

# THE WICKLUND TIMES

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PLEASE CALL THE ATTENDANCE  
LINE TO REPORT YOUR CHILD'S  
ABSENCE  
209.836.7201



**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**  
**Hours of Operation**  
7:30 - 4:00

**Enrollment Hours**  
8:30 - 11:00  
1:00 - 3:00



## APRIL

04/02 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp  
04/06

04/04 - Dairy Council  
Assemblies

04/09 - SPRING BREAK  
04/13

04/16 - BMX Assembly

04/16 - Science Fair  
04/20

04/19 - Student of the Month/  
STAR Kick-off Assembly

MHCS Community  
Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in  
Multiuse Room

04/20 - Progress Reports Go  
Home

04/24 - STAR Testing Begins!

04/28 - Academic Pentathlon  
in Stockton, CA

## Principal's Pen



First of all, I would like to wish all of the Wicklund family a Happy Spring. When Spring rolls around, it usually means a couple of things: STAR testing and good weather!

In regards to STAR testing, Wicklund has a very strong sense of pride when it comes to achieving on the annual tests and always strives to surpass all the goals put before us. Since day one of the school year, each-and-every-one of your children's teachers have been working hard to make sure they learn the state-mandated standards. This continues to be our focus and will be until the last day of school. It is important that we support our children and teachers in this process.

Testing itself will be held from April 24<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>. While not all grade levels will be testing the entire seven days, all grade levels will at least be testing for four days. It is vital that your child be here on those days, and on time. Here are a few ways that you can help in the STAR testing process:

1.) Be sure that your children get plenty of rest

the night before. A well rested mind is a mind that is ready for the day's challenges.

2.) Encourage them to eat breakfast. If they do not eat at home, the school district will be providing free breakfast to all students during testing. Those who wish to eat breakfast at school can pick-up food in the Multiuse Room between 7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m. during those days. A child that isn't hungry can focus better on the task at hand and has the necessary energy to concentrate.

3.) Encourage them to always do their best. While most of us do this on a daily basis, we want them this week to put forth that extra effort so when their results come back next Fall, they can see the benefits and be proud of their achievement.

Our children's educational success relies a lot on the support and encouragement we give them on a daily basis. If they know that we believe in them and support them in ways to ensure that they are ready to succeed, then they will have the confidence to face any academic challenge. Having this confidence is tremendous in the way your child looks at their schoolwork, and more importantly, how they look at themselves.

Again, thank you for your continued support of your child's education. As always, my door is open if you should ever have questions.

Sincerely,

Lemuel A. Vergara

## News, updates, & notices...

### ATTENDANCE



While coming to school everyday is important, it is even more important to come to school on-time everyday. How we start our day sets the tone for how we look at learning. If a child is consistently late for school, then they are consistently trying to play "catch-up" throughout the day. Please be sure to do everything you can to get your children to school everyday and on-time!

### LOST & FOUND



If your child has lost a book, shoe, or any other article of clothing or personal belonging, please have them check the Lost & Found bins in the Multiuse Room. If items are not claimed by the Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, the items that are left will be packed up and donated to a local charity.

### NEXT YEAR

With the end of the '06-'07 school year nearing, a few parents have already expressed concern about their child's teacher for the '07-'08 school year.

One of the hardest tasks for teachers and administrators is creating the next year's classes. A lot of thought and deliberation goes into this process, in hopes of building a classroom environment and chemistry that is conducive to your child's learning. With a projection of 550 students next year, you can imagine how hard this task is.

That being said, we will not be taking specific teacher requests for next year. If there are certain characteristics in a teacher you feel that your child responds better to, please feel free to write Mr. Vergara a letter, expressing those characteristics. While no guarantees can be made, only letters with teacher characteristics will be considered.



### MULTI-CULTURAL DAY

A big THANK YOU goes to all that participated in Wicklund's 1<sup>st</sup> Multicultural Fair. All the food was great, the acts entertaining, and the turn-out was tremendous.

Thank you again, and we look forward to next year's Multicultural Fair!



### WICKLUND TEACHER HONORED

Each year the SJCCC holds an awards dinner for its CTA (California Teachers' Association) chapters. This year LTA (Lammersville Teachers' Association) is recognizing Wicklund School 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, Vanessa Gomez for the New Educator Award. The awards dinner will be April 20th. If anyone is interested they can contact Mrs. Hansen for tickets ([chansen@sjcoe.net](mailto:chansen@sjcoe.net) or 209-836-7200).



Check out the school and district web sites @  
[www.lammersvilleschooldistrict.net](http://www.lammersvilleschooldistrict.net)

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! I hope you are ready for Spring Break as we all are. I wanted to thank all the students and families who participated in our Read-a-thon and Multicultural Week activities. The children did a great job reaching their reading goals. They also made a wonderful effort with their classroom posters for the Multicultural Poster Contest and their performances at Multicultural Day were excellent. We hope you all enjoyed being able to come out for a good time with your neighbors in the community. Also, we continue to warm up the clubs for our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament on May 12th. Get your foursome ready, as registration has begun. You can pick up a registration form in the school office. Finally, we continue to have discussions regarding the structure of next year's School Foundations at both Wicklund and Bethany schools. A survey will be

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

FORE! Registration is continuing for our 3rd Annual Mountain House Golf Tournament to be played on Saturday May 12th at Tracy Golf and Country Club. The tournament will benefit both Wicklund and Bethany schools. Registration forms are available in the school office. If you are interested in volunteering or contributing as a Sponsor or Raffle Donor, please contact Andrew Martinez at 209-832-7568 or at [amart92692@aol.com](mailto:amart92692@aol.com).



coming out after Spring Break to gather your input on this subject. Please look for it and return it completed so we can make the best possible decision for the future of both schools.

Thank you for your continued support, and have an enjoyable and safe Spring Break.

Andrew Martinez  
President, Wicklund School Foundation



### GET WICKLUND NEWS VIA EMAIL

If you would like to receive WSF and other school announcements via email, please join the Wicklund School Foundation listserv at [www.listbox.com](http://www.listbox.com) and scroll down to the bottom of the page, select "join a list" and then enter "wicklundschoolfoundation" (all one word, no spaces) and your email address. If you have any questions about how to sign up, please contact Chris Collins @ [kids3collins@yahoo.com](mailto:kids3collins@yahoo.com) or 209.830.8112.

Additionally, if you think you have already given us your email address, but haven't been receiving recent emails from the WSF, please be sure to sign up on this listserv as we have had a number of email addresses bounce back!



### MAY PARENT/TEACHER SOCIAL

The Parent-Teacher Socials are the first Friday of every month. The next one will be Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Please come to enjoy some yummy breakfast treats and talk with fellow parents and teachers!