



Robert J. Fite Elementary



Elizabeth Rueda, Principal

Dawn Akuna, Vice Principal

February 5, 2010

Principal's Message:

I am very excited to be named the new principal of Robert J. Fite Elementary. Rest assured, I'll be working quickly to learn as much as possible about the staff, students and community. There is a great environment already in place, and initially I will be working to ensure that the progress made continues, and our students are provided consistency and balance during my transition.

I believe in the power of relationships, and you'll find me learning the names of our students and introducing myself to parents at every opportunity. There will be planned opportunities for parents and community members to meet with me and share their vision. Please note that while these informal meetings will be scheduled, any time is a perfect time to drop by my office, approach me on campus, or give me a call.

I look forward to meeting and working with all of you very soon.

~ Elizabeth D. Rueda, Principal



It has been a pleasure serving as the interim principal here at Robert J. Fite. I have met lots of great students and parents. If you see me around town, don't hesitate to say "hi" to me.

*Mable Hawkins
Interim Principal*

Important Dates

February 2010

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| Feb. 8 | HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL |
| Feb. 15 | HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL |
| Feb. 16 | 12:00 p.m. - 2C & 2D to
Discovery Museum |
| Feb. 18 | A & B Track Spring Pictures |
| Feb. 19 | 8:45 a.m. - 1B & 1C to Food
Center |
| Feb. 22 – 26 | 6 th Grade to Mission Springs |
| Feb. 22 | 8:45 a.m. - Kinder to Crest Theatre |
| Feb. 25 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Dance/Ice
Cream Social, MP Room |

March 2010

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| March 3 | 8:15 a.m. – Trimester Awards,
Grades 1 – 3 |
| March 3 | 9:15 a.m. – Trimester Awards,
Grades 4 – 6 |
| March 4 | TRACK CHANGE DAY
MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE
All Kindergarten 8:00 – 11:31
Grades 1 – 6 8:00 – 12:30 |



Schoolwide Theme – Friendship

NO EXCUSES
Go to School

Time Management Promotes Cooperation and Organization

"I don't want to do homework. I want to watch TV!" "My book report is due tomorrow, but I haven't started it." "Stop rushing me! If I miss the bus, you can drive me."

If these complaints sound familiar, try to focus on time management. Help your child:

- **Create routines.** Consistency makes life easier for the whole family. Choose regular times for homework, reading and other responsibilities. Kids who know that studying always comes before TV, for example, may grumble, but they know the rules – and that you're not changing them.
- **Plan ahead.** Big projects take time to finish. Help your child break them into small parts. If she has a book report due in a week, you might pick one part for her to complete each day. (Read the book, make an outline, write a rough draft, edit and write a final copy.)
- **Prepare at night.** Take a few minutes each evening to get ready for the next day. List things that go to school. Books? Check. Homework? Check. Lunch? Check. Library books? Check. Permission slip? Check.

Source: Marilyn E Gootman, *The Loving Parent's Guide to Discipline*, ISBN: 0-425-17450-6 (Berkley Books, a division of Penguin Putnam)



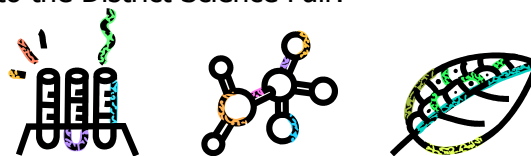
**SHORT
NOTES**

BE THOUGHTFUL

Teach tolerance and understanding by reminding your child not to use hurtful labels. Ask her to think about the words she says and to imagine how she'd feel if someone called her those names. Encourage her to go a step further and stand up to classmates who speak that way. ("I don't like that word. Please don't use it around me.")

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. Choose a topic for the Science Fair that interests you and give yourself plenty of time. Project boards are available from the school office for \$3.50. Our Robert Fite Elementary School Science Fair will be held on March 11th (set up on Wednesday, March 10th from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.) with the winners going on to the District Science Fair.



Arrival Reminder

Please remember that there is no supervision for your child(ren) prior to **7:45 a.m.** They are not to arrive on campus early unless they attend the CDI childcare facility or arrive for breakfast in the MP Room at 7:40 a.m. Thank you for your cooperation.



Please take a moment to look at the PTO website. They did a fantastic job!

<http://www.egusd.net/fite/PTO.html>

School Hours

Regular Day Schedule 1st – 6th

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

Minimum Day Schedule 1st – 6th

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.