



# Robert J. Fite Elementary



Elizabeth Rueda, Principal

January 7, 2011

## *Happy New Year Falcon Families!*

I hope 2011 has started well for everyone. We are looking forward to a successful remainder of our school year. 2011 brings some changes to Fite Elementary. A renewed energy by both students and staff, optimism toward academic gains that we will achieve this year, and further recognition opportunities for our students who are succeeding academically and/or socially.

With positive change, sometimes comes difficult change. Although we have great possibilities that lay ahead, it is with mixed emotions that I share with our Fite community that we will soon be losing a dear member of our staff. Brenda Gourley, our wonderful Secretary, is retiring from our district and she and her husband are relocating to start a new adventure in Hawaii. Ms. Gourley has been a part of the Fite Falcon staff since the school opened in 2002. Please join me and the rest of the staff in wishing Brenda the best as she heads off to the **Aloha State**.

As a new year begins, I want to take this opportunity to remind parents about some important consistent happenings on campus: *Monday Morning Assemblies* (a great way to kick off our week on a positive note), *Watch D.O.G.S.* (getting more dads active and involved on campus), *Walk to School Wednesdays* (encouraging students to walk, bike, or scooter to school for both exercise and to help the environment by cutting down on traffic), and *Smencil Fridays* (sold for \$1 each, after school on Fridays). If you're interested in getting involved in any of these activities, please contact the office.

*Elizabeth D. Rueda, Principal*

## *Important Dates*

### January 2011

Jan. 14 9:00 a.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade to Food Services

Jan. 17 HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

### February 2011

Feb. 14 HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

Feb. 21 HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

Feb. 22 **SITE STAFF DEVELOPMENT  
MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE**  
**All Kindergarten 8:00 – 11:30**  
**Grades 1 – 6 8:00 – 12:30**

### March 2011

March 1 CST 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Test

#### **After School Activities:**

**Band:** Monday & Wednesday 2:15 – 3:00 p.m.

**Choir:** Tuesday 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

**KidzArt:** Wednesday 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

**Schoolwide Theme – Positive Attitude**

**Weekly Focuses-** Confidence, Optimism,  
Initiative, Open Mindedness



**NO Excuses**  
Go to School

## Kindergarten Registration for 2011-2012

The Elk Grove Unified School District begins kindergarten registration for the 2011-2012 school year on the following dates:

- Friday, December 3, 2010 for students on Traditional and Year Round calendars.
- **Tuesday, January 4, 2011 for students on the Modified Traditional calendar.**

Parents with children turning 5-years-old by December 2, 2011, can register for kindergarten for 2011-2012 starting at 7:30 a.m. on the dates above.

Numbered registration packets can be picked up beginning on January 4, 2011 at Fite Elementary. Packets must be returned to the school site by the first Monday in February, 2011 in order for the priority number on the packet to be honored.

When the packet is *completed*, parents need to bring the following information to the office by the first Monday in February:

- Registration packet
- Child's immunization record
- Birth certificate
- Proof of residence ***in the form of a SMUD or PG&E utility bill, rental agreement, or purchase papers for a home***

Although most families who turn in their registration materials by the first Monday in February are likely to get into their home school, EGUSD is not able to guarantee placement for every child at their home school.

Incoming kindergartners must live within Elk Grove Unified School District boundaries. [Click here to view district and school boundaries](#) or call the Boundary Hot Line at (916) 686-7755.

Parents seeking more information about the registration process can call the district's PreK-6 Education office at (916) 686-7704.



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

[www.fitepto.org](http://www.fitepto.org)

## Attention: Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

### Family Life Education Parent Preview Nights

Our school will soon 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 January preview night is as follows:

#### Where:

Robert L. Trigg Education Center  
Board Room  
9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road  
Wednesday, January 19, 2011  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

#### Presented by:

Elk Grove Unified School District

If you have any questions, please contact Ray Pietersen, 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 2:10 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 11:30 a.m.

PM Start Time 10:40 a.m.  
PM End Time 2:10 p.m.