

TIMELY ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL



This is a reminder that students should arrive to school prior to the first bell ringing at 7:53 AM. Students are marked tardy if they are not in class or in their seats when the tardy bell rings at 7:58 AM. It is best to aim for having students on campus by 7:50 AM.

We know that there are occasional, unforeseen circumstances that may make a student tardy, and we have built that into our attendance policy; however, tardiness to school is already becoming excessive for many students.

As a reminder, the only excuse for a tardy is a note from your doctor or dentist stating that the student had an appointment to attend which made them late to school.

Parents, thank you for your assistance in assuring that your child arrives at school on time every day.

CELL PHONE USE ON CAMPUS



It is against the School Board Policy and Venado School Rules for students to send or receive phone calls or text messages at school. **Cell phones are to be turned off when on campus and not used.** If a student feels ill or becomes sick at school, they need to report to the front office to see the health clerk before calling or texting home. Parents are expected to also go through the front office (in person or by phone) when contacting their children.

Community Notice of Qualified Staff (Official Title 1 Attestation Notice)

We are please to report that for the 2011/2012 school year, 100% of the teachers at our school are "highly qualified" as defined by the Federal, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law. NCLB gives parents the right to request information about certification of teaching staff. Please direct your questions to the Principal, Bob Valdez.

VENADO'S RECYCLING EFFORTS CONTINUE

Over the last few years, Venado has been making great strides to improve our environment through recycling. Last fall, through a grant, the District installed solar panels on the roof of Venado which are now up and running - converting the energy from the sun into power and can me monitored on the TV screen in the lobby — check it out. We continue to recycle cardboard, paper, plastics and aluminum from all offices and classrooms and send in for recycling.



As part of Venado's Green Team, the ASB/Leadership class, will continue the recycling program as an ASB fundraiser. ASB students have contacted CR&R: Waste and Recycling Services, and arranged for a bin to collect not only the recyclables discarded on campus, but now Venado families can donate recyclable bottles and cans from home. **On Friday mornings, families can drop off bags of recyclables at the front curb when students are dropped off for school.** If you pull to the most forward point, we will have students and staff available to unload any bags you have – we'll even provide you with a clear plastic bag for your next collection.

Items such as glass bottles, plastics and cans with the recycle logo can be dropped off curbside in front of the school for recycling. This includes items like: laundry detergent bottles, empty/rinsed out soup-type cans and plastic milk jugs, and any beverage bottles and cans. The cleaner the recyclables, the better!

Thank you in advance for supporting our recycling efforts.

Venado ASB/Leadership



GATE Day for 4th - 8th Graders Set for October 17, 2011

The IPSF Afterschool Classroom Enrichment (ACE) program is partnering with CAC GATE to offer the first GATE Enrichment Day of the 2011-2012 school year on Monday, October 17th. Available to **GATE identified students in grades 4-8**, the goal of GATE Enrichment Day is to provide students with a day to explore engaging and specialized subjects not offered in the regular classroom. For more information, contact Stephanie Bynon at sbynon@ipsf.net or (949)265-6411.

IPSF Announces Funding for Naviance Career and College Counseling Program

With funding provided by Montessori International, IPSF is proud to make Naviance available at all IUSD middle and high schools beginning this fall. Naviance is a comprehensive, web-based career and college counseling program that will help counselors, students and families investigate, track and plan for college admissions and future careers. Look for more information at your school site about this exciting new initiative.

iShop Day at The Marketplace Coming on Saturday, November 19th

Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual iShop at The Market Place on Saturday, November 19th. Customers who make purchases totaling \$200.00 or more (cumulative throughout the day) at any stores or restaurants at The Market Place, will receive a \$20 center gift card, and The Irvine Company will make a \$10 donation to Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF). Limit 2 gift cards and two donations/per customer, while supplies last. Center gift card purchases not valid toward purchase.



PTSA Fundraiser: Knights Out for Dinner

Where: Dine-in/Take-out at **SuperMex** in Heritage Plaza

When: Wednesday, **October 19th** from 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

What: MUST provide a flier and attach it to your order fliers have been e-mailed and will be available to print from the school's website: www.venadoms.org.