and Parent Council

Oct. 24th
Fall Festival

Nov. 10th
Parents as Partners and Parent Council

Nov. 20th
Poetry Out Loud and Arts Festival

Dec. 5th
Exploratorium Field trip

Dec. 15th
Winter Arts Celebration

TBD
A Midsummer Night's Dream

Dec. 11th & 16th
8-12 grade Finals

PLEASE NOTE: No parent may drive any students except their own on a school sponsored field trip unless he/she is fingerprinted and has all required documents on file at the learning center!

MAP testing

All students from 2nd grade through 11th grade must complete our MAP testing in Reading, Math and Language. This test is critical for setting a growth plan for each student and assessing whether he/she is appropriately placed in math and English. All students must take all three tests by the end of September. Any student who scores under the 20th percentile for his/her grade level will be given a follow up assessment by his/her advisory teacher as part of an intervention program.

Exploratorium Field Trip

We always take an amazing field trip to the Exploratorium in San Francisco in December. This year, we will head out for the Bay on Friday, Dec. 5th. The cost of the trip is \$10 for students and adults. Field trip forms are available at the front desk. Please do not turn in forms without payment. Deadline to turn in forms is Friday, Nov. 14th.



Winter Arts Celebration

Our K-7 students are working on drama presentations in their Living History Drama classes. They will perform on Monday, December 15th, as part of our Winter Arts Celebration. Students who are play an instrument will also be encouraged to perform.



A Midsummer Night's Dream

Mr. Crain and the drama team are still looking for a few good men to round out the production, so please see him or show up in Rm 3 during 5th period on Tuesday or Thursday. The production of the play will be in November or December with the exact date to be announced depending on confirming a place.

Supplies Needed

We always need more Clorox wipes and Kleenex. We are teaching the students to clean up after themselves by wiping down tables so they go fast. Please buy a couple extra when you shop. Kleenex is going to be popular when cold season starts.

New Space Coming

Things are moving forward on our space next door and we expect to be in within a month or so. We are looking forward to a library/study hall area as well as a place to display student artwork.

Book Drive

Our student council is having a book drive to create a library as part of our new space in the suite next door. Please bring books in good condition to Mr. Mendoza in the computer lab.

Fall Festival

Our student council is planning a fall festival for Friday, Oct. 24th, from 4:00 pm- 9:00 pm.

- Dunking Booth
- Movie and Prizes
- Pumpkin patch
- Costume Contest
- Haunted Office
- Raffle

Student Government

Our student government has picked its representatives. Congratulations to our newest student leaders! We look forward to a great team working for our students.

President: Arianna Abercrombie
Vice-President: David Hansen
Treasurer: Dathan Voyles
Secretary: Olivia Brace
Representatives at Large: Ky LaGrua & Bre Rauscher

Internet Safety

Parents need to help protect your students on line and we have a great resource. Go to: <http://www.netismartz.org/Parents> and register for more info.

Poetry Out Loud & Student Art Sale

We will be combining our Poetry Out Loud contest with a Student Art Sale on Thursday, Nov. 20th, from 6:00-9:00 pm. All students will be memorizing and performing poetry for their English class, so go to www.poetryoutloud.org to check out your options of poems to memorize.



Yearbooks On Sale

We will be selling yearbooks starting on Sept. 15th. Buy them now for a discount. All yearbooks will be hardcover and this is the first year that we will create an entire book just for Elk Grove! Pre-purchase it now for only \$25 a book.

See yearbook staff for details.

Site Maintenance Volunteers Needed

We are desperate for a few volunteers to help us keep the learning center in working order! We currently need someone to help haul away broken items from our side yard and to fix or remove a broken slide on the play structure. We hope that someone out there can help! Please contact Mrs. Correia at the main desk.

Congratulations, Ms. Biner

We offer our best wishes to Ms. Biner as she enters the wild world of retirement this month. She was a great math teacher!

