



# Mustang Monthly

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## Reminders:

- ◆ *Please turn in your registration packets as soon as possible.*
- ◆ *Remember not to park— even for a minute— in the red zone in front of the school. Etna Police Department will be issuing tickets.*
- ◆ *If you have a Kindergarten student, immunizations must be verified by September 25 or your child will be excluded from school.*
- ◆ *Remember to wear red on Mustang Mondays to show school spirit!*

## Welcome back to School!

Welcome back to Etna Elementary School! I'm honored to be taking over here from Mr. Carver. This is my 10th year as a principal but the learning curve is high going from high school to elementary so I hope you'll all be patient with me as I make the transition. My office door is always open and I'd really like to hear from all of you. Stop in and tell me what's great about EES— I can already tell that the list will go on and on!

Mrs. Debbie Miller

I will be in Etna on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and on M, W, F afternoons.

We have a couple of changes in teaching roles and new staff members joining our team.

Lisa Theofanides will be teaching 3rd grade alongside Maurice Fasenfest who is moving to 3rd from 2nd.

Michele Murphy will be serving as our resource specialist.

Debbie Pindell will replace Leah Totten as our speech therapist and Emi Loogman is replacing Debbie as the RSP aide.

## Important Dates September

10—5th grade hike to horse camp on Mt. Shasta

10—Back to School Night

6:00pm—Title I meeting in Teri Goodwin's room (optional)

6:00pm—Band Meeting for 4th and 5th grade students (optional)

6:30pm—All teachers and parents in the gym

18—SVUSD Board Meeting, 7:00pm at SVJH

Oct. 2—Picture Day!



## Character Education...

During the past couple of years, we have worked hard as a staff to ensure that students understand what being *safe, respectful and responsible* means. We have encouraged our parents to use this language and to continue teaching about the meanings of these words. Upon returning to school this year, we were amazed with how many stu-

dents easily rattled off the "agreements" of our school... *being safe, respectful and responsible*. Many students could give examples of actions that illustrate the meanings of those words or behaviors that express their understanding of them. This has been an extremely successful effort by staff and parents. This year we look to expand this into a

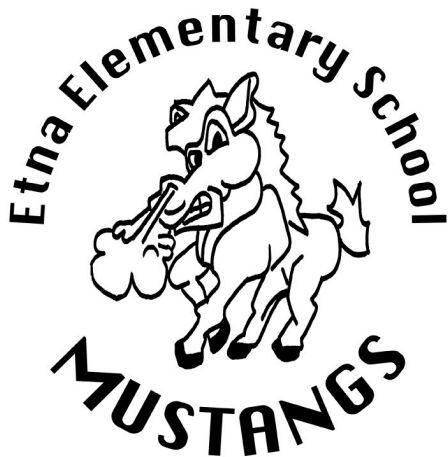
more comprehensive character education program in collaboration with our after school program and parents. We will be focusing on one word each month, and you'll all get a message from me on what the word is. We will need your continued support to make a positive impact. Stay tuned!

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**Seven things we all can do to ensure that our children get the most out of this school year!**

1. Ask your child what they learned in school everyday and don't accept "I don't know" for an answer.
2. Ensure that your child is well rested for learning.
3. Make sure your child has a good breakfast and lunch as learning and growing burns energy.
4. Maintain high expectations for your child's behavior. Create positive rewards for appropriate behavior and clear consequences for poor behavior.
5. Read to your child or with your child everyday for twenty minutes or more.
6. Sit with your child for ten minutes while they do their homework and practice what they have learned in class. Ask them questions about what they are doing.
7. Communicate with the school personnel regarding particular needs or concerns. The more we work together the more learning happens for our children.

## Reminders and Information for Parents and Students...

### **Register for Siskiyou After School For Everyone (SAFE)!**

Please register your child or children in our after school program. We are very fortunate to have a well funded and well staffed after school program that provides a snack, physical activity, tutoring and enrichment activities. We need your continued support and participation to ensure that we keep this critical funding and program.

Please contact Carolyn Siemers at 467-3320 for further information regarding the SAFE after school program.

### **Slow in the School Zone!**

Please drive slowly and watch for our students, parents and buses. The mornings are particularly busy and we appreciate your patience and help keep everyone safe.

### **Immunization Clinic**

Please ensure your child has all necessary immunizations required for school entry. These include kindergarten booster shots and the new TDAP requirement.

Siskiyou County Public Health will be offering a immunization clinic on September 25, 2013 from 8:00am to 12:00pm. The address is 801 S. Main Street in Yreka, CA.

### **Professional Development Day**

On Friday, November 1, 2013 there will be no school. Our teaching staff throughout the school district, will be involved in professional development activities.

### **Parent-Teacher Conference Day**

Friday, November 8 there is no school as it is conference day. Look for your

assigned time from your child's teacher.

### **Picture Day**

October 2nd is scheduled for picture day. Please look for information packets to be coming home and contact our school secretary if you have any questions at 467-3320.

### **Attendance!**

Please communicate with the secretary and teacher regarding student absences. While we want to ensure that students who are truly sick are home, we also need to keep our attendance rates as high as possible. Most importantly, being in school is good for student learning and it also effects school funding.

*We appreciate you communicating with us.*