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Wednesday Envelope

December 2, 2009



From the Principal...


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Dear Anza Families: As we return from the Thanksgiving Holiday, I would like to review a few of the basic rules that help keep our Anza Parking Lot safe for our students during drop off and at dismissal.

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

- 2 Make-Up Picture Day TODAY
- 4 PTA Holiday Boutique
- 7-18 Parent Teacher Conferences ALL EARLY BIRD SCHEDULE
- 18 Winter Wonderland
- 19- January 3 Winter Break

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For Drop Off:

- Kindergarten students are to be walked by an adult to the Kindergarten Gate for safety.
- Do not drop off older students unaccompanied by an adult prior to 8:20 AM when Anza staff goes on duty.
- Use only the main valet drop off in the morning.
- If there is room ahead of you, pull forward before unloading students - More room for cars to unload at the same time will make the line move more quickly.
- Do not drop off students on the Rainbow River side of the Parking lot where there is no supervision in the morning.

For Pick Up:

- Kindergarten students are to be picked up at the Kindergarten Gate and walked by an adult for safety.
- Students in grades 1-4 are to be picked up in the main valet line.
- Parents are to remain in their car in the valet line.
- Never leave a car parked or unattended in the valet line or at any red marked curb.
- Park only in marked parking spaces of the parking lot or use the street parking adjacent to the school.
- Parents who stand in front of school to pick up students need to keep the car loading area clear - Please wait along the GMC wall until your child comes through the blue doors.

Chris D. Jones, Ed.D
Principal

- Only 5th grade students are to be picked up on the Rainbow River side of the parking lot (the 5th Grade "Fast Pass").
- Parents of lower grade students may not use the 5th Grade "Fast Pass" for picking up students in grades 1-4.

During Parent Conference weeks (December 7-18) we will have 10 consecutive shortened days (Wednesday Schedule with 2:00/2:05 PM dismissal). If we all work together and follow these basic guidelines, all of our students will be quickly and safely reunited each day with their parents and care-givers. Thank you in advance for doing your part to keep our students safe!

Sincerely,

Chris D. Jones, Ed.D.
Principal



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences begin on December 7th and continue through December 18th. For those two weeks we will be on a Shortened Day Schedule (see below).

- TEDDE - No Change 1st week 12/7-12/11
- TEDDE - 8:30-12:25 p.m. 2nd week 12/14-12/18
- Kindergarten - 8:00-11:45 a.m. both weeks
- Grades 1 & 2 - 8:45-2:00 p.m. both weeks
- Grades 3-5 - 8:30-2:05 p.m. both weeks

This earlier dismissal time allows us to accommodate the conferences. Please check the individual schedules put out by the teachers to determine your conference time. This is a special time for you to sit down one-on-one with your child's teacher to discuss the progress being made.



Go Green and Save Time

From December 7th - December 18th, all 1st through 5th grade Anza students will be dismissed at 2:00/2:05 p.m., creating a bottleneck in the valet line.

Therefore, we would like to encourage you to walk to and from school. If you live far or commute, please consider parking a few blocks away. While this might seem like it will take more time, if you consider how long the valet line will be during these two weeks, it just might be a time saver!

Save time, save gas, save stress... WALK!!!!!!

 **Thank you to Volunteers**

A big thank you to everyone who helped out with fundraising and Picture Day. Volunteers honored for service to the school in November were:

Chris Cessor
Linda Cessor
Jill Bredow
Maya Wong
Paulene Reed
Brenda Paranal

 **Giving Back**

Part of the joy experienced at holiday time is found in the act of giving to those less fortunate than ourselves. This year at Anza School we are again asking the children to bring in one item of food to help fill holiday baskets distributed by our PTA Service Committee. Participation is completely voluntary. So as to get a variety of food, we are asking that your child bring a donation according to the following plan:

Kindergarten: Canned meats, fish, or soup
First-grade: Canned fruits, fruit juices, or canned milk
Second-grade: Canned vegetables, spaghetti, or canned meats
Third-grade: Dried fruit, rice, macaroni, cereals, nuts
Fourth-grade: Canned vegetables, flour, sugar, ready-mix packages of cake or biscuit mix
Fifth-grade: Canned meats, fish, fruit, or vegetables

Please check the expiration date on the food you donate. If it is inconvenient for you to send food according to the plan, feel free to send anything on the list. **Please do not send any fresh or frozen foods.**

Knowing the joy that gifts bring to children, we are also including small presents in the baskets. If you wish to donate a gift, it need not be expensive. As a guide in selecting an item, consider the interests and age of your own child. Gifts should be new and not wrapped.

All donations should be sent to our school office. Collection began Monday November 30th and will run thru Friday, December 11th. Thank you for your support!

 **Fresh and Easy Fundraiser** [\[click here\]](#)

Keep sending in your Fresh and Easy receipts!! To participate, please return your receipts in an envelope to your teacher who

will collect them and place them in the PTA Fundraiser Coordinator's box. Your holiday shopping can bring in big money for the school!

Last year we raised \$424.00. Let's aim for \$600!!!



This Week's Flyers [\[click here\]](#)

1. Holiday Boutique
2. PTA December Calendar
3. Performing Arts Workshop: Mary Poppins
4. Growing Great: English
5. Growing Great: Spanish



Report An Absence [\[click here\]](#)

Regular school attendance is vital to student success. To report your child's absence, please email the Attendance Clerk by 9:00 a.m. the following information: **student's full name, teacher's name, date of absence, reason for absence, caller's name and relationship to the student, a contact phone number.** If you have any questions or comments, please call Ivett at (310) 725-2136.



Did you know?

Our Anza fourth grade students are responsible for putting up and taking down our flags each day. This has been an Anza tradition for many years!

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