



Placer Elementary School *Newsletter*

March 2010

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Placer Families,

Everyone is smiling at Placer School! Spring is in the air, the second trimester is coming to a close and there are many great events planned for the remainder of the school year. Be sure to review the school calendar so that you don't miss "Beauty and the Beast", athletic events, honor roll lunches, Mad About Science Days, etc.

Calendar news can be found on the P.T.C. website: www.placerptc.org or on the school's website: <http://placer.loomis-usd.k12.ca.us/> or in the monthly P.T.C. newsletter. If you don't find what you need from any of these sources, just give us a call and we'll be happy to help you. The office phone number is: 652-1830.

March also gives us the opportunity to come together as adults for a fun-filled event. The annual P.T.C. Auction is on March 13th at the Flower Farm. Tickets may be purchased online, after school or in the school office. This is the P.T.C.'s largest fund-raiser of the year. Proceeds will be used to continue to support your child's education at Placer School. The P.T.C. funds the computer lab, technology support, Rosetta Stone, Harvest Festival and many classroom activities like Reading Counts, Book Fair and Art Docent. Your support will continue to make Placer School the best in the area!

Finally, we thank you for the positive feedback that we continue to receive from the community. Recently, we received a lovely letter from a Placer parent that says it all:

"What super teachers we have at Placer! I know that's not news to you, but I'm sure it's nice to hear a confirmation from a parent every once in awhile. So I just thought I would send a little note in praise of Mrs. Nordin.

Mrs. Nordin has been my child's Spanish teacher for the 2nd trimester extension class. While Spanish has proven a bit of a challenge for my son, I don't believe that is necessarily a bad thing. Mrs. Nordin has high expectations for her students, and she should; our kids deserve nothing less! She has provided solid instruction and more than fair grading and evaluation. She was an excellent choice for implementing this new curriculum.

I applaud you for bringing the Rosetta Stone program to Placer this year, and to Mrs. Nordin for her role in its introduction. Having experienced a fraction of the program so far, my only comment is that it would be very beneficial to have an online component that could be accessed from home for study help and reinforcement of lesson plans (it's been 25 years since my last Spanish class...I'm a little rusty!).

Again, my compliments to our great teaching staff (and their fearless leader)!"

Happy Spring,
Carolyn

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GREEN TEAM STICKS IT TO GLUE



Placer GREEN TEAM has taken on another recycling project ... **GLUE!** In conjunction with the **Elmer's Glue Crew Recycling Program**, our school has adopted a recycling program geared toward keeping these containers out of the landfill. Beginning this month, the GREEN TEAM will collect your empty glue containers (bottles and sticks).

Recyclables can be placed in the receptacle outside of Room 6 (Mrs. Swain's room). Please help us reach our potential, both in school and at home, by bringing your empty containers by for recycling. **Thank you!**

Coming soon ... recycling of soft-sided juice containers (Capri Sun, etc.)

This program will likely begin in April.

HOUSEHOLD BATTERY DISPOSAL

Did you know ... it's illegal to throw household batteries into the trash? It's true! Since 2006, California law has prohibited residents from disposing of household batteries in the garbage. Instead, spent batteries must be discarded in designated containers to keep toxic battery acid out of the landfills and ultimately local creeks, rivers and lakes – our drinking water source.



You can dispose of your spent household batteries in many places: grocery stores, electronics stores, and even nearby at the San Juan Water District Administration Office at 9935 Auburn Folsom Road (M-F 8:30-5:00). **Do your part and help save this toxic waste for a special disposal.**

Used Oil and Filter Recycling

Tips for recycling your used oil and filters:

1. Used motor oil and filters should be taken to a designated disposal site. In Loomis, these include: Fox's Automotive, Loomis Auto Service, and Sierra Auto Care.
2. Call the site first to confirm hours, materials, and quantities accepted.
3. Transport oil in leak-proof tightly sealed containers. Put oil filters in lockable bags or other leak-proof containers. Most centers accept up to five gallons at one time. Call ahead to be sure.
4. Always wait for an attendant to accept the used oil.

Used motor oil contaminated with water or other automotive fluids should be taken to the WPWMA Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Roseville.

Fox's Automotive 652-7526 | Loomis Auto Service 660-1693 | Sierra Auto Care 652-6196

PLEASE JOIN US IN SAVING YOUR
GLUE STICKS AND BOTTLE
CONTAINERS.

SHOULD WE COLLECT ENOUGH
EMPTY GLUE CONTAINERS
BEFORE EARTH DAY,
1,000 TREES WILL BE PLANTED
IN OUR NAME!

EMPTY CONTAINERS CAN BE
BROUGHT TO ROOM 6.
THANK YOU!

LIGHTS, CAMERAS, AUCTION!

Hollywood Style!



The auction is less than two weeks away and purchasing your tickets is easier than ever!

Just log onto Evite and you can purchase your tickets online!

<http://www.evite.com/app/publicUrl/EEVJSAXRWHCRCRDBUATKZP/placerptauction>. Once on Evite, you can RSVP by filling in your name and email where it says 'reply here'. Tickets can be purchased via PayPal; just click on 'pay now'. There is no need to register.

You can also purchase tickets after school with a Visa or MasterCard. If paying by check, please make your check payable to Placer PTC, and put "auction" in the memo. If none of this is convenient, you can also e-mail your credit card information to our P.T.C. President, Sonia Bergin. Her e-mail address is: sonia@starstream.net. Don't forget to include your name!



Don't miss this terrific social event which is not only our major school fund raiser but also a great adults-only night out. **See you on March 13th at the Flower Farm!**

DRAMA PRODUCTION... *"Beauty and the Beast Jr."*

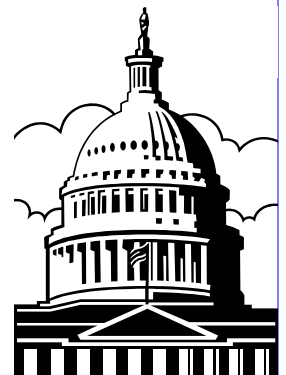
Be Our Guest at Placer School's fantastic production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr.!" You'll see dancing plates and silverware, talking clocks and candles, and a Beast who turns into a Prince! Show times are **Thursday March 4th** and **Saturday March 6th**, both at 7pm. There will also be an assembly performance on Friday March 5th at 8:30am. Admission is *free*, but we do appreciate donations at the door to support the Drama Program here at Placer.

Also, don't forget to pre-order your Magical Rose.....audience members can help to bring the Beast back to life, but you'll need a Rose to make the magic! Cost is \$5, payable when you pick up your Rose at the show. To pre-order, please email Lori Wolfley at lwolfley@yahoo.com, or call 916 539 9007. Hope to see you there!

WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

Washington D.C. Trip Club Meeting for the up and coming 8th graders will be **April 22nd at Loomis Grammar School Library 6:30 p.m.**

Please attend as this will be the kick off for next year's event. There will be a vote for next year's board if you are interested. We have quite a few positions available. The 8th graders will have returned from this year's trip and you can hear all about it. Please note: The Washington D.C. trip is not an L.U.S.D. sponsored field trip.



Please contact Peggy Word with any questions at 916-837-6106 or sbelle55@yahoo.com.



March 2010



Upcoming Dates

April 5
 NO SCHOOL
April 13 - 16
 6th Grade Science Fair
May 12
 PTC General Meeting
 ALL PARENTS INVITED

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		STAR Writing Test 4th & 7th		"Beauty and the Beast", 7pm School Board Mtg 7:00pm, HC Powers	End of Second Trimester	"Beauty and the Beast". 7pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	MINIMUM DAY 11:10 dismissal	PTC Board Mtg 12:15pm			Report Cards	School Auction 5pm Flower Farm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Honor Roll Lunch 4th & 5th 11:40		MINIMUM DAY 11:10 dismissal		Mad About Science Day Honor Roll Lunch 6th - 8th 12:20	
21	22	25	24	25	26	27
				Kindergarten Registration 12:00-3:00pm Library		
28	29	30	31			
			NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	S P R I N G B R E A K March 29-April 5		

Don't forget that your everyday purchases can help our school...

Raley's Quality of Life Cards

Remember to scan your QOL card EVERY time you shop at Raley's or Bel Air. Even small purchases add up to help our school!

Safeway Loyalty Cards

Use your Safeway Cards and contribute up to **4 percent** to Placer School.

SchoolStore.com

Shop online at mainstream stores and a percentage of each sale goes to Placer School.

Box Tops for Education

Keep sending in those box tops!
You can also print online coupons at www.boxtops4education.com.