



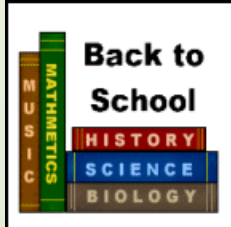
STARTING GATE SCHOOL HOME OF THE EAGLES

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Back to School Night:**

Tuesday, September 22, 2010 7:00 P.M.

We hope all of Starting Gate School parents will make effort to attend our upcoming open house. Starting Gate School invites you to visit your student's class, meet new faces, and see old friends. As teachers and students become acquainted with Starting Gate School, it is easy to see why everyone wants to be together.



Mutual benefits accrue when there is a meaningful exchange of information between home and school. On Parents night Starting Gate School has prepared and introduction to our curriculum for parents enrolling their students in **September of 2010**.

You will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher during a group meeting where you will learn about fundamental standards, and bench marks set to achieve these standards; class requirements, homework, written work, verbal work, and school uniforms. A review a class schedules, school events, and holidays will also be presented.

Starting Gate School teachers have a passion for their life's work, and it shows in the educational development of each one of their students. We look forward to seeing all of you on **Tuesday, September 22, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.**

- **Student Safety**

Starting Gate School is mandated by State and Local Fire Agencies to have 4 Fire and Earthquake Drills per school year, which equates to 2 drills per quarter. In addition we have 4 unannounced drills for a total of 8 drills per school year. We encourage our room parents to assist us with these drills as a way to keep our students prepared in case of an emergency.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Picture Day**

Student Picture Day for all grades K-12 will be Thursday, October 7, 2010. Lifetouch offers a parent participation program that can help your parents earn a free portrait package. This is how it works: a parent assists our photographer on picture day and they receive on complimentary "D" package. One Helper position per camera is available for 4 hours volunteering. If picture day is less than four hours they will still earn their free package. Helpers are used to escort the classes to the camera room, assist with grooming, and keeping the orderly. Our photographers bring vouchers for the helpers on picture day. Please sign with the main office if you are interested.

- **Vision Screening**

Starting Gate School offers free vision screen to all students in our preschool division and grades K-2. This year exams are scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, October 20, 2010. A separate reminder notice and permission slip will be sent home in the prior to the vision screening. Room parents needed.



The [California-Hawaii Elks Major Project](#) has been happy to serve the children of Starting Gate School for the past several years. The Elks Vision Screening

Program is free and consists of the following for each child:

- *Screening of visual acuity and external eye health;
- *Screening of the ability of the two eyes to work together;
- *Observation of the muscular ability of the eyes to follow, fixate and maintain binocular vision.

Leeanne Cadwallader
Certified Pediatric Vision Screener
California-Hawaii Elks
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REMINDER!

Scholarship funding: The BASIC Fund (Bay Area Scholarships for Inner-City Children) is a privately funded program whose mission is to broaden the educational opportunities for inner-city children by helping low-income families afford the cost of tuition at private schools in the Bay Area.

The program is available to students entering Kindergarten through eighth grade to attend private schools in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma Counties.

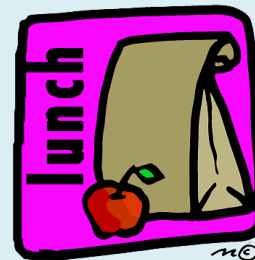
The program provides scholarships to help families send their children to the private school of their choice. The BASIC Fund scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need. For more information please visit the Home Page of www.StartingGateSchool scroll down to the BASIC Fund Banner.

SCHOOL CALENDAR
Important dates ahead!

Starting Gate School 579 Couch Street ~ Vallejo, CA ~ 94589 707.643.GATE (4283)	
School Year 2010 - 2011	
<small>Additional Holidays may be scheduled in accordance with the governing School District. Starting Gate School will be CLOSED on these HOLIDAYS unless otherwise noted.</small>	
* OBSERVED HOLIDAYS*	
September 6, 2010 - Monday	LABOR DAY
October 11, 2010 - Monday	COLUMBUS DAY
November 11, 2010 - Thursday	VETERAN'S DAY
November 24, 2010 - Wednesday	THANKSGIVING DAY
November 25, 2010 - Thursday	
November 26, 2010 - Friday	
December 24, 2010 - Friday	CHRISTMAS EVE (Observed)
December 31, 2010 - Friday	NEW YEAR'S EVE (Observed)
January 18, 2011 - Monday	MARTIN LUTHER KING'S DAY
February 15, 2011 - Monday	PRESIDENTS' DAY
May 31, 2011 - Monday	MEMORIAL DAY

LUNCH INFORMATION

Pizza Day for the entire school will continue to be on Thursday's. Please speak to your student's Teacher about signing up your child. Popeye's chicken day has been moved from Friday's to Tuesday's. Again, please inform your student's teacher if you wish your child to participate.



PAST EVENTS

Aloha! On Friday, August 31, parents and students joined in to celebrate the end of Summer Fun Activities with a Hawaiian Luau. Fun was had by all as the student's performed traditional Hawaiian dances, trampoline games, followed by a pot luck brunch.



For past newsletters and previous events please check the SGS website: www.StartingGateSchool.com under News and Events.