

Millard Mustang Express



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Karen Robertson, Principal



Dear Millard Families and Friends,

This week and next, students are taking the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) exams. These are administered to students in grades 2-6 in English Language Arts and Math, and 5th grade students also take a Science test. Millard students have been well prepared for these tests and should do very well. The individual student reports will be mailed to you over the summer, and the school data will be shared with the community through our newsletters and at next year's Back-to-School Night. We are confident that Millard students will continue to show excellent progress as measured by this assessment.

Millard School was one of six elementary schools in Fremont that recently received training in Common Core Standards. California schools will be transitioning to these standards in 2015, but training and

background is being shared now. Our Leadership Team received an overview of the standards and information on how they compare to our current state standards. The biggest change that is coming is in the areas of rigor and relevance. The new standards are more rigorous and include 'real life' applications that help students see how the learning is relevant to their life. This will be exciting work, and we're glad we are beginning the transition. More information will be shared next year as we begin to implement our planning.

I'd like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all of our Millard mothers. Enjoy your day with your family!

Regards,

Karen Robertson
Principal

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Special points of interest:

- May 7-18 STAR Testing
 - May 15 School Nite Out: Premier Pizza 11am-9pm
 - May 16 Family Life Preview for parents 1:30 and 7 pm
 - May 18 Movie Night Tintin
 - May 22 PTA Mt 6:30pm
 - May 25 Last day to pay for lunch with check. Last day to charge
 - May 25 Minimum day gr. 1 -6 8:35 to 1:32
 - May 28 No School
- Next Newsletter: May 24th*
Trait of the Month: Integrity

Grades 1st -6th - Minimum Day Schedule for the Remainder of the Year:

All Wednesdays from May 2 – June 6: still 8:35 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Fri., May 25 – 8:35 a.m. – 1:32 p.m. (Kinder's: regular Schedule)

Fri., June 8 – 8:35 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. (Kinder's: one session 8:35-11:55)

**Mon.- Wed., June 11-13 – 8:35 a.m. – 1:13 p.m. (Kinder's: one session)
8:35-11:55**

Student Placement for Next Year

Request for Consideration

Teachers will soon be placing students in classes for the next school year. With the result of budget cuts, it is conceivable that Millard will have one or more combination classes for next year. Teachers will be looking at such factors as ability level, work habits, special needs, gender, and ethnicity when placing students in classes. Please be assured that your child's needs will be considered as a team of teachers and I work on these placements. In cases where there are special needs you think we may not be aware of you may fill out a **Request for Consideration** form. These forms are now available in the office and are **due back no later than Monday, May 21st**. Please note: You must use this form and no other letters or forms will be accepted. Any forms arriving after May 21st, or those that include a requested teacher's name will not be considered.

Thank you, Karen Robertson

A Message from the Lunch

Room

The last day we can accept checks for school lunches is Friday, May 25th. Also, May 25th is the last day students will be allowed to charge a school lunch. If your child forgets their lunch after May 25th, they will be given a cheese sandwich. If you send a check after May 25th, it will be sent back to you.



Combination Classes

Because of class sizes and enrollment, Millard School has had to have combination classes for the last two years. The upcoming school year looks to be no different. We are anticipating at least one and probably two combination classes in our intermediate grades next year. While we don't usually like to place students in combination classes more than one year, that may not be possible for 2012-13. Depending on the number of students in each grade in the fall, we may find it necessary to place a student in a combination class who has already been in one. That is not our preference, but our enrollment numbers may dictate this placement. Please be assured that our students all receive a quality education whether in a combo class or not. All students in any classroom perform at varying levels, and it is the planning of lessons and activities by the teachers that help to meet the needs of all groups of students. Thanks for your understanding in this matter.



Principal's Honor Roll

Congratulations to our honorees for the 2nd trimester: Olivia D., Ishi K., Tymon T., Marian L., Bhavik S. Brianna H., Shanna L., Raghuram P., Angela D., Edward L., Letty L., Stella M., Ivy N., Ellie P., Ivan C., Kristen C., Nathan N., Michael N., Evan P., Su T., Angus T., Lauren T., Leica T., Haley C., Jennifer L., Prisha W., Shivam M., Jennifer N., Edrees R.,

6th Grader News...

2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR



Walters will be mailing postcards to parents/guardians of next year's incoming students at the beginning of August. The postcards will have information regarding when the newsletter and important information about Maze Day will be available for parents to pick up at Walters. Please be advised that Maze Day for next school year will be on Wed. August 29, 2012. First day of school is Wed. Sept. 5, 2012.

WALTERS ACADEMY

Walters Academy is a good time for incoming seventh graders to meet new friends, meet teachers, become familiar with the campus and be the first to get their P.E. clothes. Please sign up if you have not done so!!!! Also if there are any businesses out there that are willing to donate snacks, 1" binders, binder paper, pencils or pens, please contact Kimberley Pedrotti at (408)806-6621.



It's Starting to Warm Up...

It's finally starting to warm up outside. Just a quick reminder of what is appropriate to wear to school. Sunglasses and hats are okay for outside, but not in the classroom. Shoes must be worn at all times. Flip flops are not allowed. (and please refrain from wearing open toed shoes.) Shorts should be mid-thigh length. Halter tops, camisoles, tank tops, t-shirts or tops which expose the midriff or back may not be worn by boys or girls.

Multi Cultural Dance Festival Lunch

See the flyer regarding our Barbecue luncheon on Friday, June 8th. Sign up today to purchase a lunch and eat with your son or daughter. If you have any ques-

Don't forget on these warm days...

Jamba Juice

Every Friday, \$3.00 each, Cash only



Kids Day 2012

Kids 5 to 12 years old make their own flower arrangement for Mother's Day!

Saturday, May 12 10am-2pm

Fremont Flowers

36551 Fremont Blvd.



Reserve your spot: 510-797-1136 or

fremontflowers@pacbell.net

Please provide name and age of children and a contact phone number

CASH OR CHECK ONLY

Your donation of \$12.00 per child (\$10.00 per additional child)

benefits the Fremont Education Foundation.

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End of Year Medication Pickup

Many of our students have a supply of medication at school. A parent or guardian is required to pick up their child's medication(s) by the last day of school, June 13th. Medications cannot be released to students. If not picked up by June 14, all medications left will be discarded.



California Helmet Law

In California, anyone under the age of 18 must wear a helmet that is properly fitted and fastened when riding a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, or when using inline skates. This includes children being towed in a trailer behind a bicycle. Please model and follow this law for the safety of our children.

Attention Parents of 6th Grade



Students:

For the 2012 / 2013 school year, California Law (AB 354) requires an additional immunization called Tdap in order for your student to advance into or enter 7th grade. The adolescent whooping cough/pertussis booster shot, (Tdap) must be given on or after age 7 to meet this requirement.

Valid proof must show: 1) type of shot given, 2) date, 3) provider's signature/stamp.

You can provide proof now to your current Elementary or Jr. High School Site.

If parents have not provided proof to their Jr. High school by the first day of school, September 5, 2012, your student will NOT be allowed to attend.

Behavior

Please be aware that students with disruptive behavior will lose their end-of-year privileges. Thank you for your support in these efforts. Severe behavior will result in possible loss of, but is not limited to: field trips, assemblies, field day, or any other activities that may be planned.



We are still in need of Paper..

Due to budget cuts, we are operating on a much smaller budget. Due to this smaller budget, we are in need of paper for the classrooms. Even with the paper that has been donated, we still need additional copy paper donations.




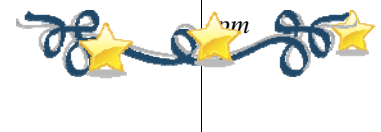



We appreciate any and all donations that we receive. Thank you to everyone who has already been able to donate. We appreciate all donations.

Important Notice about Attendance on the First Day of School

THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR STARTS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

All students are expected to report to school on the first day of school, Wednesday, September 5, 2012. Students who have not attended the first two days of school will be dropped at the end of the third day of school. Students who are dropped will not be guaranteed a seat at the school and may have to be overloaded to other schools upon return. The only exceptions will be students who are absent due to illness. If a student is absent the first three days due to illness, parents or guardians must notify the school every day the student is absent. **Seats will not be held for students on extended vacations or other optional activities, whether or not the school is notified.**


2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">Trait of the Month: Integrity</p>		1	2 <i>Minimum Day</i>	3 <i>Responsibility Assembly 8:45 Interm. 9:00 Primary</i>	4 <i>Pizza With the Principal</i>	5 
6	7 	8	9 STAR Testing <i>Minimum Day</i>	10 	11	12
13	14 	15 <i>School Nite Out: Premier Pizza 11-9 pm</i>	16 <i>Family Life Preview (6th gr.) 1:30 & 7 pm</i> STAR Testing <i>Minimum Day</i>	17 	18 <i>Movie Night: Adventure of Tin Tin</i>	19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Minimum Day Grades 1-6 8:35-1:32 Kinder: regular schedule.</p> </div>
20	21	22 <i>PTA Meeting 6:30</i>	23 <i>Minimum Day</i>	24	25 <i>Last day to pay by check for lunches</i> 	
27	28 <i>NO SCHOOL</i>  <i>Memorial Day</i>	29	30 <i>Volunteer Tea 1:30</i> <i>Minimum Day</i>	31		