

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**



STARTING GATE SCHOOL HOME OF THE EAGLES

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome back! All of us at Starting Gate School wish you a peaceful and profitable New Year. Starting Gate School grew by leaps and bounds in 2010. With your continued support we look forward to an even more successful year in 2012.

The week of January 16, 2012 Starting Gate Preschool will be holding its annual Trike-a-Thon. All donations go to the Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Children may bring their trike to school for this week. A special race track will be prepared on the blacktop playground area. Parents are encouraged to chaperone. Starting Gate School has raised nearly \$10,000 for this valuable charity, and we encourage all preschoolers to participate. For more information please direct your questions to our school Director, Teacher Dorothy. Thank you to all parent chaperones who participated in last year's Trike-a-Thon.

Replacing this year's Candy Sale fundraiser is Starting Gate School's annual Crab Feed. We are asking all parents to participate by selling a minimum of 5 tickets per family. This will be our only fundraiser for this school year. Our goal is to sell 200 tickets to make this event a success. Tickets are \$35.00 each.

Location: Post 550
Address: 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane
Friday, February 17, 2012
Social event begins at 6:00 p.m.
Door Prize and Raffles

Please see Teacher David or Thelma Welch in the main office for more information.

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. we will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2012.

High school students may enroll in VCAT for Spring semester. New and repeat students are welcome.

EVENTS

Monday, January 23rd all grades K-12 will be joining other schools at the Zellerbach Hall on the UC Berkeley campus you can take a look [here](#). Several groups that appear at Zellerbach also contract to provide performances for K-12 students. The performances are one hour long, from 11 am to 12 noon. The school buys a block of tickets for whatever number of students and adults are going to attend. When you arrive at Zellerbach, there are signs for each school to line up. The ushers take the groups into the auditorium based on a seating chart that they have developed. By the time they get all the students in, there isn't an empty seat in the house. The theater is beautiful and the students are often awestruck to be in such a setting, especially if they have never been to see live theater before. Watch for a permission slip and remember we need acting chaperon's who are willing to drive. Driver must carry 100/300 on their auto insurance in order to drive. To compensate for drivers gas and tickets please send \$10.00 with your student along with a signed permission slip. We will have an early lunch at school, depart promptly at 11:30 a.m. and return to our campus no later than 3:30 p.m.

We have plans for Mr. Hope's, Ms. Reno's, and Ms. Ilo's classes to visit the U.C. Berkeley Campus with a guided tour provided by Jose Encarnacion. In future months we will visit the Chabot Space and Science Center and the Historic Mare Island Nature Trail.

Dance classes will resume here at Starting Gate School beginning Thursday at 12:15 for the 1st class (**Joy of Dance 1**) and 12:45 for the 2nd class (**Joy of Dance 2**) offered through Vallejo Ballet. Age range for dance class (boys and girls) begins on the preschool level and continues through 3rd grade. Starting Gate School is proud to have sponsored the Vallejo Ballet Christmas pageant in December 2011. Thank you to all who attended.

VCAT stands for Vallejo Cable Access Television. This class meets every Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 to 2:00. Watch for Starting Gate School's promotion on this year's Crab Feed beginning January 17, 2012.

Report Cards for grade K-12 will be issued at the beginning of next month to all current accounts on Friday February 3, 2012.



[CONGRATULATIONS & SPECIAL THANKS]

- Congratulations to Teacher Trini's Kindergarten Class for the winner of the Best Holiday Decorated Classroom for a SECOND YEAR IN A ROW!
- Special thanks to the Reinold, Crowley and Cupples families for their annual end Holiday Scholarship Donations.

PARENT REMINDERS

• Attending school is important. Schools are responsible for teaching your child. We can't do our job when the student is often tardy or absent. A child who misses a day of school also misses a day of learning that might never be replaced. You can help by making school a top priority. By building the habit of daily attendance, you will help your child see that school is important. Remember, being tardy only disrupts the class. Kindergarten begins at 9:00 a.m. and 1st through 12th begins at 8:30 a.m. Thank you for your support in building a more responsible student. Late students must report to the main office before attending class.

• Please make sure your student records are up to date with the main office, i.e. contact numbers, account balance is current, and authorized 3rd party pick up designees are correct.

• Please help our school stay clean and strong by bring plastic bottles and aluminum cans to school for recycling.

• Remember if you have an item or photo you would like to see in the school bulletin please submit your request no later than the middle of the month for the following bulletin.

• Popeye's Chicken Day is every Tuesday for \$4.00 per serving, and Thursdays are Pizza Day for \$2.50 per serving. Friday is Hot Dog Day served with chips and drink for \$3.50.

• It's time to start planning for September registration. You can start your sign up paper work now by visiting the main office. Preparation for processing annual enrollment is time consuming. There are textbooks, schedules and transfer records (for new applicants) to consider. Save time by applying early. Registration received by March 31, 2012 will guarantee that your student's tuition will not be increased for the 2012 – 2013 school year.

- Thursday, January 26, 2012 the students of Starting Gate School have invited the public and local dignitaries for the unveiling of the memorial to fallen Officer Capoot of the Vallejo Police Department. The students and local businesses have worked hard to bring awareness of pride and responsibility to our community.

[PHOTO GALLERY]

Starting Gate Christmas Party!

