



Fulton K-8 School Newsletter

Principal's Corner

Dear Fulton Families,

Benchmark and CST Testing

The middle school (grades 6-8) just completed Benchmark #3. 7th grade English language arts increased 18 points from 26% to 44% proficient and advanced. This speaks volumes about the dedication and perseverance of your child and the dedicated staff at Fulton. Please follow-up with your child and their teacher to receive a detailed Benchmark #3 report card. Teachers are available via phone, email, and in person by scheduling a time that is convenient for both you and the teacher to discuss your child's progress. California Standards Test (CST) will commence the week of April 15th. It is imperative that we build upon the gains being made by our students. Our goal is to earn an 800 API SCORE. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 7 INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS REMAINING UNTIL THE CST!

Please make sure that your child gets plenty of rest, eats a nutritious breakfast, reviews their course material, and is ON TIME FOR SCHOOL! Parents, here are a few tips that will make your child successful on the CST: Review the problems carefully (including any passages), use process of elimination, review answer choices, look for key words, work out the problem using the scratch paper provided, check your answers to ensure accuracy, pace yourself, think positive, and DO NOT PANIC!



*Please come join us for our
next Chat & Chew!*

April 14, 2013 @ 7:30 a.m. in Room 5

Budget

The budget for the 2013/14 school year has been submitted for approval based on the unanimous approval of the school site council (SSC). Despite the cutbacks due to the fiscal climate we are in, Fulton was able to secure a nurse for 2 days a week in addition to a health tech for 5 days per week. The English Language Support Teacher (ELST) remains the same at 2.5 days per week and the library position was decreased to 2 days per week, but will not impact the ability of students and teachers to access the library. Fulton will be adding the program, Advancement Via Individual Determination (A.V.I.D). AVID is a college readiness system for elementary through higher education that is designed to increase school wide learning and performance. AVID accelerates student learning, uses research based methods of effective instruction, provides meaningful and motivational professional learning, and acts as a catalyst for systemic reform and change. A study conducted by the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research found that 91% of high school students enrolled in AVID completed their four-year college entrance requirements.

College Making it Happen Night at Fulton

Please plan on joining us at College making it Happen Night in May. The purpose of the event is to improve the flow of information about postsecondary education, college requirements, college options, career opportunities, and financial aid while raising the achievement levels of low-income, elementary and secondary school students or geographic regions with documented low-eligibility or college participation rates, and who are first in their families to attend college. Stay tuned for the date and time. We look forward to an excellent turnout.

College Fair

The San Diego National College Fair will occur at the San Diego convention center in Exhibit Hall H (111 West Harbor Drive. 619-525-5000) on Tuesday, April 30 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Please make the time to take your child to this college fair to expose them to the benefits of going to college to pursue their dreams.

School Calendar 2012-13

YEAR AT A GLANCE!



March 29 – April 5	Spring Vacation/No School/RETURN APRIL 8
April 15	Chat & Chew/7:30 am/Rm. 5*
April 17 – May 14	CST Testing/Gr. 2-8
April 19	Child ID Program/10:00 am
April 23	Arts Appreciation/Literature Visual Arts/5:30 – 6:30 pm/Audit.
April 24	SSC Meeting/4:00 pm/Rm. 2
April 24	Preschool Registration/7:00 am – 5:00 pm
April 27	Children's Book Party/Balboa Park/8:30 – 10:30 am
April 30	National College Fair/Gr. 5–8/San Diego Convention Center
	Transportation on own/6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
May 2	8 th grade Promotion Pictures/Lifetouch
May 3	Field trip to Zoo/1 st grade classes
May 9	Field trip to Seaworld/K2, K3 & B8
May 10	Movie Night/5:00 – 7:00 pm
May 10	8 th grade Health Ed for Parents/Rm. B13/5:00 – 5:30 pm
May 13	Chat & Chew/7:30 am/Rm. 5
May 13 – 17	Dental Screening
May (tba)	College Making It Happen
May 20	Gr. 6 Lifeskills Training/B22
May 22	SSC Meeting/4:00 pm/Rm. 2*
May 22	Gr. 8 Lifeskills Training/B13
May 23 & 24	Hearing Specialist
May 27	Memorial Day Observance/No School
June 10	Chat & Chew/7:30 am/Rm. 5
June 11	Last Day of School for Students
June 11	Promotion/8 th Grade

SPRING BREAK
March 29 - April 5



WILDCAT PRIDE.....

Passion...Responsibility...Integrity...Determination...Excellence

Fulton's Got Talent

I want to sincerely thank Ms. Sherie and Ms. Shauna for putting on a wonderful talent show on Tuesday evening. It was great to see all of the talent that was on display at Fulton. Great job students!!! This is due to the guidance, support, and tutelage of the staff and parents. Additionally, the Fulton step team will be participating in the USA Drill Team competition at Magic Mountain on Saturday, April 27th. To raise funds for the students to attend the competition at Magic Mountain the step team will be having a car wash this Saturday (March 30th) from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Skyline Convenience store (7346 Skyline Drive) at the corner of Skyline Drive and Lausanne Drive. If you would also like to make a donation to the Fulton Step team please feel free to stop by the main office.



Daily Attendance

It is imperative that our students attend school **EVERYDAY**. Fulton can only be successful if all members of the team are present. To date, Fulton K-8 School has lost **\$86,786.04** in Average Daily Attendance (ADA), which is valuable funding that we receive for each student. Approximately 20% of Fulton students have been absent more than 10% of the 2012/13 school year. Please ensure that your child is in school so they do not miss out on valuable classroom instruction needed for academic success and they realize their true potential.



SHOUT OUT TO THE ASB FOR A SUCESSFUL GRADES 3 TO 5 PEP RALLY. STUDENTS RECOGNIZED STUDENTS FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PROMOTING AN 800 API.

Congratulations to the 5th - 8th graders on completing all the required tests for the Fitnessgram. The Fitnessgram tests are: Height/Weight, mile and pacer, push-ups, curl-ups, sit and reach shoulder stretch and trunk extension. Results will be available in early June 2013.



"NURSES NOTES"

Prevent Meningococcal Disease and Detect It Early

Since January of this year, there have been an unusually large number of cases of meningococcal disease (caused by the "meningococcus" bacteria) in Tijuana, Mexico. Most cases have been in children and young adults. Meningococcal disease can result in death if not detected and treated early. Here is what you can do to prevent meningococcal disease and to detect it early:

- Know the symptoms: fever, intense headache, lethargy, stiff neck, and/or a pinpoint rash that does not blanch under pressure.
- Contact your doctor when these symptoms are present.
- Get the meningococcal vaccine. The vaccine (known to doctors as MCV4) is recommended for all children between the ages of 11 and 18 years. The first dose should be given at age 11 or 12 years. A booster dose can be given at age 16 years. The vaccine is recommended for some adults: those who travel to certain areas where there are very high rates of meningococcal disease (mainly Sub-Saharan Africa), military recruits, college-age students living in dormitories, and adults with certain health conditions.
- Use good hygiene. Frequent hand washing is important. Bacteria can be spread through coughing and sneezing. When a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your own elbow or sleeve (NOT into your hand).
- Saliva can spread the infection. Do not share food or beverages. Do not share water bottles, eating utensils, lipstick or lip balm. Adults must not share cigarettes or pipes.
- Travelers. If you are traveling to Tijuana, be aware of the recent reports of meningococcal disease. Promptly seek care for suggestive symptoms.

