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Welcome to Ben Painter Elementary

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Principal's Message

There are reasons to feel optimistic that the worst of the pandemic is behind us. The health and safety of our students and staff is our priority. We encourage continuing to stay masked, frequent hand washing and having your child dress warm during these cold months. People are venturing out more and welcoming others to businesses, restaurants, and family and friend's homes. It is for this reason, and many more, we take time near the end of this year to reflect on all that is good in our lives: family, friends, co-workers, health care workers, and so on. Thank you for your support during these challenging times. We appreciate all you do to keep healthy and safe. May you and your family have safe and happy holidays.



Student of the Month Assembly

We have an assembly at the end of each month to recognize our students demonstrating core values. Should your child be nominated for recognition, your child's teacher will contact you so you have the opportunity to be part of this wonderful recognition. Our November Assembly is scheduled for **Friday, December 16** to recognize the core value optimistic.

Second Harvest Mobile Produce



This program is **FREE!** The Mobile Produce continues to provide families with fresh fruits and vegetables every **3rd Friday of each month**, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Upcoming distribution is **December 16 and January 20**. **Reminder, you must bring your own bags, box, or cart.** In addition, you need to wear your facemask.

Spirit Week

Let us end the 2022 year by having some fun. Students are encouraged to participate in Spirit Day the week of **December 19 – 22**. The Holiday Spirit Week attire is as follows:

- Monday:** Holiday Pajama Day / Flannel Day
- Tuesday:** Holiday Hat Day (bells, antlers, elf, etc.)
- Wednesday:** Beautifully Ugly Sweater Day
- Thursday:** Red, Green and Gold Color Day

Classroom Holiday Parties

Should the individual teachers choose to have a holiday party, we ask parents to send healthy snacks. Please provide prepared snacks by a commercial kitchen or grocery store.

Coffee with the Principal

We had our last Coffee with the Principal meeting on November 18 and our next meeting will be held after our break in late January.

Winter Holiday Performance

Painter School students will have a Winter Concert Performance in our school cafeteria on Thursday, December 22 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Parents, this year's performances will be **virtual**. **For further details, please contact your child's teacher.** We wish you and your family Happy Holidays.

Winter Holiday Break – No School



We wish you and your loved ones a safe and wonderful holiday! There will be no school in session on **Friday, December 23 through Friday, January 6, 2023**. School will resume on **MONDAY, January 9**.

On behalf of the entire Painter School Staff, we would like to extend our sincere wish that the **2023 New Year** be a happy and healthy one for all. May this special season bring your entire family together and may you all receive the true gift of love. All the activities, partying, driving and stress associated with the holiday season can increase the risk of accidents. Home fires are a special problem this month because of decorations, candles, and other potential fire hazards. Emphasize on these safety tips:

- Keep decorations and trees clear of sources of heat or flame such as radiators, fireplaces and candles.
- Don't overload electrical outlets by inserting too many plugs into one outlet.
- Keep natural Christmas trees moist-dry needles can catch fire. Trees need up to a gallon of water a day to keep fresh.
- Turn off holiday lights when you are not home.

Enrollment for 2022-2023

Enrollment registrations for new students continue to be accepted daily throughout the year. You may enroll your child at the school site or the District Office at 2930 Gay Avenue, in the Student Services Department. Parents please make sure to get your child's physical and oral health exams completed prior to enrollment, as they are required.



Vietnamese Dual Language Program

We are offering a FREE bilingual program in Vietnamese for Transitional Kinder through 2nd grade students. This will be a great opportunity for your child to become bilingual or even trilingual. Come to the Main Office to fill out an Interest Form for your child to enroll in the program, as space is limited. We are scouting for teachers to join us in 2024 and beyond and have scholarship contracts through CSU Fullerton.

The 3 B's – Behavior Expectations

Painter School is implementing Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) known to the students as the 3 B's (Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful). These expectations will be reinforced throughout the school year and students will be held accountable for their behavior.

Painter School's Preschool



We have a new, high quality co-op preschool located here at Painter Elementary School for children residing in Alum Rock School District! This program is FREE for qualifying parents, who are interested in being involved in their student's educational development. For more information, contact us at (408) 928-7299.

Student Academic Intervention Program

We are proud to announce we will be offering Fall and Spring Cycles of After School Intervention beginning Monday, November 14. Students enrolled are by teacher recommendation. If you feel you would like to have your child participate, please speak with your child's teacher. There is limited availability with options for English only and Vietnamese Immersion for all grade levels.

MIDDLE OF YEAR Testing

As an Alum Rock school, Painter Elementary tracks student growth with state approved assessments at three points in the year. Students will be completing assessments on reading, writing, and math over the next few weeks and into January. Tests track progress from the beginning of the year. Student performance will inform lessons in the spring as we prepare for a return to statewide testing with the hope of enhancing student growth across the school site. Talk with your students and encourage that they put their best effort on each midyear test, so that their teachers will have the most accurate scores to inform their planning.

Reporting Student's Absence

If your child is ill and cannot attend school, please call 408.928.8400 and leave us a message including your child's name, the date/s of absence, your name and the reason for the absence. All absences must be phoned in daily.



ARUSD Family Resources Center (FRC)

As we experience unprecedented times, we want you to know we're here to support your family and our students. Located here on campus, we have a Family Resource Center which provides information on a number of programs, services and activities for all families. Support programs such as:

- Support with Preventative Services
- Children's Health Insurance
- Variations of quality early learning programs in ARUSD
- How to enroll in TK through 12th grade
- Document Assistance & District Schools
- Healthy Eating & Nutrition
- Community engagement with other Community Based Organizations
- Special Education
- SCCOE Migrant Education
- Teen Parents
- Referral Home Services
- Assigned Therapeutic Services
- Mental Wellness Support Services
- Extended Year Programs
- School Linked Services
- Housing Resources
- Food Access
- Individual Family needs that may emerge
- District Partnering with Alum Rock Counseling Center PEI

If you are in need of **FREE** children's diapers, please call (408) 928-7299.

Calendar of Events



Important Dates for S.Y. 2022/23

12/23 – 31	Winter Break (No School)
01/02 – 06	Winter Break (No School)
01/16	Martin Luther King Holiday (No School)
01/20 & 23	Minimum Day Schedule (Report Cards)
01/22	TET "Year of the Cat"
01/26	Student Performance Lunar New Year
02/10	Spelling Bee Competition (for 4 th & 5 th graders)
2/20 – 24	Mid-Year Recess/Presidents Break (No School)
3/12	Daylight Saving Time Begins
3/29	Minimum Day Schedule ()
3/31	Cesar Chavez Holiday (No School)
4/03	Minimum Day Schedule
4/10 – 14	Spring Break (No School)
5/29	Memorial Holiday (No School)
6/	Kinder and 5 th Grade Promotion Ceremony
6/05 – 07	Minimum Day Schedule
6/08	Last day of school

