



# Robert J. Fite Elementary



Dr. Bindy Grewal, Principal

Dawn Akuna, Vice Principal

December 11, 2009

## Principal's Message

On behalf of the Robert J. Fite learning community, I would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.

Please plan on joining us in the Multipurpose Room on Thursday evening, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Our Robert Fite choir will perform a winter program for everyone to enjoy.

Our Character Education theme this month is "Caring," which means to exhibit concern and empathy or to show care and concern for others. We hope everyone will demonstrate this character trait during the holidays.

I want to thank all of you for being our partners in your child's education. We appreciate all that you do for your children and for our school. I know the standard of education we have worked to achieve will continue into the new year as you welcome the interim principal, Mable Hawkins, an experienced administrator. Dawn Akuna will continue as part time vice principal at Fite to support our students, staff and families.

Please continue the good work, enjoy your winter break, and Happy New Year to all of you!

*Bindy Grewal, Principal*



## Important Dates

### December 2009

Dec. 17 6:00 p.m. - Winter Choir Performance, MP Room

Dec. 23 **TRACK CHANGE DAY**  
**MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE**  
**All Kindergarten 8:00 – 11:31**  
**Grades 1 – 6 8:00 – 12:30**

*Winter Break Holiday*  
*December 24, 2009 – January 3, 2010*  
*School resumes for A, B & D Tracks on*  
*Monday, January 4, 2010*



### January 2010

Jan. 15 8:45 a.m. - 1A & 1D to Food Services

Jan. 15 **SITE STAFF DEVELOPMENT**  
**MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE**  
**All Kindergarten 8:00 – 11:31**  
**Grades 1 – 6 8:00 – 12:30**

Jan. 19 8:30 a.m. - 2A and 2B to Discovery Museum

Schoolwide Theme - Caring

**NO EXCUSES**  
**Go to School**

## Community Board Meetings February 2, 2010

Community members will have an opportunity to ask questions and get answers from EGUSD board members on February 2, 2010, at Community Board Meetings. Each year, EGUSD's seven trustees hold individual meetings at seven school sites.

The meetings offer an opportunity for parents, students, staff and community members to get an update about the district, learn about how the state budget is affecting EGUSD and ask questions. The meetings will also feature a student performance or presentation.

The meetings are from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Trustees will hold meetings at the following locations:

Monterey Trail High School  
Joseph Sims Elementary School  
Elitha Donner Elementary School  
Cosumnes Oaks High School  
Samuel Kennedy Elementary School  
Prairie Elementary School  
**Robert J. Fite Elementary**

If you have any questions about the meetings, please contact the EGUSD Communications Department at (916) 686-7732 or [communication@egusd.net](mailto:communication@egusd.net).



### The Science Fair is Coming!

Science Fair time is just around the corner, so put on your thinking caps and come up with a great idea. Keep an eye out for more information in our next newsletter and from your child's teacher. We will have a site Science Fair in March with the winner going on to the District Science Fair. For your convenience, project boards will be available from the office beginning in early January at a cost of just \$3.50.

## ATTENTION: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

### Family Life Education

Our school soon will be offering family life education to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. In compliance with the California Education code, Section 51938, you are invited to attend a parent preview night of the family life education growth and development video and curriculum used in your child's classroom, which has been approved by the Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education.

### The Parent Preview Nights are as follows:

#### Where:

Robert L. Trigg Education Center  
Board Room  
9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road  
Wednesday, December 9, 2009  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

*or*

Robert L. Trigg Education Center  
Board Room  
9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road  
Thursday, January 21, 2010  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

#### Presented by:

**Elk Grove Unified School District**  
Curriculum/Professional Learning

If you have any questions, please CONTACT Ray Peiterson, Health/Family Life Curriculum Specialist, at 686-7797, ext. 7407

## School Hours

### Regular Day Schedule 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

School Start Time 8:00 a.m.  
School End Time 2:25 p.m.

### Minimum Day Schedule 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

School Start Time 8:00 a.m.  
School End Time 12:30 p.m.

### Kindergarten Hours:

AM Start Time 8:00 a.m.  
AM End Time 11:31 a.m.

PM Start Time 10:54 a.m.  
PM End Time 2:25 p.m.