



The Lion's Roar

(Lietz School Newsletter)
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Calendar

March 17: Family Math Night @ 6pm
March 22-31: Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 22-25: Spring Book Fair
March 22: Dartmouth Parent Orientation @ 6pm at Dartmouth
April 1: Staff Development Day – No School for Students
April 4-8: Spring Break – No School

Lietz Awarded the GOLD RIBBON by the State of California!

On Tuesday, March 15, our school was visited by representatives who were here to observe the teaching and learning that goes on at Lietz. They were here to determine if we should be awarded the prestigious Gold Ribbon Award by the State of California. Each school in the running for the award submitted a report on one program they have at their school that they believe exemplifies excellence in education. Lietz's report focused on our Flex Reading program. Since we began our Flex Reading program in 2008, we have seen significant growth in the English Language Arts skills of our students. From 2008-2013 (the last year of the STAR test) our school-wide scores increased by 20%. One of our groups, our English Language Learners, increased by 41%! Overall, our achievement gap decreased by 26%! These are amazing results, and while we do not yet have multiple years of data from the new SBAC tests, our first year results indicate that these increases are continuing. At the end of their visit, they let me know that, in their opinion, our Flex Reading program is STELLAR and that we will be awarded the Gold Ribbon! A big congratulations and thank you goes our amazing staff, wonderful students and very supportive families. This is a truly amazing school because of all of you.

Conferences are coming! 1:15pm Dismissal Everyday March 22-31

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 22-31. Conferences are a great time to find out how your child is doing and set goals for the rest of the school year. **Conference Days are early release days for all students, K-5. School is out at 1:15pm for these 8 days.**

6th Grade Orientation at Dartmouth

5th Grade parents are invited to a 6th grade orientation meeting at Dartmouth Middle School on **Tuesday, March 22 at 6pm**. This is a great opportunity to learn about the 6th grade program.

Registration for New Students (grades TK-8) is Open

New student registration (for any grade level TK – 8th) for the 2016-17 school year is open. Information can be found on the Lietz Website (lietz.unionsd.org). Under "Headlines", click on "New Student Online Registration".

To be eligible for Kindergarten in the fall, a child's 5th birthday must be on or before September 1, 2016. If a child's 5th birthday is between September 2 and December 2, 2014, s/he is eligible to attend Transitional Kindergarten during the 2016-17 school year.