

CALISTOGA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Newsletter

September 15, 2016

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Thank you for coming to Back to School Night. We look forward to seeing you at Parent Conferences. This year, parent conferences will occur November 8-10, 2016. Remember, on conference days, we will follow minimum day schedule. Students will be released at 12:20.

PTA

Our first PTA general meeting will be held on September 26, 2016 at 6:30 in the library.

SCHOOL – HOME COMMUNICATION.

Many families have multiple phone numbers to contact. If you would like to change your auto dial number, please contact the office.

PARKING

Thank you for not parking in front of the school. It allows for families to load and unload their children quickly.

GATE CORNER

Because gifted children demonstrate greater maturity in some domains over others, they may be at greater risk for specific kinds of social-emotional difficulties if their needs are not met. These aspects may include heightened awareness, anxiety, perfectionism, stress, issues with peer relationships, and concerns with identity and fit. Parents, adults, and caregivers in their lives need to stay in tune with their specific child's needs, and help shape a strong framework for social-emotional health. Keep in mind:

- A child gifted in one area does not mean gifted in all
- Giftedness can lead to the masking and misunderstanding of problem signs
- Not all gifted children are alike, including their own unique social-emotional profile
- There is no single, definitive recipe for maintaining a child's emotional equilibrium
- Parents need to model balance and set the tone to reduce stress/anxiety in the gifted child's life

- We can teach our children strategies and provide tools for dealing with the ebb and flow of life

(from www.nagc.org)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ADOPTION

This year K-5 is working with Wonders and grade 6 is working with Study Sync. There are four areas that describe expectations within the common core. These areas are:

- How well do students understand stories and information they read?
- How well do students communicate in writing?
- How well do students understand spoken information?
- How well can student find and present information about a topic?

CALENDAR AND HANDBOOK

Please note the following change in the school calendar. Due to the Sixth Grade Yosemite field trip, the BEST assembly will be moved to September 23rd. Our character trait focus is "Following Directions First Time Given". If your child is going to be honored, you will receive an invitation from the classroom teacher.

STUDENT SAFETY

On August 26th, Calistoga Elementary School conducted its first emergency drill. We are required by law to have monthly practice drills so that students know where to go in case of an emergency. The theme of October's emergency drill is earthquake preparation. Now is a good time to set up a home plan for emergencies. A good resource to review is www.fema.gov/earthquake/earthquake-safety-home.

UPCOMING DATES

September 23, 2016 – BEST Assembly
 September 26, 2016 – PTA General Meeting @ 6:30
 September 26-30: Sixth Grade Field Trip to Yosemite
 September 27, 2016 – Picture Day (sixth grade make up in November)