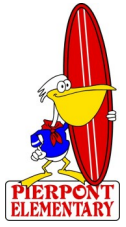


September Breeze



Parking

Reminders:

- We need everyone's help in following these guidelines to help keep our kids safe.
- Please carpool or walk to help reduce congestion.
- If walking your child in, please park on Pierpont or Peninsula and walk in.
- Please support the crossing guard.
- Please enter the loop on Martha's Vineyard and exit on New Bedford.
- Avoid dropping off and picking up in the bus zone, staff parking area, or on Martha's Vineyard Court.
- The pick-up/ drop off area is on New Bedford Court, indicated by a yellow curb.
- Do not stop AT ANY TIME in red zones or under "no parking" signs, even if you are in the car.
- Pull up to the very front of the yellow zone to allow cars to pull in behind you.
- Stay in your car at all times when in a yellow zone.
- Spend a maximum of **3 minutes** in the yellow loading zone.



A Wonderful Start...

The year is off to a great start. The first few weeks brought new relationships, experiences, classrooms, and learning goals. Our students have taken on their new grade levels with enthusiasm and dedication. Our teachers are reporting that they have wonderful classes and are implementing new English Language Arts curriculum and will be incorporating our new marine science program. We look forward to a wonderful year and look forward to partnering with you in your child's education.

-Katie Tedford, Principal

School Site Council

This year we will have three open parent positions on our School Site Council. Parent members are elected and serve for two years along with teachers, the community and the Principal. The School Site Council annually reviews the Single School Plan, the School Safety Plan, student achievement data, and develops a budget for one source of our school site discretionary monies. Our School Site Council meets five times a year after school. Serving on School Site Council provides a venue for parents to learn about and become a part of the programs at Pierpont Elementary and serve in an advisory capacity to the Principal and the School. Elections for parent representatives will be held at Back To School Night, on September 22nd. If you are interested in being placed on the ballot, please e-mail Katie Tedford (katie.tedford@venturausd.org) before September 12th.

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ATTENDANCE

All students are expected to arrive at school on time and to attend daily. Vacation days taken while school is in session are considered unexcused and may contribute to truancy. Assuring that your child attends regularly is one of the easiest ways you can help your child succeed academically.

- *Please call within 3 days whenever your student is not at school to notify us of their absence. Please call 641-5470 x 1002 to report an absence, leaving your child's name, class, date of absence, reason and your contact information.*
- *Families with three or more unexcused absences, or tardies more than 30 minutes (even when called in), will receive letters regarding truancy per district policy.*
- *If your student is ill more than three days, please submit a doctors note to clear sickness in excess of three days. Without a doctors note, illnesses over 3 days will be unexcused.*

Saturday Academies: *To help students achieve perfect attendance, and to make-up an absence, please join us for a Saturday Academy. Join us for these activity packed mornings if your student has missed one or more day. Please mark your calendars as this year we will hold Saturday academies on January 21, March 4, April 1, May 6.*

Help your student succeed by:

- Ensuring they have enough sleep every night before school.
- Having a nutritious breakfast at home or in our cafeteria before school.
- Having a healthy morning snack in their backpack, or in our cafeteria.
- Attending regularly when they are in good health.
- Completing their homework.
- Having a jacket on cold days.
- Labeling all of their personal belongings.
- Keeping toys and electronics at home.
- Wearing closed toed shoes that are safe for P.E.



School opens @ 7:45

- Do not drop off students before 7:45.
- Cafeteria breakfast is available at 7:30—ONLY FOR STUDENTS EATING HOT BREAKFAST (no exceptions).
- If not eating cafeteria breakfast, students may not be on campus before 7:45.

Please ensure your child is supervised and safe by not dropping them off early.