

August 20, 2009

Pershing Comet News

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Dates to Remember...

- Friday, August 21st – K-5 dismiss at 1:53 pm
- Tuesday, August 25th, PLC early dismissal at 1:33 pm, No Excite
- Friday, August 28th – PPTO Fund Raiser Kick-off Assembly
- Monday, September 7th – Labor Day, Schools are closed
- Thursday, September 10th – PPTO Meeting, 7:00 pm at Pershing
- Friday, September 11th – PPTO fund raiser ends

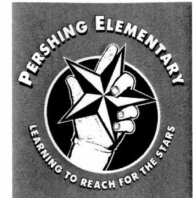
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Curriculum Events

Teachers are sponsoring Curriculum Events to assist parents and guardians in knowing what their child will study this year, how best to support their child, and how to partner with teachers. Please watch classroom newsletters for specific dates and times. We hope you will be able to attend.

PERSHING T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

If you or your child would like to order a Pershing T-Shirt, please return the T-Shirt order form with a \$10.00 payment. Checks should be made out to Pershing Elementary School. Orders are due by September 11th.



ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PERSHING ELEMENTARY



Arrival

The Pershing campus will be closed until 8:00 a.m. for the safety of students.

Breakfast—Served between 7:40-8:00 a.m. Enter at the front doors. Students arriving after 7:55 a.m. will receive a sack breakfast to take with them. Earliest arrival (unless entering breakfast, instrumental music, or before-school CLC services) is signaled by the bell at 8:00 a.m.

Arrival Times

Students line up between 8:00-8:10 a.m. in their supervised locations. Students enter the building at 8:10 a.m. with their teacher. School begins at 8:15 a.m. After 8:15 a.m., all students use the main entrance and must check in with the SEM para. Once the school day begins, please use the main entrance.

Title 1

Pershing elementary has been designated a Title 1 school beginning this school year. This designation is based on a higher percentage of students qualifying for Federal support (free or reduced pricing) for school lunches. This designation provides us with funding to offer academic interventions, parent engagement opportunities, and social emotional support.

MORE TIME FOR MATH

Research shows that providing students additional time to learn math skills raises their achievement.

Pershing staff have made a commitment to spending an additional 30 minutes per day on math. Students will have traditional math time with their class. Teachers will then use assessments to create new 30 minute groups based on skill needs. The groups will change based on needs.

Breakfast at Pershing

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Children who eat breakfast are more alert in the classroom, are more attentive to the teacher, and are able to learn without the distraction of hunger. We offer breakfast at Pershing every morning starting at 7:40 a.m. There is no registration needed and your child(ren) are welcome to come anytime. The price for a student meal is \$1.00 and the price for an adult/visitor meal is \$1.40. Breakfast is included if your child receives free or reduced pricing for lunches.

Gifts, treats, and invitations

Please **do not** send birthday treats, balloon bouquets, flowers, party invitations, etc. to school. These items will not be delivered to classrooms. It is disruptive to learning. In addition, the school often receives requests for lists of names and/or addresses of students, but unfortunately it is district policy that student names, addresses, and phone numbers cannot be given out by the school. PPTO will be working on a student directory. Thank you for your understanding. We recognize that birthdays are a special day in a child's life. At Pershing School, we will recognize birthdays each month in the main office with Mrs. Baker. You may reference page 15 of your Pershing calendar for further details.

