



TRACKS OF THE CAT

Don Gaspar de Portola Elementary



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Character Pillars

March -- TRUSTWORTHINESS

April -- RESPECT

What's New!

- Spring holiday - NO SCHOOL
March 21 - 28
- School Site Council meeting
April 1, 6:30 -7:30
- Kindergarten registration (call for appointment)
April 2, 3, 4
- PTA Tag sale
April 5
- CST/CAT6 Testing Window
April 22 - May 16
More details in next Tracks of the Cat.

Attendance Update

	<u>12/17-1/25</u>	<u>1/28-2/22</u>
Enrollment:	349 students	349 students
Days Absent:	154 days	371 days
Funding Lost:	\$5,852.00	\$14,098

Perfect Attendance Awards for January and February

For the month of January there were 167 Portola students with no tardies and no absences. In February there were 134 Portola students with no tardies and no absences. Congratulations to the students on the attached lists for their dedication to being on time and coming to school every day. Congratulations to the parents of these students for their commitment to having their children at school every day and for teaching your children the life-long skill of being on time.

PLEASE JOIN YOUR PTA!
YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

NEWS

On behalf of students and staff, we would like to thank the local volunteers from the Rotarians of Livermore, the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore and the Hindu Community and Cultural Center for visiting our third grade classrooms to present a personalized gift copy of a *MacMillan Dictionary* for home and school use. The Rotarians of Livermore, The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, and the Hindu Community and Cultural Center are in their fifth year of sponsoring the Dictionary for Young Scholars project in Livermore. If you would like to make a donation to support this project for future years, please contact: Carol Howell, 1252 De Paul Way, Livermore, CA 94550.

Spring Goal Setting Conferences

Parent participation in goal setting conferences has been exceptional. We thank each of you who attended your child's conference for your efforts. Teachers are very enthused about the opportunity to share your child's progress and to collaborate with you on taking your child's academic performance to the next level. State standardized testing is around the corner. As you know, student performance on these tests is crucial not only for your child, but for the future of our school. We invite you to support your child in doing the best he/she possibly can by:

- Following through on activities you agreed on during your child's conference
- Ensuring homework is completed daily (homework is assigned a minimum of four days a week) - if in doubt, check with your child's teacher
- Ensuring your child is in attendance daily
- Ensuring your child comes to school prepared to learn
- Reading every night for a minimum of thirty minutes
- Practicing basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and/or division facts daily for a minimum of 15-20 minutes.

Family Reading Night

Portola's PTA sponsored a very successful and fun Family Reading Night in honor of Dr. Seuss' Birthday and Read Across America Week. I would like to thank all PTA members who coordinated, cooked, and organized activities for the event. We hope to see you at the next PTA Tag Sale on April 5th.

Respectfully,
Maria Ramirez, Principal

Please obey signs posted in drop-off areas and parking lots. Do not leave cars or children unattended in vehicles.