



Placer Elementary School *Newsletter*

June 2010

Carolyn Cowles, Principal 652-1830

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Placer Families,

This will be my last article of the year. It has been such a year of growth for the students at Placer School. Here are a few of the highlights:

- Many classes started to learn Spanish using Rosetta Stone – muy bien!
- Our Mad About Science days pushed our students to think critically, to analyze and to stretch their imaginations through hands-on exploration
- Our History Alive curriculum allowed our older students to participate in fabulous simulations of earlier times. (serfs, merchants, knights, etc.)
- Our teachers have taken steps to become a Professional Learning Community, which encourages providing intervention and enrichment during the school day
- Our Learning Center has helped nearly 100 students to close the gaps in their learning, and to achieve grade level (or above) competency
- Our after school Homework Clubs served almost 100 students – providing an orderly place for homework to be completed, with resources and support
- We are the only school in the district offering enrichment classes for 6th-8th graders: Greenhouse, Spanish, Art, Dance, Team Sports, Robotics, etc.

Even though we are in a historically unprecedented budget crisis, we will do everything possible to continue these successful programs for your children next year. We will find a way! Thank you to our generous P.T.C. for their continued sponsorship of the “extras” that help all children succeed.

Who's Teaching – 2010?

We will soon be able to announce some of our staffing for 2010-2011. We appreciate your understanding as we work with the district to streamline classes throughout Loomis. Individual students will not be assigned to a specific teacher until August, as we need to balance classes because new students will arrive throughout the summer. P.T.C. is tentatively scheduling August 12th as our annual Back to School picnic. Students pick up their class schedules on this fun evening, so mark your calendars now!

Be sure to stay in touch over the summer by visiting our school

website: <http://placer.loomis-usd.k12.ca.us>

I will be posting information in a timely manner as it becomes available.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with your children this year. This was one of Placer's best years ever, according to many families who have had children in our school for the past ten years! We look forward to seeing your children in August and hope that you enjoy a lovely summer with those you love most!

Fondly,
Carolyn

SPRING BOOK FAIR

The Spring 2010 book fair is over and it was a great success! We sold over 1800 books which was our goal this spring. That means that our Principal will be roller skating to celebrate our book fair's success.

We couldn't have possibly done this without all of the many volunteers who helped out in so many ways. Thank you to all of you for helping with decorations, set up, tear down, refreshments, cashiering, loss prevention, open house, root beer floats, etc. We are so lucky to have the support of so many parents who really enjoy helping out during the book fair. As many of you already know this was the last book fair for Kelly Strahl and myself as Co-Chairmen. We've had so much fun doing the book fairs together and have lots of terrific memories, but it's time for us to hand over the book fair to someone new with lots of fresh ideas. If any of you are interested in learning more about this fantastic opportunity to make a difference at Placer Elementary then contact either one of us to learn more. Thank you all so much for your time, creativity, dedication and energy. It wouldn't happen without you.

Warm regards,
Teresa Froomin and Kelly Strahl

Email to Kelly Strahl and Teresa Froomin from Rebecca Fong, Parent:

Thank you both for taking on something as large and important to Placer School as this.

You've done so much and done it so well, too!

\$23 TO SAVE P.E. A HUGE SUCCESS, Thank You Parents!

Dear Parents,

I wanted to let you know that the \$23 for PE campaign, sponsored by the Loomis Basin Education Foundation (LBEF), has been tremendously successful. All of the necessary funds have been raised to preserve the physical education program for next year. In addition, the "Go the Distance" at Franklin School raised funds to contribute as well.

I can't begin to express my gratitude for the generosity of our parents and community, particularly during a rough economic time. Together, the parents raised over \$26,000! A tremendous thank you to the LBEF for matching the amount of funds raised.

Our schools are among the best in the State, and a strong PE program is of critical importance to our community.

Together, we can make a difference and keep our Loomis schools the best they can be.

Best regards,
Paul Johnson

PEGGY WORD ROCKS!

Thank you to Peggy Word for manning the cotton candy machine on the last minimum day movie day.

Even though she wasn't feeling well, she managed to get over 100 orders of cotton candy to our eager movie goers. Thanks Peggy!

LETTER FROM RETIRING TEACHER

(My) Dear Placer Family,

It's a bittersweet task I have writing this letter to all of you. I am so happy to be retiring and starting this new chapter of my life. Don't ask me what I'm going to be doing - I don't have a clue what that's going to be yet, but I know I will miss people from Placer who, perhaps, I will never see again. I have been described - to my face, as well as on the soccer field - as a task master and a strict disciplinarian with (incredibly) high standards, and that certainly is correct. What I hope you also have seen in me is the love I have had for my students, the possibilities and potential I have seen in each student, and my desire to do whatever it takes to make my kids good citizens, loyal friends, and successful people. There are students, teachers, staff members, and parents, who are my friends, will always be in my life, and who have made me a better person for having known them. I believe, as well, that I have done my best teaching at Placer because of our incredible environment. Our school promotes excellence, not just in its students, but in its teachers and support groups, like our PTC. We really DO have the closest school family. I could write a book about the inspiration and wisdom I've received from parents, students, colleagues, and local citizens who have given their time and energy to make our school the cool place it is. I am honored to have been part of the Placer family, and am grateful to all of you who have made this last part of my teaching career the best years I've ever had.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

Kathy Gosch

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**Congratulations to the Placer School 8th Grade
Graduating Class of 2010!**

Good Luck to Mrs. Gosch, Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. Mulvany, and Mr. Tom. We hope your new **adventure** in life is filled with **fun and happiness.....**

ON TO THE NEXT CHAPTER

I would like to thank all the Placer Families for supporting me during my 2 year term as PTC President. Although I am not continuing on in the position next school year, I will continue to be on the PTC Board as Past President/Teacher Liaison for the next school year. I have had the pleasure of working with dedicated parents and enjoyed being a part of this great group. None of the things PTC accomplished would be possible without you. Thank you. I would like to welcome our new PTC President for the 2010/11 school year. Shad Derifield will be a great President and is enthusiastic to continue working towards offering our children the programs, events, and supplies they deserve. I'd like to also welcome Cori Mitsch as our new Secretary. Sarah Hudgins - Treasurer Assistant, Yvonne Miller - Vice President, and Marianne Beavers - Secretary, are ending their terms on the Board. Thank you for all your hard work. Below is the PTC Board for 2010/11 School Year. Please feel free approach any of the Board Members with questions or ideas.

Thank you,
Sonia Bergin



2010/11 PTC Board Members

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2010 –2011 PLACER PTC BUDGET

The PTC Budget for the 2010/11 School Year has been completed. If you are interested in seeing where your donations are spent, please contact Sonia Bergin, sonia@starstream.net for an email copy or refer to the binder located in the school office. Thank you for supporting our children.

DESPERATE TIMES CALL FOR DESPERATE MEASURES

As the PTC is planning for next year, we have become concerned about some events and programs that may not happen next school year. Most events at school are run by parent volunteers. Our book fair chairpersons have dedicated so much of their time and are ready to pass the torch on to someone new. Please consider signing up. The kids look forward to this event and it would be sad not only for the kids, but for our library. The book fair raises funds to purchase new books to keep updated books circulating in our school library. The book fair is held twice a year and Teresa Froomin and Kelly Strahl would help you learn the ropes. If we don't have someone to coordinate this popular event, we will not be able to have it. We are also looking for a Family Fun Coordinator, a Beatification Chairperson, and an Auction Chairperson. Please contact a Board Member if you are thinking about taking on any of these roles. Without you, these events and programs will be gone...Thank you...

NEW FUNDRAISING POLICY

The Placer PTC will be implementing a NEW fundraising policy for the 2010/11 school year. This policy will need to be followed by any club, teacher, parent, student; class, etc...Please go to the PTC website to download the request form. You may also pick up a copy in the school office. The new policy is as follows:

All Fundraisers must be approved by the PTC Board and the Principal. A Fundraiser Request Form must be submitted and approved prior to commencement of the fundraiser.

** Failure to follow the Fundraising Request Policy results in forfeiture of any monies collected and deposited.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Back to School Picnic

Thursday August 12 @ 6pm

1st Day of School

Thursday August 19 @ 7:50am

1st Day of School Breakfast

Thursday August 19 @7:45am

HAVE AN AMAZING SUMMER!