

Starting Gate School

Home of the Eagles



Greetings from our family to yours!

SAFETY FIRST!

Thank you to Medic Ambulance for the demonstration of how a heart monitor machine actually works. Allowing the student's to actually experience the use of an oxygen machine, and activate the flashing lights was truly an enlightening experience for all students.

Special thanks to our neighborhood Paramedics, Tim Bonifay, and Jason Comer provided and informative on site visit and made the day an educational treat for Students, Staff, and Parents.

Welcome back to School! We hope everyone had a safe, enjoyable, and delicious Thanksgiving Holiday.

Tuition is now due for December, to avoid a late payment fee, please have your tuition installment in by Friday, December 4, 2009. Please note that when your child is not picked up within the designated time allowed, a late pick up fee starts at \$25.00 and will occur consecutively every 15 minutes.

School pictures and Report cards were distributed last month. If you have questions or wish to request copies of either school pictures or report cards please contact the main office at 707-643-GATE(4283).

Thank you, your patronage is much appreciated.

Grades Kindergarten and up will be on Winter Break beginning December 21, 2009 and returning in the New Year on January 4, 2010.

Parent Reminder!

Now the chilly weather is upon us please remember that long sleeve turtle neck shirts can also be worn as part of the school uniform. Please send your student with sweaters jackets, zip up, or pull over sweat shirts that are in accordance with school uniform colors.

Please, no patterns, prints, or logos allowed. Clothing of this nature causes distraction, and often sentimental grief if lost or damaged.

This month we say good bye (*only for a short while*) to Teacher Eyce who will be completing her college education. We look forward to having Teacher Eyce return in the summer of 2010, she will be with us here at Starting Gate School on Friday, December 18, 2009 for the Christmas festivities, at which time you will be able to say your personal good-byes. We all wish the best for her in further advancing her educational goals.





Did you Know?



Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background, one that can only be gained through regular attendance.

Studies show that students who are absent more often tend to score lower on tests. Being late for school hurts a child's learning. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year.

Children can copy notes or make up an assignment, but they can never get back what's most important: the discussions and questions, the explanations by the teacher and the thinking that makes learning come alive.



Annual Christmas Celebration

December 18, 2009 will be our annual Christmas celebration with a pot luck lunch and a visit from Santa Claus. Please watch for detail on this scheduled half day as we get closer to the big event.

In the Holiday Spirit, we are holding a canned food drive this month. This year, all of Starting Gate School will be participating in the annual food drive for the Christian Help Center. Please bring your canned goods or boxed items to school no later than Friday, December 18, 2009, in time for distribution



Thanks and Recognition

Thank you to everyone last month, for keeping your child home from school who came in contact with a cold or flu at the beginning of this holiday season. Through preventative health measures taken by parents, Starting Gate School had one of the month's best attendances on record.

Thank you to all our parents who graciously donate their time and materials generously each month. Recycling plays an import role here at school, bringing in your bottles, and cans teach our students how to be care for the earth, while the proceeds go toward the beautification of their school. This month we acknowledge Teacher Dorothy, having submitted the largest amount of recyclables last month.

Special thanks this month goes out to our *Honorary Starting Gate Eagle*, Ricardo Santos for cleaning out the rain gutters that have been in disrepair for a while now and preparing our school for the winter rains ahead. Also an *Honorary Starting Gate Eagle* is Ronald Fitzgerald, for making the Parking Lot area a little safer and cleaner.

Season's greetings!

From all of us here at Starting Gate School, we would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Holiday Season.

