Pierpont Elementary School December Breeze



of the WEEK

Cheers for Children

"Cheers for Children" is Ventura Unified's annual campaign to help feed more than 350 families in our own school district. Food for this program is provided by food and monetary donations from VUSD families and partners in our community. We will be collecting for this year's food drive <u>December</u> <u>1st through December 17th</u>. Pierpont families are asked to bring <u>canned</u> <u>meats</u> including items like tuna, chicken, salmon or spam. If you are able to help with this campaign, please send these items with your student to their classroom 12/1 – 12/17. Families can also get involved through sorting and

delivering food. Sorting will take place at the Balboa Middle School cafeteria on 12/19 from 3-5pm. To deliver food, please meet at the Balboa Middle School cafeteria on 12/24 at 8am. Thank you for helping make this season a happy one for those in need.

Traffic at, Pierpont,

Most of us are following the traffic patterns, making for a safer environment for our students. To help with student safety, please remember:



1. For quick drop-offs and pickups (no parking) use yellow loading and unloading zone on New Bedford Court ONLY!

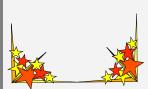
2. Please pull up as far as possible to allow multiple cars the ability to drop off at once.

3. Yellow drop off areas are not a parking area, they are for quick drop offs and pick-ups ONLY.

4. No pick-ups, drops-offs, or double parking on Martha's Vineyard Court; <u>it is not safe for stu-dents.</u>

5. If you would like to park and bring your child in to school, please do not park in staff parking, or on yellow or red curbs; yellow and red curbs are designated by the city as no parking zones and

the city may issue tickets for cars parked in these areas. Parents may park on unpainted curbs only.



6. Please help in respecting our neighbors by not blocking their gates or driveways.

Thank you for making drop-off and pick-up as safe and smooth as possible for our students.

Ventura Unified School District

December 2014



Saturday Academies:

- 12/13/14—G.A.T.E
- 1/10/15 @ Will Rogers
- 1/31/15 @ Pierpont
- 2/21/15—G.A.T.E
- 4/18/15 @ Pierpont
- 4/25/15—G.A.T.E.

Letters will be send home for each academy to eligible students.

Vacation and Absences

Last year Pierpont attendance was slightly below 97%. This year we are working towards reaching a goal of 98% attendance. There are approximately 180 instructional days per year and it is important that all students attend each day that they are healthy and able. Please plan family vacations and appointments outside of school hours so that students do not miss this valuable instruction. Please do not sign your child out early unless it is necessary, as interrupting classrooms is disruptive and students miss valuable instruction.

Absences due to vacation and medical appointments, without verifying notes, may be considered truancies. To help in your planning of vacations and appointments, please visit our school web-site, where you can find a calendar with holidays and school schedules. Please help us provide the best education possible and reach our goal of 98%.

<u>Coats for Kids!</u> Pierpont School is collecting coats and

jackets! We are collecting now through December 17th.

This collection is sponsored by the Ventura Rotary Club. All coats will be cleaned by 4 -Seasons Cleaners. The donation box is located outside of the office. Please note that any coats/jackets still in our lost and found on 12/17 will be donated.

