

# Garden Road E.S.S.

## OCTOBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

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### **IMPORTANT DATES...**

Please mark your Calendars...

#### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOV. 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Please remind your child it will be getting darker earlier.

#### **PARENT CONFERENCE DAYS**

November 16-20

- Pepp Class will be on a regular schedule (8-11:20am)
- K-5 will be on an early dismissal schedule all week (8-11:45am)

There are no additional fees for these days if you have a PM or Full Time contract. AM contracts and "Fridays only" can sign up for additional fees. We will assume your child is attending if they are at school those days. Please let us know if you have other plans and they will be absent from ESS. The staff will plan additional activities in addition to our regular day. Reading/Homework programs will be scheduled before snack at 2:30pm.

#### **VETERAN'S DAY...Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

School & ESS CLOSED

#### **THANKSGIVING RECESS**

**Both School and ESS will be closed  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**

#### **WINTER RECESS...Dec. 21-Jan 2**

School closed, ESS will offer a Winter Camp on Dec. 21-23 and Dec. 28-30 on the Midland Elementary Campus. Advance sign up and payment will be required. ESS will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1.

#### **MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY**

Monday January 18<sup>th</sup> ...School & ESS Closed

#### **WINTER RECESS...Dec. 21-Jan 2**

Garden Road ESS will be offering a "Winter Camp" Program during the Winter Break Dec. 21-Jan 1, but not on our campus. We will be joining our friends at Midland ESS for the Winter Break Session. This will help us reduce costs and still provide a program even if we have low enrollment. We "visited" Midland ESS a few summers ago and had a very positive experience. They have a beautiful ESS facility/campus, easy parking and a great staff.

#### **"Winter Camp" details...**

- Dates: December 21-23 & 28-30 (Mon., Tues. & Wed. of both weeks)  
\*\*\*No ESS Program offered Dec. 25 & 26 or Dec. 31-Jan.1.
- Hours: 6:30am-6:00pm
- Location: Midland Elementary (ESS)
- Staff from Garden Road ESS will be there (in proportion to the number of students who attend from our school).
- Advance sign up and payment will be mandatory. The cost is \$90.00 (per week) for the first child and \$76.50 for siblings.
- No single days, you can sign up for one week or both.
- Cancellation will require a two week notice.
- Please complete the attached survey and let us know your plans. You must sign up by Nov. 15 if you want the fees to be added to your Dec. invoice.

I will provide you with more information as soon as I get it. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

## A NOTE ABOUT INVOICES & FEES...

ESS is a non-profit, self supporting Program. Your fees are **essential** for the program to meet its operating costs. Invoices are sent (email or US mail) around the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month. Fees are due the first week of each month. To mail a payment, pick up an addressed envelope at Garden Road ESS or address an envelope to PUSD-ESS, P.O. Box 688, Poway, Ca 92074. To pay by electronic check, debit or credit card log on to: <http://firstlinemerchant.com/PUSD/ess.htm>. There is also a link on the garden Road ESS website [www.powayusd.com/pusdgres/ess/](http://www.powayusd.com/pusdgres/ess/). **Your on time payment is very much appreciated.** A \$20.00 late fee will be added to your account if your payment is received after the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please let us know if you have any questions. You can call the ESS accounting @ 748-0010 ext. 2212 or 2213 directly or see Mary/Niki.

## ESS OFFICE HOURS

Due to ongoing changes in staff schedules, the Garden Road ESS Office may be closed from 8:30-11:00am daily. If you need to drop something off during that time, you can leave it with the school office. Messages can be left on the answering machine or you can send an e-mail if you prefer. Mary & Niki will always check both when they return. **\*Please note... Mary will be on Vacation October 12-16.**

## GARDEN ROAD ESS WEBSITE

[www.powayusd.com/pusdgres/ess/](http://www.powayusd.com/pusdgres/ess/)

Garden Road ESS has a new and improved website! **We are very proud of it and hope you find it helpful.** Cindy Drummond (am aide) is very talented in this area and is now our official webmaster. If you have any comments (and/or compliments☺) you can email her directly at [cdrummond@powayusd.com](mailto:cdrummond@powayusd.com).

## Halloween Happenings:

Halloween crafts, games and activities will be offered during the month of October. If you do not celebrate Halloween please let the staff know and we will provide alternate activities for your child. Children will have an opportunity to dress up for a costume parade during their regular school day. ESS will not have a costume dress up activity. We also appreciate you reminding your child to keep Halloween candy at home.

## HOMEWORK

Homework is an important part of your child's ESS day. Kindergarteners and 1<sup>st</sup> graders have a story time/reading period each day. We offer a homework period for 45 minutes Mon. - Thurs. for 2-5 graders. Upon request, students needing additional time can work independently during recess and activity times. During our homework period, students are given an opportunity to work on homework and the ESS staff will assist them. The ESS staff is unable to offer one on one tutoring, but we will help your child as much as possible. We ask that parents take the final responsibility and check for accuracy and completion. Although a majority of the children have been using their homework time wisely, we do have some students who are not. If you haven't already, please fill out a GR ESS Homework contract with your child (2-5 graders) and return it to ESS. Hopefully this will eliminate any confusion over how your child should be using their homework period. All students are asked to contribute to a quiet working atmosphere. Students are expected to work independently, unless it is a special "group" assignment. Reading and writing are always encouraged if a child does not have anything to work on or if you prefer they do their homework at home.

## **Friendly Reminders:**

- Notify staff if there are any changes in your emergency contact information.
- Label backpacks, lunch boxes, jackets & sweaters, etc.
- No toys from home (except on special occasions)
- Please notify us when your child will be absent (phone, email, blue slip)
- Remind your child to clean out their cubbie daily
- Check your family folder daily

## **Garden Road ESS Staff:**

Supervisor: Mary Nichols

Assistant Supervisor: Niki Haskins

Am Aide: Cindy Drummond

Kindergarten: Desiree Laguda

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Niki Haskins

2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Preston Axford

4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Andrew Yanoscik

High School Aides: Claire Gosen, Dylan Fernandez, Larissa Giles & Jade Gurule

# Welcome Johneen Gregg, New Director of ESS !

**Every Elementary School in the Poway Unified School District has an ESS program on its campus. Each site has a Supervisor and Lead Assistant management team on campus to run the daily operations. PUSD also provides a Director of ESS to supervise all 25 sites and the ESS Administration office. Here is a note from the new director.**

"My name is Johneen Gregg and I am the new Director of ESS, replacing Leslie Granger who just recently retired. As the parent of a former ESS student and high school assistant as well as being the grandparent of a current ESS student I am thrilled to be part of a program that continues to serve our students in a positive environment that provides not only quality care but also one that enriches and enhances their development. I have been an integral part of Poway Unified for 23 years having served as a teacher, assistant principal and elementary principal, and hope to bring that background into my new position. As I continue to learn more about all the facets such a broad program entails, I will be looking toward your expertise as parents in ESS to help guide and facilitate my goals for our continued growth. Please feel free to contact me at [jgregg@powayusd.com](mailto:jgregg@powayusd.com) or 858-748-0010

Ex. 2933.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet you!"

Johneen Gregg  
Director ESS  
Poway Unified School District  
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**GARDEN ROAD ESS  
WINTER CAMP SURVEY**

*Please return by Monday October 18<sup>th</sup>*

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**ESS Winter Camp Program (cost: \$90.00 first child, \$76.50 for siblings (Per week)**

**Located @ Midland Elementary (ESS)**

Mon.-Wed. December 21-23                      yes              no              unsure

Mon.-Wed. December 28-30                      yes              no              unsure

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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