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Welcome to Ben Painter Elementary

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Principal's Message

Students have completed the 1st Quarter of the school year and Progress Reports were sent home with students on October 31.

The health and well-being of our students, staff and community are top of mind. I urge everyone to utilize the prevention measures, such as wearing facemasks, hand washing and testing to reduce the spread of the virus. Thank you for your support during these challenging times. We appreciate all you do to keep healthy and safe.

Veteran's Day - HOLIDAY

In observation of Veteran's Day, there will be no school in session **Friday November 11**. Students will return to school on Monday, November 14, 2022.

Veterans Day was established to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military – in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living Veterans for their service, to acknowledge their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to understand the fact that all those who serve, not only those who died, have sacrificed and done their duty. Please take time this week to thank and honor U.S. Veterans for their patriotism, love of our country and willingness to service and sacrifice for the common good.

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 **November 18 and December 16**. **Reminder, you must bring your own bags, box, or cart.** In addition, you need to wear your facemask.

Daylight Savings Time



Daylight Savings will end on **Sunday, November 6, 2022**. Remember to set your clocks **back one hour!** Since it gets darker much earlier in November, there is even more reason to squeeze in a fall activities or two before winter arrives and the holiday rush makes you too busy to do anything else.



Coffee with the Principal

We have scheduled our Coffee with the Principal for Friday, **November 18** beginning at **9:00 a.m. via Zoom**. You will learn about our school-wide goals and how to become an active participant within the Painter community and SPSA.

Thanksgiving Holiday – No School

There will be no school in session on **Monday, November 21 through Friday November 25** in observation of Thanksgiving. School will resume on **MONDAY, November 28**. We wish you and your loved ones a safe and wonderful holiday!

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated between the Pilgrims and the Native Americans in 1621. That first feast was a three-day affair. The fall harvest was time for celebration. It was also a time of prayer, thanking God for a good crop. The Pilgrims and the Native Americans created a huge feast, including a wide variety of meat and fowl, as well as fruits and vegetables from the fall harvest. This early celebration was the start of today's holiday celebration. Like then, we celebrate with a huge feast. Today, most of us enjoy turkey with "all the trimmings." The "trimmings" include a wide variety of foods that are a tradition for your family. Those traditional foods often replicate the foods at the first Thanksgiving revolve around a huge and lavish meal. As tradition has it in most families, a special prayer of thanks precedes the meal. In many homes, family members will each mention something they are very thankful for. In 1941, Congress made it a national holiday and set the date as the fourth Thursday in November.

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 multilingual 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 and demand has increased with more than double the enrollment from its founding in 2020.



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.

Student of the Month Assembly

We have an assembly to recognize our student's achievements. 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 and December Assembly is scheduled for **Friday, December 16**.

School Site Council – S.S.C/ELAC

We encourage all parents to participate in this monthly meeting to provide input with how our school budgets and site plans are established. Meetings are held via Zoom and our next scheduled meeting is for **Thursday, November 17 at 2:45 p.m.** We will review safety updates, English learner progress and intervention programs. The Agenda will be posted to Parent Square and school website.

Uniforms

Painter School has a uniform policy. Students should be wearing navy blue pants, shorts or skirt and a white or maroon collared shirt. Jeans are not allowed. Also, students are neither to wear red shoes nor red sweaters. Parents will be contacted for students who are out of uniform. Thank you for your cooperation with the matter.

Thank You - Harvest Parade

Thank you to all our families who came out to support our Painter School students! The Parade was a fun and an amazing event.



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

11/06	Daylight Saving Time Ends
11/11	Veteran's Day Holiday (No School)
11/21 – 25	Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
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)
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)
6/05 – 07	Minimum Day Schedule
6/08	Last day of school

