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Principal's Perspective

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What's New

This year seems to have just flown by! Our students continue to demonstrate academic improvement through goal setting, and behavior referrals are down due to greater emphasis on character lessons and rewards. Next year will be a challenge as we attempt to provide the same services with fewer financial resources and personnel, but there is some good news that causes me to be hopeful.

Positive changes:

- Last week we received word that GRES will receive one-time federal stimulus dollars. These Title I funds are restricted to use for our most at-risk students for instructional support and parent education.
- Business partnerships: We have pursued alternate ways to generate resources for our school. This year we partnered with Office Depot and American Taekwondo Association (ATA). Local businesses Dixieline, Wal-Mart and Home Depot have donated materials for building gardens and painting character murals. Many local businesses and restaurants supported our school this year. These generous businesses deserve our support in return.
- GRES was invited to become a satellite technology site in conjunction with Poway High School. PHS has piloted a Hewlett Packard graphics/production center, Oasis, this year, serving students, staff and the community. A smaller version will be piloted at GRES next year in an effort to provide a service and to generate site income.

All PUSD kindergarten classes will provide a two-week transition time in order for these students to learn classroom and lunch routines. During this time, they will attend school until 1:00PM and move to the regular 2:20PM dismissal for the remainder of the year.

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PTA News

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Wishing you a great summer!

We made it through a fun and busy year and I'd like to thank every Garden Road family for their support of the PTA. We couldn't do it without everyone's help. We had so many new people and families get involved; it was great to be see. I'd especially like to thank our Board, those parents who took time away from their families to give to their school and community. It made being President so much easier and a lot of fun. They are a great group of people and I look forward to working with everyone again next year. Keep an eye out for your PTA Welcome Packet during the first week of school to get lots of information on our plans next year.

Congratulations!

Next week, we say good-bye to our 5th graders! The PTA wishes every one of you a fun and relaxing summer vacation. We know how exciting it will be to be in middle school, where you will meet many new people and learn so many new things. We wish you well and encourage you to remember what a great community you come from and that your *character* really does count! We know you will continue to make your family and community proud!

SUMMER FUN

Calendar of Events

- June 10** 5th Grade Promotion, GR Park, 9 am
 - June 11** Last Day of School, dismissal at 12:40
 - August 20** First Day of School. 8am
- Remember to log on to the PUSD website and register your student!

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Difficult Changes Due To Budget Reductions:

- Primary classes (grades kindergarten through 3rd) will increase to 23 students. This change has resulted in two to three fewer primary classrooms next year and the loss of two staff positions. Elementary schools will lose their computer resource assistants, resulting in the loss of Larry Coppotelli.
- Our three-year counseling grant is over, resulting in losing the services of Tonya Edrington. School site budgets will be reduced even more, providing just enough to pay for copier costs. The PTA and parent donations of supplies will be greatly appreciated by classroom teachers.

I want to thank the Garden Road community for continued support of our staff and students. Best wishes on a restful and safe summer break.

GRES Volunteer of the Year: Congratulations to parent Melissa Martinez! She was voted by the staff as our Volunteer of the Year for her amazing effort in putting on the auction, assisting in classrooms and always managing to say, "yes," and with a smile. Mrs. Martinez has been selected as one of the PUSD Volunteers of the Year and will be honored at a school board meeting in September.

From the Library

It is my pleasure to acknowledge and thank Pam and Sam Knight for their recent gift to the Garden Road Library. We are delighted to have the opportunity to add new library books to our collection and their generous donation enabled us to purchase 25 new library bound titles, as well as a classroom set of literature paperbacks. Our students and faculty will enjoy the books made possible by their contribution for many years to come.

Thanks to our hardworking Garden Road PTA and to all the students, family members, and teachers who bought books at the Scholastic Spring Book Fair. Your participation in the Book Fair earned enough for the library to purchase almost 100 new library books. Thanks for helping to add many wonderful titles to our collection for the education and enjoyment of all students.

Garden Road's Summer Reading Challenge

How will your children fill those lazy summer hours? One way to balance an active summer schedule is to make time for leisure reading! This summer we hope you will encourage your child to keep reading, and to help you we are offering the first annual Garden Road Reading Challenge. It's simple – just have your child keep a log of the books he or she reads over the summer and bring the log to school in August. Look for a half-page flyer and reading logs in the office or your child's classroom. *Books are the quietest and most constant of friends: they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.*

Charles W. Eliot

More PTA News...

Reflections –Beauty Is...

We'd really love to have a great turnout for next year's Reflections creative art program/competition. "Beauty is" is the theme, which can mean just about anything. So give your child a camera this summer and have them take pictures of what is beautiful to them. Have them draw or paint a picture, write a short story or poem, choreograph a dance (and tape them dancing it!), write a musical composition or make a video or film. All of these can be entered... your child may win and go on to be awarded a National PTA Reflections Award! Entry forms will come home shortly after we return to school in August.

Yearbooks are on Sale! \$18

On Wednesday, our "senior classmen", our 5th graders, received their yearbooks. All preorders were delivered to classes on Thursday and, starting today, anyone can buy a yearbook. Yearbooks will be on sale before school next week at the front gates near the office. The yearbook is all color again this year and we hope you all enjoy it. Payment of \$18 can be made in cash or by check, made out to Garden Road PTA.



Student Council

On behalf of the 2008-2009 Student Council, I would like to thank you for your support of our fundraisers and events this year. I would also like to thank Mrs. Glover for all of her help running Student Council. She really has done an amazing job! Thank you, Mrs. Glover, for all of your help. Ben D., Student Council VP

CONTINUING STUDENT REGISTRATION

This summer, starting in June, EVERY continuing student must verify their student emergency information and accept PUSD rules and regulations online. To get your username and password now, please contact 858-748-0010 X2854. Then go to <http://www.powayusd.com/registration/> to see your student's current information.

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