



November 2010

Notes from the Principal

Carolyn Cowles, Principal

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Dear Placer Parents,

Happy Autumn! November is an usual month with many irregular days, so be sure to check your calendar often. There is a minimum day on November 8th, no school for Veteran's Day on the 11th and a furlough day on the 12th. There are minimum days for conferences on November 16th through the 18th and we will enjoy Thanksgiving Break from November 22nd through the 26th. To all of our veterans out there: a heartfelt "thank you" from Placer School for your selfless service to our great country.

Parents should expect to see their child's report card on November 15th. Teachers will be scheduling conferences during this week as well. Be sure to always check your child's grades online via the parent portal, for students in grades 4-8. That way, there are fewer surprises when report cards are issued.

Thank you to everyone who helped us kick-off Autumn at our Harvest Festival. Despite the rain, we had an exceptional turn-out and lots of fun! A special note of appreciation goes to chairpersons Lynn Tucker and Shelly Fox for their hard work, positive attitudes, and creative new ideas.

Reminders:

Cell phones -Please monitor your child's cell phone use constantly. Our small community has seen an increase in cyber-bullying and inappropriate texting. If your child receives a text message that causes concern, please contact the school office or your child's teacher. Please also be aware that children are often loaning their cell phones to other students, so that text messages cannot (necessarily) be traced back to the perpetrator. When we all monitor cell phone use, we are more effective at reducing cyber-bullying.

Minimum Days - Please make arrangements for your children to be picked up promptly on minimum days. It is not appropriate for groups of students to "hang out" after school, at any of the Loomis District Schools, because there are no adults present to keep the children safe. If your child asks to spend the afternoon in downtown Loomis, please be certain that there will be an adult there to supervise. Local businesses are cracking down on unsupervised, and sometimes disruptive, groups of elementary-aged students who frequent their establishments on minimum days. There will be a movie lunch on the 18th, which is also a minimum day. Please see the attached permission slip.

Flip Flops - Students may wear flip flops on Fridays, but must bring tennis shoes on P.E. days. Thank you for helping our children remember to come prepared on P.E. days.

Lost and Found - We are overflowing in our lost and found cart. Please be sure to label your child's jackets and lunch boxes with their names on the inside. We do attempt to return lost items to our students, but many items have no names written on them.

Thank you for a rewarding first trimester of school. It has been a pleasure to work with our many new students and families, as well as to celebrate our successes together. Enjoy a safe Thanksgiving Break with those you love most.

Warm Wishes,
Carolyn

A Message from the PTC

Wow, October has gone by quickly! We would like to start by thanking our chairs for the Harvest Festival, Lynn Tucker and Shelly Fox. They did a wonderful job adapting to the torrential downpour. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers that helped make the Harvest Festival a screaming success.

Moving on, the Traffic Committee members have been established and the first meeting will be held in November. For those of you who would like to attend, we will be announcing the meeting date and time in an upcoming "alert now".

As mentioned in previous publications the Placer PTC Board is making an effort in taking on more issues that are concerning to our members. We will be establishing a suggestion box where members will be able to drop off confidential suggestions that can be addressed by the PTC Board. No issue is too small or too big. In addition to the issues at hand, we would like to hear from you regarding expenditures you believe the PTC should explore. Prior to the placement of the suggestion box you are welcome to email any concerns or suggestions confidentially to sderifield@gmail.com.

And last, we still have one board position not filled. The position is for a Corporate Fundraiser. This position is a board seat responsible for securing corporate fundraising monies for Placer School improvements. Any person interested please contact sderifield@gmail.com.

Best regards,

Placer PTC



We Need Your Help...

Dear Parents,

I was hoping that there would be a parent willing to take on our Annual Auction, to be held on Saturday March 26, 2011 at the Flower Farm in Loomis. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the kids. I undertook this task last year and it was fantastic, but this year, I just can't do it. The beginning leg work has been done, location, theme, a majority of the volunteers for the key jobs. I will do the software, guide, and accounting for the auction. Please consider being the leading role for this great event. You will have tons of help. Email sonia@starstream.net for more details.

Thank you,

Sonia Bergin

Harvest Festival

The Annual Harvest Festival was a huge success, even with the storm looming overhead. We had more people attend this year than last, thank you. Thank you to all the volunteers, Placer Feed and Supply for the hay, Lynn Tucker and Shelly Fox for heading the committee, the haunted house crew, amazing as usual, and gets better every year. Without you this would not be possible. The kids had a blast, and everyone enjoyed a safe, fun evening. Till next year.....



Book Fair

Get excited! It's time for the Fall 2010 Book Fair. The theme is "Heroes-Reading Saves the Day" and it will be starting on November 15th. The Book Fair will be open during the week of November 15-19 for parent and student purchases; so come on in and see all the great books for sale.

Last Spring we sold over 1,800 books which helped raise money for our librarian to buy many new books for the Placer School library. 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! If you would like to volunteer to work at the Book Fair, please contact Jen Kaump, our new Book Fair Chairperson. She can be reached at 970-310-8471 or thekaumps@msn.com. Jen and her husband moved from Colorado and they have a Kindergartner and a 3rd Grader at Placer. She would love to have a partner to co-chair the book fair with her so if you are interested please contact her.

Also, if you have any super hero theme decorations or costumes that the book fair could borrow for a short time, please contact Jen as well.



8th Grade Washington DC/New York City Trip



It's not too late to sign up for your 8th Grade student to participate in the Washington DC/ New York City Trip. There are nearly 45 8th-graders in the Loomis Union School District going on the trip and it's promising to be one of our best trips ever. The next meeting will be on November 8th at 6:30, Loomis Elementary library. For more information or registration details, contact Holly Andreatta at 768-3501 or hdandreatta@yahoo.com.

Fundraising Update

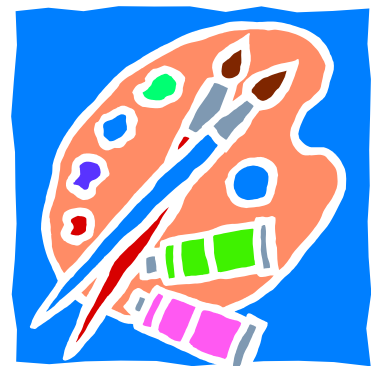
Help Placer's 8th Graders earn money for their DC/NYC Trip by participating in the following fundraisers. All donations will directly benefit a Placer student and your support is greatly appreciated. Please call Jennifer Edwards at 768-4207 for more information.



- 2011 Entertainment Books are still available for \$30. Forms are in the office. Checks payable to Washington DC Trip Club. For each book purchased, \$9 will go directly to the DC kids.
- Skin-Its cell phone and I-Pod vinyl covers - purchase a \$15 gift card to be used on-line. Students can make their own designs for 2-3 items. For each card, \$8 will do to the DC kids.
- See's candy will be coming up for sale for the holidays. To order, call Jennifer Edwards at the number

Student Success in Art Express!

Next time you're at Placer School, stroll into our office and take a look at some amazing artwork. These creations are from the minds and hands of our 7th and 8th graders. Our Placer 7th and 8th graders have the opportunity each trimester to enroll in an afternoon enrichment class. This talented group is in what we fondly call "Art Express", taught by Ms. Hosie and Ms. Anderson. Our focus is on learning concepts of art, including color, texture, design, self-expression and some environment-friendly projects. We're exploring the world of tie-dye, optical illusion, the origin of all color and what it would be like to paint in prehistoric times, to name a few. We get a bit messy but have a great time exploring our creative side. Don't forget to stop by the office to view these fun projects!



Placer Elementary School

It's Not Too Late To Win An Awesome Prize!

Dear Parents,

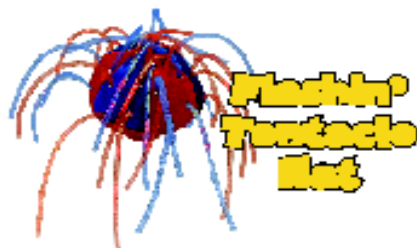
We are pleased to be participating in SchoolStore.com, an online shopping mall with over 200 merchants including Sears, Kohls, Target, Office Depot, Walmart, Toys"R"Us, Family Book Store, and many more. When your family and friends make everyday purchases from their favorite merchants, our school earns money.

It's not too late to help your child send email invitations to your family and friends letting them know about this easy way to support our school. Your child will receive a FREE participation prize (see below) just for addressing 9 email invitations. Other valuable prizes can also be earned when family and friends make purchases through SchoolStore.com.

Help Us Spread The Word

Follow these 3 easy steps to win a participation prize.

- 1 Go to www.SchoolStore.net and enter our school ID#0000143052
- 2 Address at least 9 email invitations to family & friends.
- 3 Pick your participation prize!



Drama's Minimum Day Movie Lunch!
Thursday, November 18th from 11:10am to 1:30pm
\$6 Per Child



Rated PG

Student(s) Name/Grd: _____

Parent Name/Emergency #: _____

Credit Card #: _____

Zip Code: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Children will be supervised by parent volunteers. Children are to remain in the gym for the entire duration of the movie, no exceptions. Please pick your child up promptly at 1:30pm, as there will be no supervision after that time. Pizza, popcorn, and punch will be served and is included. Candy, baked goods, cotton candy, and other beverages will also be available for an additional charge. Don't forget pillows and blankets. Please sign-up in advance. You may pay by cash or check, made payable to Placer PTC Drama, or by credit card. Please return form and payment to school. Questions, please contact Sonia Bergin 390-0655. Thank you.

Brought to you by the Placer School Drama Club

www.PlacerPTC.org

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| 14 | 15 Report Cards | 16 Minimum Days/Parent Teacher Conferences | 17 Minimum Days/Parent Teacher Conferences | 18 Drama Movie Lunch | 19 | 20 |
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Mark Your Calendars!

December 22
Minimum Day

December 23—January 9
No School, Winter Break

