From the Principal ~
(adapted from kidshealth.org) Children do better in school when parents are involved in their academic lives. Attending parent-teacher conferences is a way to be involved and help your child succeed. A parent-teacher conference is a great opportunity to:
start or continue ongoing conversations with your child's teacher, learn how to help your kids do their best in school, and let your child know that what goes on in school will be shared at home.

The Basics:
Parent-teacher conferences will occur this year in the middle of November for all parents and the first week of March for specific students. The conferences are set at 20 minutes in length and teachers will stick to this 20 minute scheduling. Other school staff who support your child's learning may attend the conference, too. An administrator might attend at the request of the parent or teacher if a problem or special need cannot be resolved by the teacher. Conferences focus on learning, although your child's behavioral and social development also might be discussed. You will probably hear feedback about your child's progress and areas of need.

Before the Conference
- In the weeks ahead of a conference, check in with your child about how he or she is doing on homework and in each subject. Review any recent projects, tests, quizzes, report cards, or progress reports.
- Ask if there are questions or issues your child wants you to discuss with the teacher.

Plan to bring something to take notes with (paper and pen or a laptop or other device).
Write down questions or topics you'd like the conference to cover.

During the Conference
Teachers usually meet with students' parents in back-to-back meetings, so try to be on time for your meeting. At the meeting, remember to: Take notes. Ask your questions and share information about your child. Make the most of this time by focusing on your child's learning and avoiding the temptation to socialize and chat. Summarize the main points of the discussion to confirm details and any next steps.

After the Conference:
To follow up after the meeting:
- Contact the teacher about any questions you didn't have time to ask.
- Review your notes about what you and the teacher will do to support learning, then make detailed plans about how and when you will help your child.
- If you still have concerns or do not agree with an evaluation, put your thoughts in writing and schedule a meeting with the teacher or an administrator as soon as mutually convenient.
- Check in with the teacher in a few months to follow up on your child's progress.
- Review what was discussed at the conference with your child, including any special learning plans, and share the positive comments the teacher made.
- During the entire process, keep in mind that you and your child's teacher should have the same goal in mind: To help your child succeed in school.

Tasty Tuesday ~
Tuesday, November 19th at Pizza Pucks. It will be held during normal business hours on this day. Please don’t forget your flyer!

Eagles in the Community ~
Girl Scout Troop 20328 is having a “One Warm Coat” Drive. For the Month on November there will be a donation collection box in the MP room.
The Vacaville FISH barrel is still in the MP room if you’d like to donate any nonperishable, non glass food items.

Upcoming Dates to Remember
- November 3 ~ Daylight Savings ~ Fall Back!
- November 8 ~ Minimum Day ~ All K on a.m. schedule
- November 11 ~ No School- Veteran’s Day!
- November 14 ~ November 22 ~ All K on a.m. schedule Minimum Days for Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 25 ~ November 29 ~ Thanksgiving Break ~ No School!
- November 30 ~ Chorus Concert @ VPAT
- December 5 ~ ELAC ~ 8:45 a.m.
- December 12 ~ Site council meeting ~ 3:00 p.m.
- December 19 ~ Coffee with the Principal ~ 8:45 a.m.
- December 19 ~ Minimum Day
- December 20th through January 3rd ~ Winter Break!