



# Placer Elementary School *Newsletter*

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Placer Families,

This time of the year is jam-packed with exciting events! Besides working full time, taking care of the house and home, and attending many school events, I somehow also manage to get my son to baseball practice and to his games three times per week! Since I know most of you are as busy as we are, be sure to check out the school website's calendar and the P.T.C. website. We do our best to inform our community about upcoming events so that you can make the most of your busy afternoons. Calendar news can be found on the P.T.C. website: [www.placerptc.org](http://www.placerptc.org) or on the school's website: <http://placer.loomis-usd.k12.ca.us/> or in the monthly P.T.C. newsletter. We have many wonderful events planned for May: Open House, Jog-a-Thon, Mad About Science Day, Wildlife Assemblies, Movie Event, Chorus and Band Concerts, Track Meets and S.T.A.R. Testing.

2010-2011: Many families have contacted me regarding their child's classroom assignment for next school year. While we do not accept requests for specific teachers, we do appreciate hearing about your child's learning strengths and preferences. Please send an e-mail to me if you have information that you would like us to consider. [ccowles@loomis-usd.k12.ca.us](mailto:ccowles@loomis-usd.k12.ca.us)

Unfortunately, I cannot provide information about teacher assignments for next year. Our budget is uncertain, and we may have to increase class sizes and/or have some combination classes. This will be avoided wherever possible! In the event of increased class size and/or combination classes, teacher's grade level assignments may change. For this reason, we cannot finalize our decisions about staffing for next year. Stay tuned to your e-mail because I will notify families as soon as I possibly can. We appreciate your understanding during these difficult times.

As we did last year, we will be sending a supply list home with your child's last report card. This will help you to take advantage of sales over the summer. We all love buying school supplies for 25 cents!

Updates: We would like to offer our sincere thanks to families who have contributed to the "\$23 for P.E." campaign. We are well on our way to saving your child's P.E. program. We are also very grateful to families who have sponsored other children or who have rounded their donation to \$25, and to those who have contributed even more. We appreciate any donation, in any amount. Even \$5.00 can help us to reach our goal of \$26,000. The Loomis Basin Education Foundation has generously offered to match funds raised to keep our fabulous P.E. program alive in the Loomis District. Donations can be made throughout the end of the school year.

S.T.A.R. testing will occur during the weeks of May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup>. We know that our students will do a fabulous job on these rigorous exams. They are lengthy tests, so a proper breakfast will help your child to concentrate for the duration of the testing sessions. We will not be permitting interruptions into the classroom during testing sessions, so please bring your children to school on time. Attendance each day is a must. Thank you for also encouraging your children to give their absolute best on the test.

Hopefully, the sun will be shining when this newsletter reaches you!

Fondly,  
Carolyn

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## OPEN HOUSE

### Come to Placer School's Annual Open House.

Open House is **Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup>** 6pm-8pm. See what the children have been learning. There will be many things to do like 4<sup>th</sup> grade square dancing in the gym, art show and bake sale in the cafeteria, food being served in the quad, book fair in the library, root beer floats, Mrs. Cowles in rare form, and of course, your child's classrooms. The raffle winner will be announced by 8pm. Don't miss it...

## JOG-A-THON

Get ready for our annual Placer School Jog-A-Thon! We will be holding our Jog-A-Thon on **Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please help sponsor this worthy cause for our school. Sponsor envelopes should have come home with your child. We are hoping to make this year our best one yet. **Every penny goes straight into Placer School** with absolutely no overhead cost. As always, we have you parents to thank for all the support that you send our way. We are very grateful and appreciative of your donations. We are encouraging parents to come and watch our students run laps. We hope to see you on the field at 8:45 am sharp to cheer your student on. See you May 19<sup>th</sup>!



## SPRING BOOK FAIR

Get excited! It's time for the Spring Book Fair. The theme is **Book Fair Diner** and it will be starting on May 21<sup>st</sup> with teacher and student preview day. The book fair will be open during the week of **May 24-28** for parent and student purchases so come on in and see all the great books for sale. During Open House night on **May 25<sup>th</sup>**, the book fair will also be open **from 6-8pm**. There will be root beer floats in the quad area to go with our diner theme. The sales goal for the Spring Book Fair is 1,800 book purchases which will help raise money for our librarian to buy many new books for the Placer School library. If we meet our sales goal of 1,800 books sold, then our principal, Mrs. Cowles, has agreed to perform another wacky stunt to entertain the students. Last fall students were selected from each grade and got to silly string their principal. This time, Mrs. Cowles will dress up in "Fifties" attire and wear roller skates around the school for the day. So if you'd like to see it happen, then come and shop at the book fair as often as possible! It's going to be a great time and we hope to see you there! .

## MINIMUM DAY & A MOVIE!

Don't forget to sign your children up to attend the last Minimum Day Movie of the school year. PTC and Family Fun are hosting the event. Permission slips can be found in your child's weekly folder.

The event is Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:10am-1:30pm.  
The movie is Tooth Fairy, rated PG.



## OPEN COMMITTEE POSITIONS

I'm starting to feel like a broken record. There are still open committee positions available for the next school year. Thank you to the parents that have stepped up to fill a few of the positions. Lynn Tucker and Shelly Fox will be heading up the Harvest Festival Committee. This is the most popular event of the school year for the kids. Thank you. Our Annual Back to School Breakfast Committee will be headed up by Lisa Haynes, thank you. The parents are grateful to have a gathering they can attend on the first day of school. There is ALWAYS, terrific food, and this is a great time to meet new families and catch up with old ones. Our Hospitality/PEST Committee will be headed up by Rebecca Fong and Adrienne Westlake. Thank you. The staff appreciates the recognition they deserve. We still have positions available. Find a friend and consider signing up to co-chair. Most of the positions do not require an entire year of work. The positions available are: **Book Fair Chairperson(s), Room Parent Coordinator(s), Family Fun Coordinator(s), Placer Beautification Chairperson(s), Auction Chairperson(s), and Spiritwear Coordinator(s).** If these positions are not filled, these programs and events will not happen next school year. If you have any questions, or want more information of what the position requires, please contact Sonia Bergin, [sonia@starstream.net](mailto:sonia@starstream.net), or 652-9281.

## You Are Invited...

**Please join us for the last PTC Meeting of the school year.**

### **PTC General Membership Meeting**

Wednesday, May 12

7:50 am, Cafeteria

Bring your coffee and see what PTC has been doing  
and what they are planning for next year.

Also, we will be voting on our budget and new Board Members.

## WINE BARREL RAFFLE TICKETS

**Wine Barrel Raffle Tickets are on sale NOW.** You may purchase raffle tickets in two ways. Place money in an envelope and write: Attention to Sonia Bergin, raffle, your child's name and teacher. Send the envelope to school and I will process your request and your child will bring home your raffle ticket in an envelope. You may also purchase tickets after school on Fridays (and a few other random days TBD). Buy your ticket now before they sell out. Only 300 tickets will be sold. **Tickets are \$10** and all proceeds benefit the children through PTC sponsored programs and events.

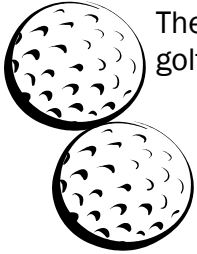
You don't want to miss out on possibly winning this gorgeous piece for entertaining. Raffle ticket sales will be open to the public soon, so don't wait. For info, please contact Sonia Bergin, [sonia@starstream.net](mailto:sonia@starstream.net), or 652-9281.

## WHO'S GOT SPIRIT?

**Placer students do!** Fridays at Placer School are the days to show your spirit so wear your spirit wear every **Friday**. New spring spirit wear order forms went home in the weekly folders last week. Placer has some really cool new items. If you have questions or want to place an order, please contact Vicky Dessert, [thedessert6@yahoo.com](mailto:thedessert6@yahoo.com).



## LBEF GOLF BALL DROP



The Loomis Basin Education Foundation and the newly formed Music Boosters are having a golf ball drop fundraiser on **June 4<sup>th</sup>** at Home on the Range in Newcastle. Numbered golf balls may be purchased for \$5 each or 5 balls for \$20. A helicopter will fly over Home on the Range in and the ball that lands closest to the target will win \$1000. There will be multiple prizes to be won according to the number assigned to the golf ball you purchased. Prizes include Houston's Steak House gift certificate, Bowling and skating for 4, \$50 Les Shwab certificate, golf at Turkey Creek and Indian Creek, and more. Watch for the flyer in your child's weekly folder.



## \$23 TO SAVE P.E.

With the generous support of the LBEF and LUSD parents, the goal to save PE is halfway there. The LBEF would like to have all donations submitted by **May 12**. You can go on their website and use PayPal, or send your check, made out to LBEF, to the school office. If you would like more information or have questions, please go to the Foundation's website at [www.lbef.net](http://www.lbef.net).

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE DAILY  
ON THE RALEY'S WEBSITE TO HELP LUSD EARN MONEY  
FOR THE **MUSIC PROGRAM**.  
THE LINK IS:**

<http://www.raleys.com/reach/1421532>



# Mi Ranchito Taqueria Is Serving Food @ Open House



**Date: Tuesday May 25th**

**Time: 6pm—8pm**

**Contact Sonia Bergin: 652-9281 for info.**

Loomis's own, Mi Ranchito Taqueria will be serving food at Open House. You will have your choice of chicken or steak tacos and cheese quesadillas. Tacos are \$1.50 and Cheese Quesadillas are \$2.50. Beverages will also be available. Please bring cash in small bills. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Placer School. Quantities are limited, so come early, and come hungry.

**Located in the Placer Elementary School Quad**

**Raffle Winner will be announced by 8pm**



# May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 STAR Testing	4 STAR Testing	5 STAR Testing	6 STAR Testing	7 STAR Testing	8
9	10 STAR Testing	11 PTC Board Mtg STAR Testing	12 PTC General Mtg-7:50am <b>Min Day &amp; Movie</b> 11:10-1:30 STAR Testing	13 STAR Testing	14 <b>Mad About Science Day</b> STAR Testing	15
16	17	18 Track Meet District Chorus Concert, HCP	19 Jog-A-Thon 8:45am	20	21 Wildlife Assembly 9-11am	22
23 LUSD @ Rivercats District Chorus sings Nat. Anthem at Rivercats	24 Special Assembly 1:00pm	25 <b>Open House</b> 6-8pm	26 <b>Minimum Day</b> 11:10 Dismissal Newsletter Articles Due Picnic in the Park/Concert, Franklin	27	28	29
30	31 NO SCHOOL					



**Upcoming Dates**

June 4  
**LBEF Golf Ball Drop**

June 9  
**Last Day of School / Minimum Day**