

December 2010

Notes from the Principal

Carolyn Cowles, Principal 652-1830

Dear Placer Parents,

With a chill in the air, we are ready to hunker down to work during December. By the time we break on December 22nd, we will already be half way through the second trimester of school! We will all do our best to stay focused on learning, even as the excitement builds toward Christmas, the holidays and a lengthy winter break.

We have many great events going on this month. Be sure to check the calendar and website often. We have See's candy sales and a gold event in support of our Washington D.C. trip. We have a CHiPs for Kids collection bin in front of the office to collect toys for underprivileged children. Thank you, in advance, for your compassion and generosity.

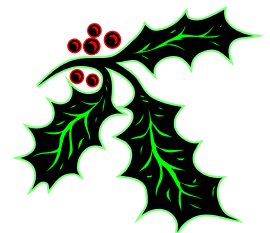
Be sure to attend one of our district music/band events. Both are sure to help you celebrate the season! Our band and chorus will present their Winter Concert on December 15th at 7:00, at Franklin School. The 5th-6th grade bands will perform on the 21st at 7:00, also at Franklin School.

We will be on break from December 23rd through January 9th. School resumes at 7:50 on January 10th. December 22nd is a minimum day, so please have your children picked up at 11:10. Thank you for your assistance with timely pick up - there will be no supervision after 11:30 a.m. on this day.

Friendly Reminder: If your children are going to miss school for personal reasons, these are "unexcused" absences, per state law. If the absences will be five days or more, you may request an independent study contract so that some of the school work missed can be completed. Our school policy asks that requests for independent study contracts be completed no less than three days prior to the start of the absence. Thank you for your understanding.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday break!

Fondly,
Carolyn Cowles



Parent Express Email (PEX)

PTC is very excited about our new email tool that we have been using for a few weeks now. This free service is through PTO Today Magazine. We are using the roster email database. If you are not in the roster, or have not been receiving the emails, you can sign up by emailing me at sonia@starstream.net, and I will add you to the database. You may want to check your spam folder and or add emails from "groupvine" to your safe list. At the bottom of the PEX emails, there is an unsubscribe link, where you can discreetly decline to receive the emails. If you have important info that needs to be sent out, please feel free to email me with that info as well, and I will get the info out as soon as possible. As always, questions or comments are always welcome.

Thank you—Sonia Bergin, Placer PTC PEX Administrator

It Could Happen to You

During this holiday season, we all have so many things to be grateful for. Some families aren't so lucky. Placer School has been known to be like a big family. There are some of our family members in need, especially at this time of year. Circumstances have left some families in dire need of the basics just to get by. It could happen to any one of us without warning; illnesses, a lost job, a lost family member, are just a few of the circumstances that could take you from getting by, to needing just to survive. If you are looking to donate to a needy family, then look no further than your own backyard. Any donations of gift cards for groceries or money would bring the holiday spirit to a needy neighbor or friend here at Placer School. If you would like to donate, please drop your donation off at the front office at Placer, and we will make sure your donation anonymously goes to the right place.

Thank you—The Placer Elementary School Family

Book Fair Wrap-Up

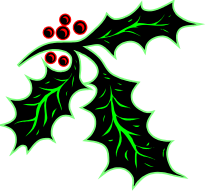
The fall book fair was a big success! Gross book fair sales were over \$7400 this time which means there will be lots of new books in the library. We were also able to purchase many of the books in the teacher's baskets with "Scholastic Dollars", so the kids will have many new book titles to read in their classrooms as well. Our Principal, Mrs. Cowles, wore a superwoman costume on the last day of the book fair as a reward to the students for reaching the goal of \$200 in donations to the "One for Books" charity. This charity gives books to underprivileged kids who normally wouldn't be able to get new books. Thank you to all the parents who came out to support the book fair and purchased books for their kids. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who helped with decorations, setting up, staffing during the day, cashiering, refreshments, and tear down of the book fair. It takes an enormous amount of people to have a successful book fair and we are so lucky to have such generous parents who volunteer their time. The spring book fair will take place in May of 2011 and Jen Kaump would love to have a partner to co-chair the fair with her so if you are interested in helping out please contact her at thekaumps@msn.com or 970-310-8471.

Message from our PTC Treasurer

We have a new PTC Treasurer! Tracie Glashan has recently taken over, and there is a new email for all Treasurer communication: PlacerPTCMoney@gmail.com. To simplify matters over the long run, this email address will continue to move with each new subsequent Treasurer in the future, meaning you never have to change your records at all. This email should be the primary means of communication, but you can also call Tracie if you need to at 916-223-4287.

Thank you—Tracie Glashan, Placer PTC Treasurer





GET Cash For Christmas!

When was the last time YOU were the one
taking home \$\$ after a fundraiser?

Join us for a gold, silver and platinum recycling fundraiser featuring

“All That Glitters Gold Recycling”

Benefits Placer’s PTC and Washington DC Trip Club 8th Graders

Dec. 6th 1:00-4:00 p.m. & 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Dec. 7th 1:00-4:00 p.m. & 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Dec. 8th 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Placer Elementary School - location TBD

While the price of gold, silver and platinum is at an all time high, now is the time to sell! Start searching through your jewelry boxes now for any old broken or knotted up chains, unmatched earrings, jewelry from ex’s, or any out of date yellow or white gold/silver you don’t wear anymore. You can even bring dental gold or old tarnished silver serving pieces. Bring it on the day and time of your choice and a gold broker will be there to weigh & test each piece for karat type and purity. If there are stones you want to keep, don’t worry, most can be removed. She will make you an offer based on the selling price that day. You can choose to accept the offer or take your jewelry back home with you. There is no pressure or obligation to sell. On average, folks take home between \$200-\$400! Can you think of a better event than one where YOU take home cash? If that isn’t enough, All That Glitters Gold Recycling will donate 20% of their proceeds to be split between Placer PTC and Placer’s 8th Graders attending the Washington DC/NYC Trip!

Please e-mail or call if you are planning to attend.

If you can’t make it, feel free to contact

Jennifer Edwards and drop off your gold and

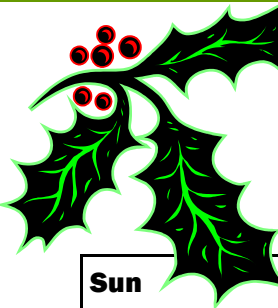
silver with her. She will provide an envelope to keep

your items safe and will contact you with the offer that day.


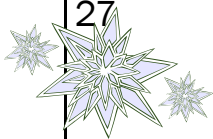
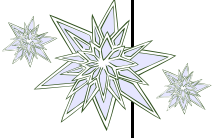
For more information and to reserve your spot, contact

Jennifer Edwards, 916-768-4207, mjedwards@starstream.net





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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 4-6 Grades Honor Roll Lunch 11:30 - 12:10 | 3 7 & 8 Grades Honor Roll Lunch 12:20 - 1:00 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Dance @ Penryn 5:00-8:00 | 11 LBEF Holiday Home Tour |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Band & Chorus Winter Concert 7pm, Franklin | 16 LUSD Board Mtg 7:00-9:00pm HC Powers | 17 Mad About Science Day | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 5th & 6th Winter Performance 7pm, Franklin | 22 Minimum Day 11:10 Dismissal | 23 No School Winter Break | 24 No School Winter Break | 25 Merry Christmas  |
| 26 | 27  | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31  | NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK |



See's Candy
Just in Time for the Holidays!

The 8th Grade Washington DC Trip Club is selling See's Candy to help defray costs of the trip. Order forms were sent home and are due to the front office on **December 1st**. Additional forms are in the office. Sales directly benefit the Placer kids going on the Spring Break trip.

For more information or late orders, please contact Jennifer Edwards at 768-4207 or mjedwards@starstream.net. Thanks for your support!

Mark Your Calendars!

January 10
Back to School

January 17
No School, MLK Day

February 9
Minimum Day

February 21-25
President's Week