



Placer Elementary School *Newsletter*

April 2010

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Placer Families,

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of you who supported our P.T.C. Auction event. It was both a lovely and successful evening. The monies raised will be almost the sole support of our treasured school programs next year.

Speaking of next year: it's not too soon to send me a message about your child's learning strengths and preferences for next year. Please understand that we do not accept requests for specific teachers. Rather, we consider parental input regarding the type of learning environment that is the best match for your child. Please e-mail this information to me at: ccowles@loomis-usd.k12.ca.us.

Save our P.E. Program - You will soon have the opportunity to play an important role in providing continued P.E. instruction for the children of Placer School. Parents will soon be invited to donate "\$23 for P.E." – an initiative that will partially fund our P.E. teachers for the 2010-2011 school year. Through a generous matching donation from the Loomis Basin Education Foundation (L.B.E.F.) if families are willing to donate \$23.00 per child, we will be able to sustain our high-quality P.E. program. According to our last parent survey, 98% of those who responded gave our P.E. program the highest mark for both importance and quality. Information about this program-saving measure will be sent home after our spring break.

Unexcused Absences – State law permits a child to be absent for only three reasons: illness, bereavement or medical appointment. All other absences are coded as "unexcused" by mandate. You will receive a letter indicating that your child's absence was unexcused if he/she misses school for trips or outings, even if you call in your child's absence beforehand. We apologize for the stern tone of the letter, but we are required to send it "as is". These policies are designed by the state because most schools are plagued by irregular attendance and truancy.

Websites – Don't forget to regularly peruse the P.T.C. website: www.placerptc.org and the Placer School website: <http://placer.loomis-usd.k12.ca.us/>. We regularly post information and photographs about important events that are ongoing at our fabulous school.

Thank you, Placer community, for all that you do to support our *excellence in teaching and learning!*

Happy Spring,
Carolyn

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NO Placer School HARVEST FESTIVAL in October

The very popular Harvest Festival event that takes place during the Halloween season will not be happening next fall unless we have a Harvest Festival Committee Chairperson for the event. ALL events sponsored by the PTC are run solely by parent volunteers. As of now, we DO NOT have a chairperson for this event. The PTC has had Board Members spearhead events in the past, but we are no longer able to continue to do so. The PTC would like to have a commitment from a parent, or parents, by our next PTC General Membership Meeting on May 12, 2010, or we will be unable to prepare for the event. If you are interested, please contact any PTC Board Member immediately. The PTC would be as disappointed as the children if this event was unable to take place. So please consider taking on this role. Help is available. Thank you in advance from the PTC Board Members.

COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS AVAILABLE

In the coming weeks you may notice a poster hanging near the office with blank lines next to names of Committees offered here at Placer. Another year is closing in and the PTC needs to prepare for next year. If you are interested in hearing more about the committees, or are interested in chairing a committee, please write your first and last name on the poster and a Board Member will contact you. Get involved, you will be glad you did.) Please help to keep our history of outstanding programs and events continue to thrive!!!!
(Committees that do not have a chairperson may be eliminated next school year. This may affect programs and events)

LIGHTS, CAMERAS, AUCTION!

A Huge Success

Thank you to ALL of the volunteers that made March 13th's Auction event a huge success. The Auction Committee's hard work and dedication to contributing to the many programs here at Placer School showed, with the generous families and businesses that donated, and attended the event. Many parents pitched in doing various jobs throughout the night. We raised \$19, 833. In this struggling economy, we couldn't have been more pleased. The money raised will go towards continuing programs like Reading Counts, Computer Lab, Teacher Funds, School Supplies and Improvements. The event was held at our local Flower Farm Event Center here in Loomis. Thank you to the owners of The Flower Farm for offering a huge discount on your facility to help support our children. The event was catered by Randy Peter's Catering, and he also provides a discount to help support the children. If you are interested in being involved in next year's event planning and operation, please contact a Board Member for information. We always welcome any help we can get, as this is run entirely by volunteers. Thank you again from the PTC Board Members.



SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Are ALL grades of Placer Students allowed to wear any kind of flip flops to school on Fridays? YES! Flip Flop Fridays are here, now that spring is in the air. With the warmer weather arriving, there have been many questions on who, when and what about flip flops. EVERY grade is allowed to wear ANY flip flops on Fridays. Only 6th-8th Graders are allowed to wear flip flops Monday-Thursday.

PLACER SCHOOL TALENT SHOW

The K-8th grade talent show is on the calendar for Thursday evening, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, April 30, 8:15 a.m. for the school. Both will be held in the multipurpose building. There will be a meeting and first rehearsal on Friday, April 9 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm in the gym. All acts must be decided by then including name of songs to be performed. At the rehearsal on April 16, 2:00 - 3:30, all acts must be finished - dances must be finished and a copy of all music must be turned in to make a master for the program. Dress rehearsal will be Friday, April 23, 2:00 -4:00. We encourage everyone to be creative: not only singing, dancing, and instrumentals, but comedy, skits, magic acts, poetry readings... Remember to make sure all acts are age and school appropriate. Forms will be in the Friday folders.



QUESTION OF THE MONTH?

If you were able to purchase Placer School Logo License Plate Frames, would you?

Please email your yes or no response to:
placernews@hotmail.com

WINE BARREL ICE CHEST RAFFLE

Mr. Brian Murray, a Parent from Mrs. Page Kindergarten Class, has generously donated the wine barrel ice chest he made and purchased from the Auction. This beautiful handcrafted item will be on display near the school office. You are able to purchase raffle tickets for \$10 each on various days after school. Only 300 tickets will be sold. This gives you a 1 in 300 chance to win. All proceeds will benefit the children of Placer School. You need not be present to win. Winner will be announced at Placer's Open House on May 25th. This raffle is open to the community, but Placer Parents will have the first opportunity to purchase tickets. If you would like more information on purchasing a ticket, and are unable to make your purchase after school, please contact Sonia Bergin for more information. sonia@starstream.net or 652-9281

Please continue to do your **online shopping** through
www.schoolstore.com.

Placer School receives a percentage of every sale.

Thank you!

Loomis Basin Education Foundation

E-Waste Drive

Saturday April 17th, 2010

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Loomis Grammar School

3505 Taylor Road, Loomis

Start saving your old computers, VCRs, printers, copiers, small appliances, phones and more for free recycling!

Accepting electronic devices, including the following items:

Monitors/TVs Desktop PCs/notebook PCs, VCRs, stereos, speakers, keyboards, mice, PDAs, digital cameras, zip drives, telephones, cell phones, video game consoles, etc. Printers/copiers, Laser and multi-function peripheral, scanners & fax machines, Small kitchen appliances like blenders, mixers, toasters

Not Accepting:

Household Appliances (Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators) & Furniture, Hazardous Household waste including fluorescent light bulbs, car batteries and paint.

Sponsored by CEAR INC, California Electronics Asset Recovery a California state approved electronic waste collector and recycler. For optimal security, CEAR, Inc. completely shreds all computer hard drives. The secure facility is monitored 24/7 by surveillance cameras.

We are helping our community dispose of e-waste properly and environmentally. Please give us your old e-waste. It's good for the community, the earth and our elementary schools benefit too!





To help preserve our PE program,
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The **Loomis Union School District** has been greatly affected by the **budget crises** in the state of California. Grant monies dedicated to our Physical Education program have been withheld and our **PE program may cease to exist!**

Together, the Loomis Basin Education Foundation and YOU can help!

Donate \$23 to SAVE PE!

It will only take \$23 per student in the LUSD to raise the funds needed to help save the PE program through the 2011 school year. "\$23 to SAVE PE" sponsor cards will be tied to your school's fence. Bring a sponsor card to the office with \$23 cash or your check made out to LBEF. You can also donate online at www.lbef.net to show your support for our programs.

LBEF will match funds up to \$26,000

The Loomis Basin Education Foundation's purpose is to support the district's strategic plan. Physical education is a top priority to our community based on the district wide parent survey. The Foundation is leading the charge to support the district's PE program with the "\$23 to SAVE PE" campaign. You can help! For every dollar raised the Foundation will match up to \$26,000.



L.B.E.F.

Loomis Basin Education Foundation

L.B.E.F is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization; donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law:

Donation Amount: \$23 x _____ = \$_____

Each \$23 will help fund the PE program for the 2010/2011 school year.

Please provide your name and address. A receipt will be mailed in January of the following year for tax purposes.

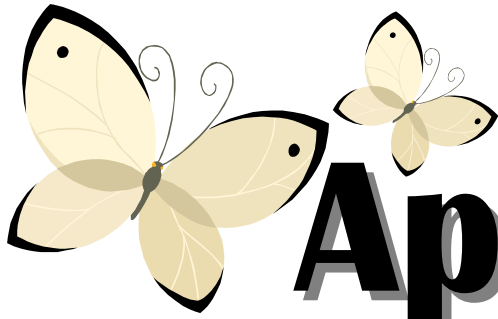
Donor Name _____ Address _____

Donor Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Please make checks payable to LBEF and mail along with this form to: LBEF, PO Box 1450 Loomis, CA 95650

Thank you for your donation and making a difference in our children's education.

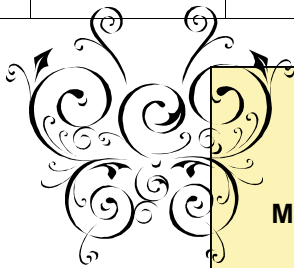
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April 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 	5 NO SCHOOL	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 PTC Board Mtg 6th Grade Science Camp	14 G.A.T.E Testing 6th Grade Science Camp	15 LUSD Board Mtg. PTC Budget Mtg 8:00 6th Grade Science Camp	16 Mad About Science Day 6th Grade Science Camp	17 E-Waste Collection
18	19 Del Oro Wings	20 Healthy Kids Survey	21	22 Geography Bee @ HCP	23 Spring Pictures	24
25	26	27	28 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	29 Talent Show @ 7:00 pm	30 Talent Show @ 8:15 am Placer Dance 5:00-8:00 pm	



Upcoming Dates
May 3—14—Star Testing
 May 11—PTC Board Meeting
May 12—PTC General Membership Meeting
 May 12—Minimum Day (Movie Afternoon)
May 19 - Jog-A-Thon
 May 25—Open House
May 26—Minimum Day
 May 31 - No School
June 9—Last Day of School

