



186th Street Elementary School

A Hoot of News April 2019



Owl Pride: "On the Hunt for Wisdom through Education"

Antonio Aguilar, Principal ❖ Carlos Gonzalez, Assistant Principal

Message from the Principal...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Spring is here...April showers will bring May flowers. The sun is shining brightly, the flowers are blooming beautifully, the birds are singing sweetly, and students are focusing on learning diligently. We will start our annual testing program. This year our testing program will include the California Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC), California Science Test (CAST), California Alternate Assessment (CAA), and the Standards Test in Spanish (STS). Our students in grades 3-5 will take the SBAC tests online through the use of Chromebooks. Only our 5th grade students will take the California Science Test (CAST). The Science test will be taken online, too. The SBAC standardized tests will give us an opportunity to compare student achievement at our school with nationwide results. All of the standardized test scores will be available to share with you in the Fall.

This year we will be holding Open House on two separate dates. ETK – 2nd grade will be held on April 11th, directly after Spring Dance. Grades 3rd – 5th will be held on April 25th, the same night as the Science Fair. Please make plans to attend as we show off our instructional programs in our classrooms and see how we are working towards preparing our students for these state assessments! Our students are the best in the west and we can't wait to show off their learning. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or your classroom teacher at (310) 324-1153. Here's to a happy hootin' springtime with improved student achievement. Hoot! Hoot! Hooray!

Sincerely,

Antonio Aguilar
Principal



Parent Involvement Opportunities...

- Apr. 01 Cesar Chavez Holiday – School Closed
- Apr. 03, 10, 17, and 24 9:00 am Madres Activas Meeting
- Apr. 04 5th Grade Pan-o-Rama Picture (11:00 am)
- Apr. 11 Spring Dance (1:30pm) / ETK-2nd Open House (2:30pm)
- Apr. 12 ELAC Meeting (8:30 am)
- Apr. 24 Denim Day – Take a Stand for Safety
- Apr. 24 Administrative Professionals' Day
- Apr. 25 Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
- Apr. 25 Owl Peace Leadership Team Meeting (3:00 pm)
- Apr. 25 3rd – 5th Open House / Science Fair (5:00 – 6:00 pm)
- Apr. 29 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm PTA Meeting
- Apr. 29 6:00 pm Tea Time to Talk to the Principal / SSC

Testing is coming...

Mark your calendars for our upcoming testing program. Please make a special effort to have your child come to school on time and ready to soar:

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| April 22 – April 26: Grades 5 | California Science Test (CAST) |
| April 29 – May 10: Grades 4 and 3 | Smarter Balanced Test (SBAC) & CAA |
| May 13 – May 24: Grades 5 and 3 | Smarter Balanced Test (SBAC) |



Testing Tips for Success...

- Encourage your child to take responsibility for homework
- Help your child learn how to find information independently.
- Praise your child for work done well.
- Make sure your child has breakfast at home or at school.
- Make sure your child has enough sleep at night.
- Avoid any unnecessary absences during the testing period.
- Avoid any tardies. Testing will begin at 8:30. Students who are tardy to school will not be permitted to enter the classroom until the testing is completed.



Peace First CSL Recycling Campaign Continues!

We continue with our Peace First Recycling Campaign! We are working hard to make our planet greener, our communities cleaner, and share our message of peace with New York City. The funds being generated will help our chorus go to New York this summer. Let's continue to bring cans and plastic bottles in to school during the month of April to help our Wise Owls learn about the value recycling, reducing, and reusing materials. We have also kicked off our Recycling Campaign Challenge with students keeping track of how many bags of recyclables are being brought in. Our Wise Owls are going green for the month of April!



Pedestrian Safety at All Times!

The traffic in front of the school and on the side of the school are huge areas of concern for our school. I am strongly encouraging you to please refrain from parking vehicles in the bus zones in the front of the school and crossing the street in between the buses. These are both very dangerous practices, and prevent the buses from parking safely in order to unload our students. We are very concerned with some parents putting their children in harm's way. Have your children cross the street at the crosswalks. Parents who continue these unsafe practices will receive expensive tickets from the Harbor Police Department. Let's work to do a better job so that our school year will proceed with great success and continuous safety.



Student of the Month

We are happy to salute our outstanding citizens for the month of March. These students are being recognized for being excellent role models for citizenship, sportsmanship, and leadership.

Pre-Kindergarten: Nao Yamamoto, Aaron Nuñez, Diana Perez, and Jasmin Gutierrez.

Kindergarten: Giovanni Cuellar, Wendy Esteban Raymundo, Jayden Edwards, Lisa Ramirez, Christopher Ramos, Kenya Trejo, Ryan Marquez, Camari Williams, Adonis Garcia, Bellamy Serra. Mathew Figueroa, Kado Lau, and Paloma Morales.

First Grade: Mark Cao, Hector Cervantes, Carolina Pasillas, Kingston Oshiro, Holly Woo, Mozzio Wirasto, Yuito Kawahara, and Alison Ramirez. Matthew Mendez, and Khalan Koroma.

Second Grade: Joshua Nerio, Axel Nolasco, Tamara Parilia, Richard Ramirez, Dallas Gomez, Mia Gonzalez, Mayte Clemente, Itzelle Gutierrez, Zah'Kaylah Anderson, Rachel Reyes, Daniel Smith, and Ja'Liyah Gray.

Third Grade: Cain Claudio, Azul Zamudio, Eric Robinson, Sandy Felix, Kameron Flowers, Jade Castro, Matthew Suarez, Jasmine Garcia, Ayah Alyafeai, and Kylee Hale.

Fourth Grade: Coby Elizarraras, Sofia Franco, Wendy Casillas, Sheyla Ruiz, Ethan Bicular, Londyn Brooks, Caleb Osorio, and Amy Palacios.

Fifth Grade: Acxe Cipriano, Sara Torres, Miley Chacon, Jasmine Gamino, Angel Gonzalez, Mikaela Ruelas, Jesus Rodriguez, Bianca Toscano, Josiah Mejia, and Hillary Mendoza.

Character Word of the Month

The word for the month is fairness. Fairness is when we play by the rules. Students take turns and share. People who are fair are open-minded and they listen to others. A fair person does not take advantage of others or blame others carelessly. We can teach our children to be fair by treating others the way they want to be treated. Tell your children to play by the rules in the game of life. Just do the right thing!

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Book of the Month

In our quest to build our students' vocabulary and academic language, we are continuing our tradition of all classrooms reading the same book each month. Our book-of-the month for April is Earth Day--Hooray!, written by Stuart J. Murphy and illustrated by Renee Andriani. Earth Day is on the way, and Ryan, Luke, and Carly have a plan. If they manage to collect and recycle 5,000 aluminum cans, they can make enough money to buy some beautiful flowers for a nearby park. CAN they do it? Counting the cans gives Ryan, Luke, and Carly -- along with our Wise Owls -- a lesson in place value. And facts about recycling throughout the story will help readers understand how important it is to take care of the earth.



Poem of the Month

Spring by Aileen Fisher
"Meadowlarks give lusty cheers
when spring appears, when spring appears.
Buds and seeds prick up their ears
and blades of grass show eager spears.
And only icicles weep tears
when spring appears, when spring appears."

Safety First

Parents, please talk to your children about being respectful to one another on the bus. If there is a problem, students are to talk to the bus driver or the bus supervisor at the bus stop. Parents, if your children have a problem on the bus during the ride to or from school, please do not approach our students. Give us a call at school to assist you in handling the problem. Our students have been informed that they should not talk to strangers.



Social Media Alert for Wise Owls

Despite the fact that students are required to be **13 years of age or older** to use many of the Social Networking applications online, we discovered many of our Wise Owls are already using Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and Instagram. Parents, our Owls are too young to use social media independently. Please monitor your children's activity on the internet!

