



# October Breeze



## New Library & Computer Lab Opening This Month!

We're happy to share that the summer construction efforts are coming to an end. The construction of the new building adjacent to Pierpont Boulevard, room 12, created a dedicated kindergarten classroom and offices for our special education program. Room 11, adjacent to New Bedford Court, has been re-configured, refurbished and expanded and will now house our library and a new computer lab. Pierpont students have previously shared their library with a kindergarten classroom and we're pleased to now be able to provide our kindergarteners a dedicated classroom and our library a space that is now more appropriately shared with a computer lab. Our students have never had a dedicated computer lab and we're pleased that our campus will now have 247 pieces of technology that are dedicated only for student use. Our campus has ipads, laptops, computers, and Chromebooks that are used throughout campus to provide our students rich learning opportunities. We have made great growth in the area of technology over the past few years and encourage parents to visit our web-site to view the technology standards by grade level to see what our students are doing with this hardware. Visit [www.pierpontelem.org](http://www.pierpontelem.org), select "About Us," "Curriculum," then "Technology Grade Level Expectations." The conclusion of this construction project also means our students will be able to visit our wonderful library again weekly and you will be seeing library books come home shortly!

### Call in Absences:

- All absences need to be cleared within 3 days or they remain unexcused.
- Clear absences by:
  - Calling 641-5470 press #3
  - Writing a note
  - Coming into the office
- Provide student's name, date of absence, reason for absence, and contact #.
- Absences longer than 3 days will require a doctor's note.
- Attend a Saturday Academy to make-up absences and earn perfect attendance (1/21, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6).



### Appropriate Shoes:

- Please make sure students wear closed toed shoes.
- We recommend not wearing boots to school as they are not best for physical activities
- Please help your child select appropriate shoes so that they can participate in recess and PE without injury.



Sincerely, Pierpont Staff



Q Parent Connection is the web-based system used to manage attendance, academic performance and student information. Parents can download an application from [venturausd.org](http://venturausd.org) (parents), or pick one up in our front office to:

- ⇒ View student attendance
- ⇒ View student report cards
- ⇒ View student performance on VUSD benchmark tests and the State Smarter Balanced Assessment
- ⇒ View cafeteria balances and add funds to student cafeteria accounts

Turn in application forms to the Pierpont office for your log-in information.



## Standardized Testing Results

Pierpont 3rd-5th graders showed growth in all subject areas and all grades during the standardized tests taken in the spring. Pierpont remains one of the highest performing elementary schools in our school district and we are proud of our student performance and the quality instruction our teachers provide. Pierpont students continue to perform

higher than both district and state averages. 3rd-5th grade students took the (SBAC) test, which assesses the Common Core Standards in Math and English. Our 5th graders also took the state CST science test (district and state comparison data not yet available). Here are some of the highlights of the test scores. To view your student's individual performance, please log into Q Parent Connection (directions above).

