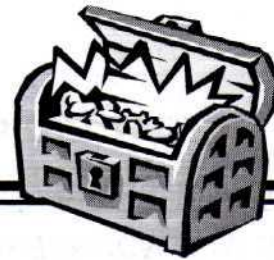


NUGGETS FROM EL DORADO

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(925) 682-5700

<http://www.mdusd.k12.ca.us/eldorado>

For Homework Assignments:

www.schoolnotes.com

From the Principal...

Dear Families of El Dorado,

As we embark on another school year, I want to make sure that you are well informed of the changes that El Dorado is embarking on. As you know, with the closure of Holbrook Elementary and Glenbrook Middle School, our enrollment has gone up. We are going to have close to 1100 students this year. Additionally, we have added several (approximately 10) new staff members to our school community. Let me be the first to welcome all of the new students and staff members to El Dorado.

In this newsletter, you will find information regarding our walk-through day in August. Due to the recent (and possibly upcoming) budget cuts, the amount of time that the clerical staff is on campus has been reduced. Therefore, I ask that you honor the walk-through times. This will take a lot of patience, understanding, and cooperation. I want to thank you in advance.

Additionally, there is other important information regarding different organizations here on campus – our Parent Faculty Club (PFC) and our English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). Please take some time to familiarize yourself with these two great groups. Also, I encourage you to sign up to be a member of either or both of the groups. The more members we have, the more we can get done.

Finally, I hope that you all have a very restful and relaxing summer break. I look forward to seeing all of you in August.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at humphreyr@mdusd.k12.ca.us.

Respectfully,

Robert Humphrey
Principal



**BACK-TO-SCHOOL
NIGHT**
Wednesday,
September 21, 2011

August 2011

GETTING READY FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

We look forward to welcoming you at our Walk Through Registration Day, Wed. August 17, 2011. From **9 a.m.**—

11:30 a.m. the 6th graders should be here with their parents/guardians to register.

At 12:30p.m.—3 p.m. the 7th and 8th graders will then come with their parents/guardians to register. On this day you will receive your **Parent Handbook** containing all of the information you will need to be an informed and successful family here at El Dorado.

Until that time, we have compiled a checklist of important items:

- ◆ When purchasing school clothes keep our Dress Code in mind. It is strictly enforced.
- ◆ Experts agree that back packs should weigh no more than 10% of a student's body weight. Consider purchasing one on wheels. Lockers are not available on our campus, but students are not required to carry textbooks each day. A set will be issued and kept at home for the school year.
- ◆ If your child requires medication during the day, please stop by and pick up the medication form that is required from your doctor in order to allow our office staff to dispense it. This is necessary for inhalers as well.
- ◆ July and August are a good time to make sure your child's immunizations are up to date. **This year, it is REQUIRED that students have a record on file that shows they have had the TDAP (or "Whooping Cough") booster. Without proof of this shot in your student's records, YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND SCHOOL.**
- ◆ Plan for a healthy snack for your child and help us teach them that good eating habits are a life-long goal. We do not allow soft drinks of any kind (including energy drinks) at school and only water is allowed in the classrooms.
- ◆ The Afterschool Program is open for 115 students. It is daily until 6:00pm. There is no charge for the program and applications are available during registration.
- ◆ A supply list for each grade level will be available at registration. Please wait until you receive it to purchase school materials for your child.
- ◆ Bicycles can be registered during the walk-through process. **Remember, no rollerblades, skateboards or scooters are permitted on our campus.**
- ◆ **Please plan for and remember that our campus does not open for students until 8:06 am.** Students purchasing breakfast can enter the cafeteria through the front doors at 7:45, but must stay in the MUR until the campus opens at 8:06 a.m.

From the OFFICE

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

CALL THE **ATTENDANCE HOTLINE**
WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT.



Dial: 682-8000 ext. 7627

Leave the following information:

1. Your name and relationship to the student.
2. Student name and grade.
3. Date or dates of absence.
4. Reason for absence.

If you are unable to call, send a note to the office. Make sure you date and sign the note. *Absences not cleared within 72 hours of the absence are recorded as UNEXCUSED in the permanent record.*

TARDY POLICY

Being on time is very important!

At El Dorado, the first bell rings at 8:20 and school begins at 8:25 a.m. daily. We ask parents to do their part in getting their students to class on time each morning.



IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY:

"Please help us to avoid unnecessary interruptions!"

To maximize learning time we must avoid interrupting classes except in a real **emergency**. If your student must leave school early, please help out by calling the school office before 9:00 a.m. (682-5700 ext. 5105) or by sending a note clearly indicating why and when your child will leave and the office will issue them a "Permit to Leave." **Indicate if you will be picking up your student or if they have permission to walk home. No students will walk home without permission.**



MEDICATION

The school form "Medication During School Hours," must be completed by parents and the medical advisor and be on file before the school can permit medications to be taken at school. School personnel will assist students according to the physician's instructions. All medications are kept in the school office unless other arrangements are made with an administrator.

MEDICAL EXCUSES

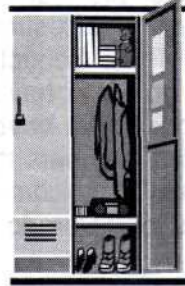
With a written excuse from parents, students may be excused from some school activities (i.e., physical education) for a maximum of one day, if there is a temporary illness or other health problem. **For longer periods, authorization from a medical advisor is required.**

BREAKFAST AT EL DORADO

Breakfast is served from 7:45 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. in the MUR. Students may enter from the bus circle side of the MUR. As students finish breakfast they may enter the campus from the cafeteria any time after 8:06 a.m.

LOCKERS

Hall lockers are **not available** for student use. Students should bring a sturdy bag to carry books and other items.



Physical Education lockers are available to students in the P.E. changing rooms for storing personal items during the class period. **Valuables are not to be stored in the lockers.** Personal locks may be used on these lockers during a student's P.E. period.

NEW THIS YEAR

Registration is Cash Only!

Please be sure to look over your Golden Nugget Donation/Sales slip form included in this newsletter. This will help you to estimate your registration donations and purchases before registration on August 17th.

This year, El Dorado registration will be cash only - no checks will be accepted. Please plan ahead and be prepared to pay for P.E. clothing, yearbooks, student body, PFC, emergency and department donations with CASH

EL DORADO MIDDLE SCHOOL WALK THROUGH REGISTRATION

6th Grade

Wednesday, August 17

9:00 am-11:30 am

7th & 8th Grades

Wednesday August 17

12:30 pm-3:00 pm

ONLY, no checks will be accepted.

Thank you! **The El Dorado Office Staff**

From the PFC

Greetings El Dorado Families!

The Parent Faculty Club (PFC) welcomes you back to school! The PFC is an involved group of parents, teachers, and staff who work together to enrich the educational experience of the students at El Dorado Middle School. PFC supports El Dorado by funding activities and supplies for the students and staff of the school: campus beautification, computer lab supplies, classroom supplies, social activities for the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, positive rewards, star test snacks, and end of the year award assemblies. These are just a few of the ways PFC supports El Dorado. We would like to continue to provide for our students this year but need your help! You can help financially support the PFC by making a membership donation at registration, support our Fundraiser in the fall, register your Safeway Club Card with Escript (directions below), and save Box Tops for Education. These fundraising efforts make it possible to continue support of our students, teachers, and staff. We also need volunteers for these events and activities to take place. Please fill out the Volunteer Form included in this packet and bring it with you to Registration Day. Your financial and volunteer support is needed now more than ever! We invite you to attend our PFC meetings which are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the staff lunchroom. Please join us and help make a difference at El Dorado Middle School... We look forward to seeing you!

Sheila Bergum
PFC President
skbergs@astound.net

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP WITH ESCRIP

Please remember to update your information with ESCRIP this summer! Just go to www.escrip.com and renew your Safeway card online. You can also call 1-800-801-4973 to update your account or start a new one if you don't have an account already. You can also register other cards that you frequently use and earn credits for the school. This is such an easy way to support El Dorado Middle. Please remember that you can split your contributions into up to three groups. Log on to see how!



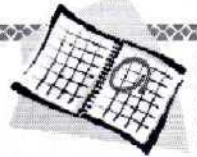
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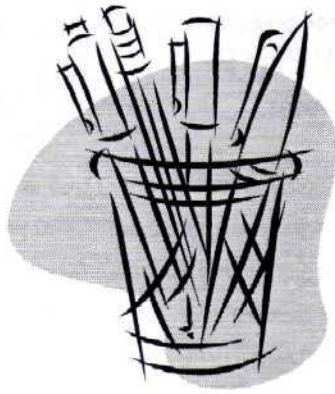
VOLUNTEERS ARE ESSENTIAL TO EL DORADO MIDDLE SCHOOL!

We love our volunteers! If you really want to help at El Dorado during school hours, or chaperone a field trip, you **MUST** be TB tested and fingerprinted through the district. Download a form on the school website and call the district directly to make an appointment this summer. Contact 682-8000 x4153 for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011-2012 Fall Semester



August 17	6 th Grade Registration 9:00 am -11:00 am 7 th Grade Registration 11:00 am -12:30 pm 8 th Grade Registration 1:30 pm -3:00 pm
August 30	First Day of School
August 31	PFC Meet & Greet
September 2	School Picture Day
September 5	Labor Day Holiday
September 14	PFC Meeting, 7:00 pm
September 15	ELAC Meeting, 4:15 pm
September 20	School Site Council Meeting, 3:30 pm
September 21	Back to School Night, 6:00-8:30 pm
September 22	Minimum Day-Dismissal at 1:29 pm
October 7	First Quarter Progress Reports Given to Students
October 7	School Make-Up Picture Day
October 18	School Site Council Meeting, 3:30 pm
October 19	PFC Meeting, 7:00 pm
October 20	ELAC Meeting, 4:15 pm
November 4	First Quarter Ends
November 11	Veterans' Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL
November 14	First Quarter Report Cards Given to Students
November 15	School Site Council Meeting, 3:30 pm
November 16	PFC Meeting, 7:00 pm
November 17	ELAC Meeting, 4:15 pm
November 21-25	Thanksgiving Recess
December 1	Minimum Day-Dismissal at 1:29 pm
December 13	School Site Council Meeting, 3:30 pm
December 14	PFC Meeting, 7:00 pm
December 15	ELAC Meeting, 4:15 pm
December 16	Second Quarter Progress Reports Given to Students
Dec.19-Jan. 2	Winter Recess
January 3	School Resumes
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
January 17	School Site Council Meeting, 3:30 pm
January 18	PFC Meeting, 7:00 pm
January 19	ELAC Meeting, 4:15 pm
January 27	Second Quarter Ends
January 30	NO SCHOOL—Teacher In-Service
February 3	Second Quarter Report Cards Go Home



**EL DORADO MIDDLE SCHOOL
WALK-THROUGH REGISTRATION
FOR 2011-2012**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2011

6TH Graders and Parents
9:00 am - 11:00 am

7TH Graders and Parents
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

8TH Graders and Parents
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST ACCOMPANY EACH STUDENT.

On Registration Day, you will turn in completed forms, make donations, purchase yearbooks and P.E. uniforms, and pick up your student's class schedule. Students who plan to ride bikes to El Dorado, and have not previously registered the bike, must bring the bike, a lock, and helmet in order to complete this process. ***The class schedule will only be given out after all emergency sheets have been properly filled out and signed. Students who still have books to return from last year, must return their books or pay for them before they receive their schedules.***

WALK-THROUGH PROCEDURES

- Station 1** **Family/Student Information**
Front Gate Pick up Parent Handbook and *Acceptable Use Agreement* form.
Student/Contact Information (demographic sheet). Please review and update current information.
Bicycle Registration form.
- Station 2** **Gold Nugget Sales and Forms**
M.U.R. Make donations and purchase yearbook and P.E. clothes.
Cash Only
Turn in PFC Volunteer and Parent Patrol Form.
Pick up student supply lists.
Complete Bicycle Registration form. Bring bike, lock, and a helmet to registration. Sticker will then be placed on registered bike.
- Station 3** **Emergency/Contact Sheets**
Room S4 Turn in updated emergency/demographic sheet. Must have parent/guardian signature.
It is important to list at least three emergency numbers other than parent/guardian. In case of an emergency, a student will **only** be released to persons listed on the sheet. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.
Turn in signed *Acceptable Use Agreement* form.
- Station 4** **Class Schedule**
A Wing Show your completed Golden Nugget Receipt.
Window (Some schedules will be held pending fines/lost books clearance.)

SCHOOL PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND.



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OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT

August 1, 2011

Dear Parents:

The Mt. Diablo Unified School District does **not** carry medical insurance for students who are injured on school premises, while under school jurisdiction or while they are participating in school district activities. For this reason, the District has approved a medical and dental insurance plan for presentation to parents.

The insurance program offered is optional. It complies with the State Education Code that permits distribution of necessary information from the company providing the coverage. Student accident insurance may be purchased for school-time coverage, 24-hour coverage and/or interscholastic tackle football coverage. In addition, a dental accident plan is available. The plans are designed to provide maximum protection for students. You may wish to consider the benefits of additional coverage even if you already have medical insurance.

The Mt. Diablo Unified School District does not act as an agent for this or any other insurance provider. The insurance, if purchased, is a separate contract between the buyer and the insurance company. The District cannot and will not become involved in any disputes over coverage or payment of claims. The District has no financial interest in the purchase of any insurance. Parents are free to purchase this type of insurance from any other source if you wish.

You may access the application and a description of benefits on line at www.studentinsuranceusa.com. Click on the link labeled "K-12 Plans," scroll down and click on "K-12 Application." You may then print and complete the application and mail it directly to the Student Insurance Company. If you prefer, you may contact the company directly at 1-800-367-5830 or you may call the Office of General Counsel of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District at (925) 682-8000, ext. 4002, for an application. For high school athletes, each high school has a supply of the application forms for your convenience.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven Lawrence".

Steven Lawrence, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT

Agosto 1, 2011

Estimados Padres de Familia:

El Mt. Diablo Unified School District no provee cobertura de seguro médico para aquellos alumnos que han sufrido un accidente y han sido lesionados dentro del plantel escolar o mientras estaban bajo la jurisdicción de la escuela o participando en actividades del distrito escolar. Por esta razón, el distrito escolar ha aprobado un plan de seguro médico y dental para ser presentado a los padres de familia.

El seguro medico que se ofrece es opcional y cumple con las disposiciones del Código de Educación Estatal que permite la distribución de información necesaria por parte de la compañía que provee este programa de cobertura. El seguro de accidente del alumno podrá ser adquirido para propósitos de cobertura durante las horas escolares, 24 horas al día, y/o cobertura durante juegos inter-escolares de futbol americano. Además, disponemos de un plan de accidente dental. Estos planes están designados a proveer protección máxima a los alumnos y pueda que usted desee considerar estos beneficios como una cobertura adicional, aunque ya tenga un seguro medico.

El Mt. Diablo Unified School District no es un agente de seguros o de ninguna compañía proveedora de seguros. El seguro, si adquirido, es un contrato completamente separado entre el comprador y la compañía de seguros. El distrito no puede involucrarse, ni lo hará, en ninguna disputa sobre la cobertura o demandas de pago. El Distrito no tiene ningún interés financiero en la compra de los seguros. Los padres de familia están libres de comprar este tipo de seguro de cualquier fuente disponible.

Usted puede tener acceso a la solicitud y a una descripción de los beneficios, entrando en línea a la dirección: www.studentinsuranceusa.com. Oprima en el enlace llamado: "K-12 Plans", desplace la tecla hacia abajo y luego oprima sobre "K-12 Application". Puede imprimir esta solicitud, completarla y enviarla por correo directamente a la Compañía de Seguros del Alumno. Si usted prefiere, puede ponerse en contacto con ellos directamente, llamando al 1-800-367-5830 o llamando a la Oficina del Consejero Legal del Distrito Escolar al teléfono (925) 682-8000, interno 4002, para conseguir una solicitud. Para los atletas de las escuelas secundarias o de preparatorias, cada escuela secundaria tiene formularios de solicitud para su conveniencia.

Sinceramente,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven Lawrence".

Steven Lawrence, Ph.D.
Superintendent