



A Message from . . . Mrs. Michels



Above and Beyond... The Sky's the Limit at Fairlands School!

January/February/March 2011

Message from the Principal

During the months of March and April we are focusing on the character trait of **Respect**. It is helpful to reinforce this trait through discussing with your children what it means to be **Respectful**. Both defining **Respect** and discussing what it **looks** like and **feels** like to be **Respectful** helps children to further internalize this important character trait. By definition **Respect** is to hold consideration for another or to honor another. **Respect** is the **Golden Rule**: Treat others the way you would like to be treated.



- Use active listening when a person is speaking to you
- Do not argue with others
- Don't judge people before you get to know them.

Some suggestions for discussing what **Respect looks** like in students are:

- *Doing your homework* (Doing your personal best shows respect for yourself)
- *Explain the real reason you didn't turn in your homework*
- *Clean up your room after making a promise*
- *Write a report in your own words instead of copying / respects the original author*
- *Keep a friend's secret*
- *Follow the rules when playing a game*
- *Invite others to join your games*

We are very proud of our Fairlands students for their **Respect**. We continually strive to improve and help students be the best they can be both academically and socially. Thank you for your commitment to working with us to ensure the success of all our Fairlands students.

Here are some additional examples of how to communicate with **Respect**:

- *Voice their opinion in a kind, thoughtful way*
- *Be courteous and polite*
- *"Tell on" someone only when necessary* (involves safety otherwise use an "I-Message" to communicate)
- *Show and share other's feelings with out hurting another person's feelings*
- *Express themselves positively as well as critically*



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COMING UP...

February

- 14 No School, furlough day
- 21 No School, President's Day
- 23 Pizza with the Principal, Kinder
- 25 Pizza with the Principal, 1-5

March

- 1 Learn to Draw Assembly (K-3 & 4-5)
- 4 Family Fun Night, 6-9pm, MPR
- 7 PTA General Member Mtg, 7pm, Rm 19
- 10-11 Minimum Days—Conferences
- 18 No School, Furlough Day

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LOST & FOUND



Our school lost and found is located near the entrance to the multipurpose room. It seems that we always have a vast collection of very nice coats, lunch boxes, sweatshirts and sweaters that have been left out on the blacktop or around campus. Unfortunately, we collect so many items that we cannot store them all for long. **Please make sure you check**

the lost and found if you have any missing items. Unclaimed items in the lost and found are bagged and sent to charitable organizations on a regular basis. Generally, we will hold items for two to four weeks before they are donated. Once the lost and found hanging rack and bins are full, we have no choice but to recycle some of the older items in the collection!



Help Needed: Bathroom Etiquette

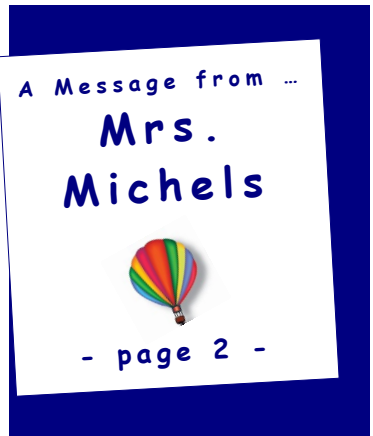
Continuing with our theme of Respect we are in need of YOUR help! Over the past few months we have experienced a number of challenges related to bathroom etiquette. We are asking that families review with their children the following rules for the use of bathrooms at school:



1. Use the bathroom for its intended use, do not play in the bathroom or socialize there - Socialize on the playground.
2. Do not swing from the bathroom stalls.
3. Do not slam or kick the bathroom doors
4. **Walk** in the bathroom.
5. Close the bathroom stall door when using the facility.
6. Flush the toilet when you have finished going to the bathroom.
7. Do not flush objects down the toilet.
8. Wash your hands with **soap and water** after using the facility.
9. Put used hand-paper towels in the trash after drying hands.
10. Do not violate others' privacy by looking under or through the sides of the bathroom stalls
11. If the bathroom door is locked, you may knock to see if someone is in there.
12. Do not lock the doors, then crawl under the stall to prevent others from entering the stall.



We encourage students to use the restrooms before school and during recesses. Students who need to use the restrooms during class time will be expected to sign out on a clipboard in the classroom and note when they are leaving and returning to class. We would never restrict a child's bathroom use, yet we do expect students to maintain themselves in a respectful manner while using any facility on campus. We appreciate the many students who do use respectful behavior at school. Please encourage your child/ren to report inappropriate behaviors to their teacher or an adult on campus should he or she witness any of the above guidelines being violated. We are a community and truly need to work together to ensure our school is safe and well cared for. Thank you for working with us to ensure this happens every single day!



Pleasanton Unified School District



Character...

RESPECT

Without feelings of respect, what is there to distinguish men from beasts?

-Confucius

Box Tops: Deadline is 2/18!



SEND YOUR BOX TOPS IN NOW!
DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 18TH!

Giant sized Checkers...
Giant sized Chess... Balls...
Legos... Jump Ropes and MORE!!!

The aforementioned items are just a few of the items we have purchased with our Box Top Money. We are proud to offer as many options as possible for our students to play with at recess. Please continue to send them in as the **deadline is February 18th.**

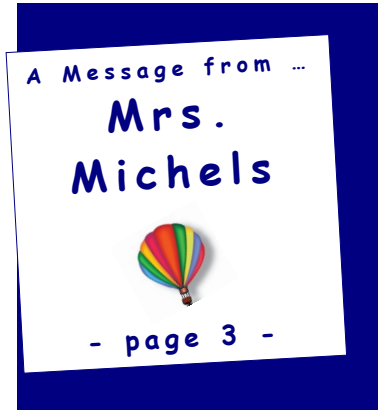
Volunteer Reminder

Everyone who wishes to volunteer at Fairlands (including Field Trips, classroom helper, office or library support) must be cleared through the Districts' screening process. For more information, [download the form here.](#)

Community of Character Winners: Self-Discipline

The Community of Character trait winners for Responsibility listed below were chosen based on the following trait characteristics set by the School District :

- Practice self-control
- Setting goals and working toward them
- Striving for personal



Kindergarten

Alcina Kenny
Alen Luna-Delgado
Brooke Elson
Daniel Beckley
Huda Khan
Isabel Dong
Jack Caudill
Joseph Chiu
Kyle Wang
Marvin Lin
Matthew Tarvin
Nita Emmanuel
Samhita Dadi
Siddharth Chittapuram
Sumuhki Tunuguntla

First Grade

Amelia Flores
Anisha Mukherjee
Arya Sharma
C.J. Frank
Demetrio Lozares
Edgar Cortes Trujillo
Elyssa Lieu
Hana Zaidi

First Grade (con't)

Kaviya Raja
Mabel Song
Senna Karellas
Trisha Sukale

Second Grade

Abhinand Eedara
Aneela Mocherla
Elise Anderson
Josh Atre
Julie Chou
Kenna Asmussen
Lily Cheng
Madison Goldberg
Nathan Hsiao
Naya Williamson
Olivia Zhou
Param Patil
Samantha Herlich
Shruti Sengottuvel
Sivasweatha Umamaheswarn
Trisha Jaishankar

Third Grade

Aisha Mendonca - Kamath
Andrew Kwon

Third Grade (con't)

Andrew Laksana
Cindy Shin
Daniel Medina
Erica Singh
Fatima Suratwala
Hanna Cho
Jaden Cardera
Matthew Kenning
Nicole Huang
Shrinidhy Srinivas
Sofia Moore
Tyler Rocha
Vanessa Arbuckle

Fourth Grade

Alec Roadarmel
Alex Caldwell
Grace Hedges
Jacob Yopez
Joshua Frans
Kristen Sigua
Kyle Kenny
Megan Rae

Fourth Grade (con't)

Meredith Kelly
Rachel Tuazon
Ria Makinkurve
Rishab Singh
Samantha Frank
Smrithi Parakulam
Suhail Dawood
Terrence Co
Zoey Castillo

Fifth Grade

Alexis Blaschka
Emily Zhang
Hariel Colcol
Leah Campbell
Linda Chen
Matthew Beltran
Mayank Sharma
Patrick Wong
Rohit Menon
Savita Pereira
Shashank Patil
Shawn DeLuz
Sidney Vaeth
Sonia Atre
Taha Khan