



BULLDOG BULLETIN

FRANK VESSELS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 2022

Principal's Message

Dear Vessels Families,

This year, Vessels Elementary School uses **PBIS Rewards**, a technology-based management system that assists with our behavior incentive program.

What is PBIS?

PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports. It is an evidence-based framework used by schools to improve school culture and student behavior, promoting a safe environment for learning. We expect to see overall behavior and motivation improve throughout the school and referrals decrease. To learn more about PBIS Rewards, visit www.pbisrewards.com.

How Does PBIS Rewards work?

Students will earn points throughout the day by meeting behavior expectations school-wide (classroom, cafeteria, recess, etc.). They can redeem points earned for experiences such as bringing a plushy to school or privileges such as a pass for no homework or receive a tangible item such as a squishy eraser from the Vessels Student Store.

Vessels Student Store

Our Bulldog Store is where PBIS points are redeemed for great prizes. PBIS Rewards is easy-to-use, fun for students and staff, and provides accountability for everyone in the school. PBIS Rewards are all online. You and your child can checkpoint anytime and buy prizes through the PBIS Reward App or simply by signing into Clever.

Can I HELP?

To fill our store with exciting items, we are in need of your donations that are sold at Target, Walmart, Amazon, Party City, Five Below, Oriental Trading Company, Cypress Swap Meet, and Daiso. Due to COVID restrictions, items must be NEW, in their original packaging. * Due to USDA regulations, we are unable to ask for donations for consumable items.

The items below are examples of what the students are excited about:

- Plus, plus – Mini Maker tubes / Moosh Moosh
- Snap Bracelets / Pop-It Bracelets / Body Jewelry
- Jump Ropes / Finger Skateboards
- Hot Wheels / Windup toys
- Mochi Squishies / Slow Rise Squishies / Squish mallows
- Stress Relief Toys / Play foam Pals / Push Pop Bubble
- Fidget Sensory Toys / Rubix Cube / Magic Cube
- Among Us Items (nonviolent) / Handheld water games
- Puffy Stickers / Splat Balls
- Magnet Building Toys / Magnetic Building Block
- Legos or building blocks / Vinyl collectibles
- Books, earbuds
- Animal Puzzle Erasers / Food Erasers

Mark Your Calendar!

PEACE Week
September 19 – 23

Student Free Day
September 26

Parent Teacher Conferences
September 26 - 30

Lifetouch Photo Make Up
September 29

Flag Ceremony
October 14

Non-Student Day (no school)
October 10

Red Ribbon Week/Book Fair
October 24 – October 28

Harvest Night and Trunk or Treat
October 28

Have Questions?

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Cell Phone Use

With the increase in access to cell phone technology at much younger ages, it is important to ensure that the use of these devices is put into perspective, especially within the educational environment. Of course, the effective and efficient use of technology is a critical 21st century skill.

However, cell phones at school pose a dilemma. Cell phones connected to a network allows for immediate access to incoming and outgoing distractions, as well as a potential infringement on other students' privacy. Just as important, they can potentially disrupt teaching and learning for all.

On July 1, 2019, Assembly Bill (AB) 272 was passed adding Education Code 48901.7 allowing districts to have a policy limiting or prohibiting the use of cell phones by students on campus. While there are a few exceptions to this Bill, such as in the case of an emergency, cell phone use on campus is prohibited.

The district's cell phone policy, which is outlined in our Family Handbook, is as follows:

The personal use of cell phones or other electronic devices by students while on campus or a school bus is prohibited. Such devices must be turned off, except when being used for a valid instructional or other school-related purpose as determined by the teacher or other district employee...Any device with a camera, video, or voice recording function shall not be used in a manner that infringes on the privacy rights of any other person.

If your child is bringing a cell phone or other electronic device to school, including a smart watch, please remind them that these devices must be turned off unless their use has been authorized by a staff member.

School Safety

Cypress School District strives to provide a safe and secure learning environment for all students and staff. This effort includes the following measures:

- Campus access is limited to one entry and exit point during the school day.
- Video surveillance systems installed at school sites help deter wrongdoing and monitor activities.
- Safety at each school is enhanced through established relationships with our local police departments. These efforts include police participation in emergency preparedness drills conducted regularly throughout the year.
- A web-based visitor management system allows school office personnel to perform instant sex offender registry checks.
- Evacuation and/or lockdown drills are performed monthly.
- All schools participate in the Great California ShakeOut. This year's ShakeOut will be held in October. More information is available on the Great California ShakeOut website: <https://www.shakeout.org>.

We appreciate your support and partnership in keeping our school safe and ask for your assistance in the following ways:

- Drive slowly in the parking lot and follow all directional signs.
- Don't block crosswalks.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and take extra care in school zones.
- Check in at the main office when visiting campus during school hours. ALL visitors, including parent volunteers, must check in and present valid government-issued identification.
- Check out and exit through the front office, not through the gates, when leaving campus during the school day. In the event of an emergency, we need to account for everyone on campus.



Join the Vessels PTA for a night of family fun! We invite you to Harvest Night, Friday October 28 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. There will be games, food, and activities for the entire family. Age appropriate costumes are encouraged!