

September 2024

## Superintendent Matta's Message

We are off to a great start to the school year. We had our CAASPP assembly last week and recognized almost every student for their achievements! Way to go! Our first Spirit Circle of the year is this Friday and we are going to have a lot of fun! Spirit Circle's are going to change a little bit and be led by our Student Council. More games, fun, and student recognition will be taking place and we can't wait to see how our Student Council members take over Spirit Circle! If you aren't signed up for ParentSquare, please sign up. That is our main way to get information out to you quickly. Our teachers also post there and we don't want you to miss out on things they have going on in the classrooms!

## Did you know?

Attendance matters! It's not just the law that school aged children must be in school but missing 10% or more of a school year (1-2 days every few weeks) can make it harder for students learn? Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom when the teacher has to slow down learning to help chronically absent students catch up. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. They will be less likely to fall behind and be more confident with their abilities in the classroom.

### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

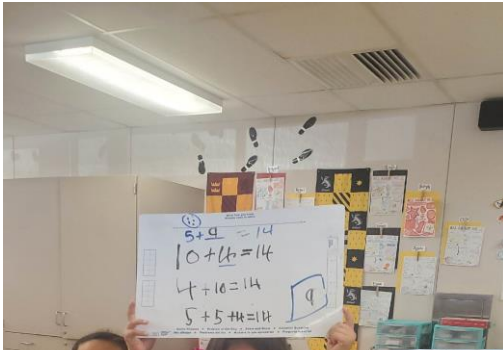
Sept.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.
<b>Week of:</b> 9/2 - 9/6	No School Labor Day		Otter Pop Sale \$1 each	Panda Express Online Fund- raiser	Game @ St. Anne's 10am
9/9 - 9/13					Game @ Saucelito 1pm
9/16 - 9/20				Picture Day!	Game @ Rockford 1pm
9/23 - 9/27					Home Game Snack Bar Aristocats Performan ce @ 5:00
9/30 - 10/4	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Fundraiser Begins				Home Game Snack Bar

**ELOP  
Day:  
Sept. 21  
8am-  
5pm**

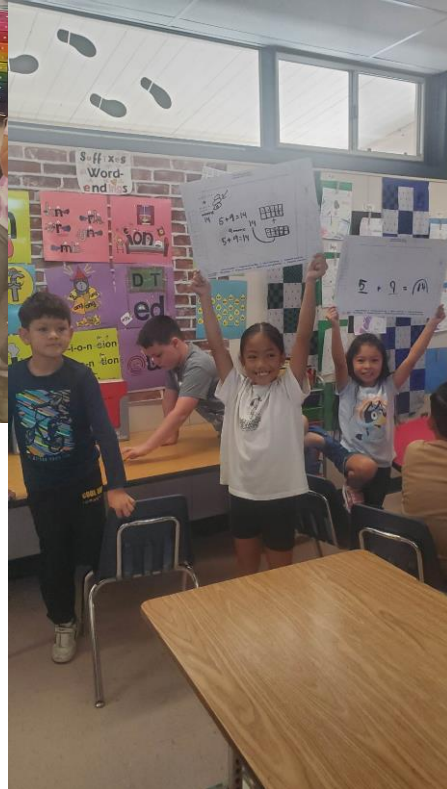
We are offering an Extended Learning Opportunity Day on SATURDAY, Sept. 21. Permission slips are being sent home with students. They will be visiting the Imagine Arts Center in Porterville from 10am-2pm. Breakfast, lunch, and a snack are provided. All permission slips are due Friday, Sept. 6 so we have ample time to plan for staffing and meals.



## IN THE CLASSROOMS...



Students in Mrs. McDowell's classroom were not wasting any time when they got back to school. They were already working on math in groups and strategizing new ways to solve problems.



## NOTES:

Did you know that we have a social worker on campus two days a week? Yes! Ms. Sahagun is ready to help any of our students who are struggling with their mental health, anxiety, friendships, social skills, self esteem, anger management, time management and more! She is here on Tuesday's and Friday's and is located in room 103.

September is Suicide Prevention Month. To learn more, click on this link: <https://988lifeline.org> and [Suicide Prevention Month | NAMI](#) as well as [NAMI SuicidePreventionMonth Toolkit 2024.pdf](#)



Last month we had our CAASPP awards assembly. We had so many certificate and medal recipients! Congratulations to our students on all their continued achievements!



## PHOTO CAPTION:

**Volleyball B team took home with win against Rockford!**

