

Office Hours:  
7:30am-4pm  
916-566-2745  
January 2019



# HAZEL STRAUCH SCHOOL

## Important Dates

1/18: 8:45am Coffee  
and Conversation with  
Admin in Library

1/18 Trimester 2 Pro-  
gress Reports go home

1/21 HOLIDAY - No  
School

1/25 Free Dress

1/31 3:25 School Site  
Council Meeting in  
Room 23

## Principal's Message

Happy New Year Strauch friends and families! Welcome back and I hope you all had an enjoyable winter break. At Strauch the staff is back and busy planning out the rest of our second trimester. Teachers have already spent time prior to break analyzing first trimester benchmark data to determine how to best meet the needs of our students. As we reviewed our data, we were pleased with the progress our students are making towards meeting grade level standards. We have increased in ELA and math on our state tests each year for the past four years, and we look forward to continued growth. In order to accomplish this, we need your support. Parents/Guardians are an important part of our team and you can help by ensuring your child is at school each day, on time, prepared and ready to learn. Also, ensure your child is reading each night and that homework is completed.

Progress reports for the second trimester will go home this month. Only students who are not currently meeting grade level standards in an academic area will receive one. If at any time you have any questions about your child's progress, please contact their teacher to set up a time to meet and discuss your concerns.

Each month we have events planned that are important for you to note. Please take a moment to review the upcoming events and messages included in this newsletter so that you are well informed of what is going on at our school. Thank you for your continued support and best wishes for a fabulous 2019!

Marlisa Rodriguez, Principal

## Business Day Update

The fourth grade classes would like to thank the Strauch Community for another successful Business Day. Fourth grade earned over \$1300 that will be put towards field trips and other fourth grade activities.



## Classroom Observation Policy

**To ensure the safety of our students, all visitors must sign in at the office and get a visitors badge, which must be worn while on campus.** Parents/guardians and interested members of the community are encouraged to visit the school and observe the educational program. Visits during school hours should be arranged twenty four hours in advance with the teacher or administrator. Please provide the desired time and date of visit. During visits in classrooms, cell phones should be turned off or on silent mode. Electronic listening or recording devices are not allowed on campus without prior approval by administration. If a conference with the teacher is desired, an appointment should be set with the teacher during non-instructional time. When school is in session, all visitors must go directly to the school office to register (Penal code 627.6) before going into instructional areas.

# Attendance Update

1. Develop back up plans for getting your children to school in bad weather.
  - a. Check to see if your child can get a ride with other families who have a reliable car during inclement weather.
  - b. Form a “walking school bus” with other families to get students to school safely.
  
2. Keep your children healthy.
  - a. Dress them warmly for the cold weather.
  - b. Stress the importance of eating a good breakfast every morning.
  - c. Stress hand washing, particularly in the winter months Research shows that something as simple as hand washing can improve attendance.
  - d. Talk to your doctor or school nurse about when a sick child should come to school. Health providers allow a child to attend with a cold, but not with a fever.

## Character Trait: Tolerance and Friendship

Accepting differences in others and learning how to be kind and make friends with everyone.

**Books:** Chester’s Way by Kevin Henkes

The Name Jar: Vangsook Choi

**Activity:** Learn how to meet or introduce people. Shake hands, look them in the eye, and call them by their name.



## Parking Lot Update

Please pull all the way forward when dropping off your student at school. Please do not leave your car unattended at any time. Only cars with a handicap placard are allowed in the handicap zones. Thank you for your efforts to keep our parking lot safe.

