

Teacher Mini-Grants

Thank you PTA for providing staff with an opportunity to request funding for special projects. For the first trimester the following grants were awarded and will be seen on campus shortly:

- 1st / 2nd grades—10 additional iPads
- 3rd grade—10 iPads
- Room 5—Bluetooth keyboards for the iPads
- Room 6—cooking cart and supplies that can be used in any classroom
- School Mural—a colorful, ocean themed mural to be placed near the entrance to our school

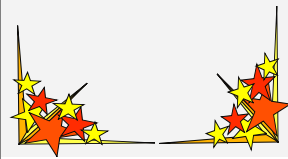


Saturday Academies:

Join us for extra curricular activities if your student has missed 1 or more day.

- 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.

Invitations will be send home for each academy to eligible students.



www.typingtraining.com

All of our students have access to this online typing software that can be accessed at home through the internet. This typing program helps teach our students typing skills and utilizes games and repetition to increase typing skill. See your teacher for log-in information.



What is RTI?

Response to Intervention (RTI) is a strategic approach to providing support and intervention for students. For kinder –2nd grade the program is being used to address reading and literacy. For 3rh-5th grade the program is used to address reading, literacy and mathematical problem solving. The Pierpont PTA has generously supported this program through funding an additional credentialed teacher to provide additional instruction at each grade level. Mrs. Hodson joins the two teachers at each grade level three times a week so that three groups can be formed at each grade level to meet the needs of our students. By providing an additional teacher, and providing smaller instructional groups, our student needs are more directly met.



Health Update

As we start our New Year, here are some friendly heath reminders:

1. Cold and flu season is here. Please remember if your student has a fever to keep them home until they have been fever-free (without fever reducing medication) for 24 hours.
2. If your child has lice, please notify the health office as we track cases of lice. Please keep students home until lice have been treated. Our health office will check your child when they return. Our health office is happy to provide you with instruction on how to treat lice. VUSD policy is to notify all students in a class when we have 2 or more confirmed cases of lice in a given classroom.



Thank you for your help in keeping our students healthy and safe this year.