



## Cheers for Children

"Cheers for Children" is Ventura Unified's annual campaign to help feed more than 350 families in our own school district. Food for this program is provided by food and monetary donations from VUSD families and partners in our community. We will be collecting for this year's food drive November 30th through December 17<sup>th</sup>. Pierpont families are asked to bring canned meats including items like tuna, chicken, salmon or spam. If you are able to help with this campaign, please send these items with your student to their classroom 11/30 – 12/17. Families can also get involved through sorting and delivering food. Sorting will take place at the Balboa Middle School cafeteria on 12/18 from 3-5pm. To deliver food, please meet at the Balboa Middle School cafeteria on 12/24 at 8am. Thank you for helping make this season a happy one for those in need.



## Coats for Kids!

Pierpont School is collecting coats and jackets now through December 18th in a program sponsored by the Ventura Rotary club and 4-Seasons Cleaners. The donation box is outside of the office. Please note that any coats/jackets still in our lost and found on 12/18 will be donated.



## Saturday Academies

There will be several opportunities to make up absences this school year and help your child earn perfect attendance. We will be having a party at the end of the year to celebrate students who have earned perfect attendance. Pierpont Saturday Academies have gone through an overhaul and will include technology, organized sports and project based learning. Watch for more information on the new Saturday Academy format in the Pierpont Saturday Academy Invitations! G.A.T.E. Students will receive invitations to attend special G.A.T.E. Saturday Schools, held at Poinsettia Elementary and all Pierpont students will be invited to attend a special Saturday Academy at Will Rogers, a VUSD Magnet school, where there will be a focus on Science. We strongly encourage our families to participate in Saturday Academies if they have any absences.

- 12/12/15—G.A.T.E
- 12/12/15 @ Will Rogers
- 2/6/16 @ Pierpont
- 2/27/16—G.A.T.E
- 3/12/16 @ Pierpont
- 4/16/16 @ Pierpont
- 5/14/16—G.A.T.E.



## Recycling at Pierpont

We are excited to announce that the students at Pierpont Elementary School are now recycling, sorting, and composting their lunch trash to reduce the waste created at Pierpont. In partnership with the City of Ventura, Pierpont Elementary has joined many other VUSD elementary schools in reducing our waste through joining the Healthy and Green Schools Partnership.

The Healthy and Greens Schools Partnership is a group of Ventura Unified School District faculty, staff and students who collaborate with community organizations to promote sustainable solutions to the management of VUSD's resources and increase environmental awareness among the student body and staff. Through the educational outreach component of the program, all grade levels received in-class education from environmental experts. At Pierpont Elementary, the educational outreach component of the program occurred in November.

Our program requires students to drain milk cartons, recycle any recyclables, compost any food products, dispose of anything that needs to be taken to a landfill, and finally stack their cardboard trays. Through sorting their own waste, Pierpont Elementary School students are significantly reducing the amount of trash that we are sending to a landfill.

