



GERBER RAMBLINGS

-all the news you can ewes

Gerber Union Elementary School - 23014 Chard Avenue - Gerber, CA 96035 - (530) 385-1041
Rod Stone, Superintendent/Principal

WELCOME BACK!!!

All of a sudden it is the first day of school; it seems like the summers are getting shorter and shorter. Even with a short summer off a lot has happened at Gerber School to get ready for your children.

Student attendance continues to be a high priority again this year. We need your help to make sure that every student comes to school every day and on time. Last year we spoke to students at every assembly about the direct correlation between attendance and student success. The bottom line is, if your child is not at school, he/she can not learn.

School Pride: Each year we like to start the school year with a theme to reflect on throughout the year. Last year it was "Every Child Can Learn". This year our school-wide theme is "Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe". As the year gets started, all teachers will be working with their students to establish what this means to them and our school. Students will be creating grade level posters to be displayed in their classrooms as a reminder all year. At the September Student of the Month Assembly, each grade level will present their poster which reflects this theme. Help Gerber School by asking your child about the posters and what it means to them and our school.

2011 Super Star Wall: We will be working to update our Super Star Wall. Take a minute to find your child's name on the wall. Students, who achieved substantial growth or scored **Proficient** on the STAR test, will have their names posted.

Parent Communication: We start every year with the expectation that our students will achieve their individual best. The Gerber School teachers and staff are dedicated to work with you to ensure every child has the opportunity to succeed. We have very high expectations and standards.

The partnership between the school and the family is critical to student success. When we work together anything is possible. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher and ask questions.

Communicating with your child's teacher shows your child that you care about his/her education.

Our first opportunity for all of us to get together will be our annual fall Back To School Night on Thursday, September 1st, but do not wait that long if you feel you need to know more about your child's classroom.

Most students attending Gerber School ride our buses to school. This is an optional service the district provides for our families. This past year we had an increase in disciplinary problems on our buses. It is important for parents and students to remember that riding the bus is a privilege. We understand that it is an inconvenience for you if your child is not allowed to ride the bus. However, for the safety of your child and the safety of all other children, students who misbehave will not be allowed to ride district transportation.

Our school motto is "Achieving Excellence"; we are constantly trying to improve what we can do for your children.

Important Notice: This year we have moved our Minimum school days to Wednesdays rather than Mondays. Please look carefully at the school calendar.

Up Coming Dates:

- 9/1 Back To School Night
- 9/5 Labor Day (no school)
- 9/7 Minimum Day 12:45PM
- 9/14 Picture Day
- 9/19 Board of Trustees Mtg. 6:00PM