

# EL DORADO MIDDLE SCHOOL – TOROS NEWS FACTS

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Families of El Dorado,

Welcome to another phenomenal year at El Dorado. Over the summer, El Dorado and the Mount Diablo Unified School District went through some major changes due to the fiscal crisis faced by our state. We have added some new staff members, we have lost some staff members and we have added over 250 new students. This year is going to be challenging but I know that by working together, we can and will ensure a successful educational experience for all of our students. Despite our challenges, I know this is going to be a great year!

As we begin our journey through the 2011 – 2012 school year, I want to take some time to provide you with a few reminders (and this should sound familiar to many of you). First and foremost, in order for your student to be successful, they have to be here. I know that things come up, kids get sick, etc. But it is imperative that they are here, on time, everyday. The curriculum at the middle school level is fast and furious, preparing your student(s) for high school. For them to be successful, they need to be here receiving the quality education that all El Dorado teachers present everyday.

In addition, students need to “dress for success.” Just as it is my job to be your principal, it is their job to be a student. That means dressing appropriately, getting a good night sleep, and coming to school prepared to learn. They should come with all the necessary supplies that they would need to be successful.

Finally, if you have questions or concerns about anything, please do not hesitate to call the school. We are here for you. If you would like to meet with me or one of the other administrators, I would suggest that you call and set up an appointment. We value your time, input and support and I would hate to see you waiting in the office for me to get out of a meeting.

Welcome to another amazing year at El Dorado!

Respectfully,

Robert Humphrey,  
Principal

## Parent Faculty Club News

Thank you to all students and their families who participated in our Fall Cherrydale fundraiser! Orders are being processed and will be distributed to your students to bring home in a few weeks. Your participation enables the Parent Faculty Club to provide supplies and materials for classrooms, as well as help support student activities and events at El Dorado this school year. Thank you for helping your school!

El Dorado is a Box tops for Education school. We now have a collection box in the office so that you can turn in labels year round, and not just during fall and spring collection dates. Look for the pink labels on the products you purchase. For more information on the Box Tops program, go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). This is such an easy way to raise cash for El Dorado Middle. Just clip, collect and send in to school!

We need El Dorado families to sign up for escrip. If you have not had the chance yet; are a new 6th Grade family or a new family who has transferred from another school, we need you to sign up!

Please transfer your escrip to El Dorado Middle School today!

*Together we can  
make a  
difference*

[www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) El Dorado eScrip Group ID – 137963203

Forms are available in the office, if you don't have internet access;  
Or contact Jennifer Wallig ([mrswallig@aol.com](mailto:mrswallig@aol.com)) for a form to be emailed to you.

Do you shop at Foodmaxx or Lucky stores? PFC has signed up for SHARES, a program which donates funds from a percentage of your grocery purchases from the Save Mart family of stores. Look for flyers and cards to come home in your students backpack in the next few weeks.

Sheila Bergum,  
PFC President

## Sex Education Courses or Family Life Education And Sexually Transmitted Disease including HIV/ AIDS education

Instruction in these subjects is included in the curriculum in grades 5 and 7 Life Science Classes, and in high school Biology and Health Education classes as well as certain high school Home Economics and P.E classes. You may request that your child be excused from any instruction in which HUMAN REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS are described, illustrated or discussed, or from instruction about SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES. Materials being used are available for inspection and preview at the District Instructional Media Center, Willow Creek Center, 1026 Mohr Lane, Concord, January 23, 2011 through January 27, 2011, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Student Achievement and School Support, 682-8000, ext. 4041) (E.C. 51937, 51938, 51939).

### Attention All Volunteers!!

The California State Education Code requires that ALL volunteers who work with students, even for only one time, MUST be fingerprinted and have TB clearance. Fingerprinting may be done at our District Office for a fee of \$32; please call 682-8000, ext. 4153 to set up an appointment.

We do not want to cancel field trips or other student activities due to lack of chaperones or volunteers. If you have not already done so, please sign up now.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

[www.mdusd.k12.ca.us/ElDoradoMiddleSchool](http://www.mdusd.k12.ca.us/ElDoradoMiddleSchool)

## Upcoming Events:

**Annual Canned Food Drive-October 31-November 18<sup>th</sup>.** CJSF is coordinating this service.

**School Site Council Meeting:** Our School Site Council Meets on the third Tuesday of every month from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm in the Library. Our next School Site Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 15. School Site Council meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend!

**PFC Meeting:** The next PFC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Staff lunchroom.

**English Language Advisory Committee Meeting:** Our English Language Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, 11/17/11 from 6:00-7:30pm in the Library.

The purpose of this committee is to serve the needs of our English Learner students. This meeting is open to the public and all are invited to attend. If you have any questions or if you need further information, you may contact Mr. Ramirez at 925-682-5700.

### Upcoming Activities/Events by Our Leadership Classes:

We are currently holding a fundraiser with Fresh & Easy. For every receipt totaling \$20.00 or more, we receive \$1.00. For example, if you have a receipt for \$63.70, El Dorado will earn 3.00. They do not accept 2 or more receipts that total \$20.00. Please bring all receipts to Ms. Adler in room A5. This will go until Dec. 16th, the last day of school before Winter Break. Encourage your friends and family to participate. Green fliers will be distributed to all students' 7th period classes this week.

These funds will go towards our new student store, called the One Stop, Toro Shop which will be opening soon. Students will soon be able to purchase school supplies needed for a successful education.

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We are starting a Pet Bed Drive and asking for donations of clean, but used towels, blankets, sheets, dog/cat beds, anything that would more comfortable than sleeping on pavement. The Leaderships classes will be donating all items to Martinez Shelter and other local rescues. It's nearing the holidays and unfortunately the shelters are overcrowded.

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**Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>:** We are holding a family fundraiser at Chevy's in Pleasant Hill from 4-8pm. We will receive 25% of the sales and proceeds will go towards events and activities for all El Dorado students.

**Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Students vs. Teacher soccer game at 3:30pm. Admission is free. Snacks and drinks will be sold. Come and support your Toro pride and cheer on the teachers, admin, and students.

**Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>:** Fresh & Easy Shopping Night- We are holding another family fundraiser from 4-10pm at the Clayton Fresh & Easy store. We will earn 5% off all of the receipts collected that night. Save your shopping for Wed. and earn money for activities and El Dorado.

**Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>:** Winter Wonderland Dance from 3:30-6:00 in the MU. Drinks, pizza, snacks, etc. will be sold. We will also have a professional photographer, so bring extra money for memorable pictures. Free tattoos and other activities will be going on. We will need a vast amount of parent volunteers along with donations of store bought baked goods, sodas, water, pizza, etc. All donations are appreciated. Price of tickets will be released soon.

**El Dorado Spirit wear for Sale!**

T's \$10 Hoodies \$20

Order forms available in Office

**ABSENCE REPORTING:**

School attendance is a very important component of a child's education.

However, we understand there are times when your child will be unable to attend school. In such a case, Please call our attendance line at 682-8000 ext. 7627.