



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 December 1st through December 15th. 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 12/1 – 12/15. Families can also get involved through sorting and delivering food. Sorting will take place at the Balboa Middle School cafeteria on 12/16 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 16th 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 12/16 will be donated.



Winter Sing-a-long & Holiday Boutique

Friday, December 16th!
10-11am

Each classroom will be singing a winter song, members of our leadership club will be emceeing the event, and there will be crafts galore! Many classes and talented families will be creating crafts that will be available to purchase before, during and after the sing-a-long. We will also have a book fair in room 6. We will be singing in the quad and we look forward to having families join us for this special annual event. Students will have a regular Friday schedule and will be dismissed at 12:50/12:55. Don't forget to order Pierpont's first ever "Holiday Ugly Sweater" t-shirt for kids and adults. These t-shirts are only available by pre-order. Pre-order forms were sent home and are available in the office.



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. We strongly encourage our families to participate in Saturday Academies if they have any absences.

- 12/10—GATE
- 1/21 @ Pierpont
- 2/25—GATE
- 3/4 @ Pierpont
- 4/1 @ Pierpont
- 5/6 @ Pierpont

Technology Update

Did you know the district has typing software that is available to all students within Ventura Unified? Typing is a skill that requires practice and is something families can do with their student(s) at home. To practice typing at home visit

www.typingtraining.com

Students use their regular password to log-in. If you need help with your password teachers can provide them.



Over the summer our library was re-located to a larger space, room 11, and has been updated to include a computer lab with 30 student computer stations. All of our classrooms, and the library, also have short throw projectors with interactive software. Pierpont now has 190 student devices, including ipads, laptops, Chromebooks and computers. We are proud of our increase in the use of technology to make meaningful connections with our curriculum. To see how we're using all of this technology visit our school web-site (pierpontelem.org), select "about us," "curriculum," then "technology." Thank you to the support of our PTA and the district technology department for our growth in the area of technology.

