



Placer Elementary School N e w s l e t t e r

October 2010

Notes from the Principal

Carolyn Cowles, Principal

652-1830

Dear Placer Parents,

We have many wonderful community events planned for October. Our P.T.C. would love to see you and your family at our annual Harvest Festival and Haunted House. The Harvest Festival will be on October 23rd. In addition to fun and games, Guard-a-Kid will be providing on-site child fingerprinting/i.d. card services for a small fee. The Harvest Festival is one of our community's favorite events!

Dancin' Feet will be here on October 14th. This incredible dance troupe from Roseville High School visits us each year. They do an all-school performance, then provide mini-clinics to each grade level throughout the remainder of the day. Feel free to join us for the assembly at 9:00, or for your child's mini-clinic.

Mad About Science Day #2 will be on October 15th. This is a hands-on day of science for all grade levels. Parents are always welcome to assist or to observe. These are very exciting days for our students!

Guard-a-Kid will be presenting age-appropriate safety information to our kindergarten through fourth grade students during an assembly on October 18th. Their program was created by Julie Clark, of Baby Einstein fame. They will also be offering identification kits and finger-printing services for interested families.

Our annual Parade of Costumes will take place on October 29th at 8:30. Students are welcome to wear school-appropriate costumes during the morning, but should bring a change of clothes for the remainder of the day. Since we are an elementary school, students should wear modest costumes and that not overly grotesque and that cover their bodies!

October 16th is the Manda-Run. This is an annual fund-raiser for the Loomis Basin Education Foundation. There is a run for adults and a fun-run for kids. All families are welcome to walk, run and participate!

Finally, October 7th-8th are **furlough days** for our staff, so there will be no school.

Safety Issues

Traffic flow is gradually improving as our families understand the drop-off procedures and routine. There are still a few must-do's with regard to driving through our parking lot:

If you are using the drive-through, please DO NOT get out of your car. This backs up traffic immediately. If your children are too young to get out of the car without help from you, please park in a parking stall to assist them.

If a relative will be picking up your children, please remind him/her that there is no parking in the drive through. We have seen numerous grandparents leave their vehicles parked in the drive through as they search for their grandchildren.

Numerous parents respond, "I know . . . I know . . ." when our teachers on duty remind them not to park in front of the school. This indicates that people know what is expected, but are not choosing to cooperate. The safety of our children is paramount! Parents are expected to be courteous and observant of our drop-off policies. "It will only take a minute," is not a justification for putting other people's safety at risk. Please consider others when picking up or dropping your children off at Placer School.

As our weather gradually becomes cooler, more children will be bringing jackets to school. Always write your child's name inside his/her jacket so that it may be returned to you in the event that it gets left at school.

Happy Fall,
Carolyn

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A Message from your PTC President

I am sure most of you are aware of the traffic issue's we have at Placer School. Recently, the traffic situation was escalated when a California Highway Patrol Officer (CHP) decided to block the school's main entrance, in an effort to open the road to through traffic. Unfortunately, this created dangerous traffic congestion in the Placer School parking lot.

As mentioned in previous publications the Placer PTC is making a strong effort to take on the toughest issues at Placer School. With that said, we find it necessary to tackle the traffic situation as it stands. We are forming a Traffic Committee that will address the issues directly with the California Highway Patrol, Placer County Sheriff's Dept., and the Placer County Road Maintenance Dept. to come up with an amicable agreement. For those of you interested in becoming a member of the traffic committee please contact me via email at sderifield@gmail.com

On a side note, we have fielded multiple emails regarding the discontinuing of the Placer School Cross Country Team. In response the PTC will be asking for a "town hall" style meeting with Paul Johnson, LUSD Superintendent and Glenn Lockwood, LUSD Athletic Director. All parents will be invited to attend and address the issues, directly with the source of the changes to the Cross Country Team. Please email me if you have any question or concerns regarding the meeting at sderifield@gmail.com.

As a reminder The Placer PTC is in the middle of our membership drive and gratefully asks all Placer Parents to sign up as members. All donations sizes are accepted and are appreciated. Without donations we cannot make Placer School what it is today.

Best regards,

Shad M. Derifield

Extra, Extra, Read All About It!

Did you know that the Placer School Newsletter staff is **accepting articles** and information to print in our upcoming issues that very well might come from a parent like you?

Do you know of any information that might be of interest to other parents?

Did your community group win an award?

Did your child place in a horse show or other sports or academic clubs?

Has your child been doing something extraordinary in the community?

Do you have a discussion item you'd like to write about that would peak the interest of other parents?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, **we want to hear about it**. Simply submit it to placernews@hotmail.com by the last Wednesday of the month for consideration to be placed in the next month's issue of the Placer School Newsletter.

If you have any questions, please direct your question to the email address above. Thank you!

PTC Membership

MEMBERSHIP

We are off to a great start with our Membership Drive but we still have a long way to go. Remember, membership monies have paid for the Quad Structure, Kindergarten Playground, Reading Counts, classroom software, teacher spending allowances, and sports equipment, just to name a few. You can donate any amount to become a member of PTC, and joining does not obligate you to any specific job or duty. If you donate at least \$25, you receive a school roster, which is an invaluable tool when you are planning birthday parties, play dates, or when your child needs to use the lifeline of phoning a friend because he or she has forgotten what the homework is for the night. **If you would like a roster, your \$25 MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 15TH.**

Feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached by email at telager@hotmail.com or by phone at 660-1477. Thank you for your continued support.

Ellie Lagerquist



Green Team Fun Fact

Did you know recycling one ton of paper can save 17 mature trees, 7,000 gallons of water, three cubic yards of landfill space, two barrels of oil and 4,100 kilowatt-hours of electricity? That's enough energy to power the average American home for five months!

Entertainment Books are Here

The ever-popular Entertainment Books for 2011 are here and for every one you purchase, you help send a Placer 8th-Grade student to Washington D.C./New York City! For \$30 you get \$1000's worth of savings from stores you shop at any way, including McDonalds, Papa Murphy's, Cold Stone Creamery, Regal Cinemas and more. To purchase a book, pick up an order form in the school office. **Orders due by October 10, 2010.** For more information, call Jennifer Edwards at 768-4207.

Fall Harvest Festival Coming Soon

Mark **October 22nd and 23rd** on your calendars for the Placer Annual Harvest Festival. Plans are underway for another wonderful evening for our children. The **haunted house** will be open on the evening of Friday October 22nd and the entire festival will be open from 5pm to 8pm on Saturday October 23rd. New this year is a **Giant Pumpkin Contest** and a **Minute-To-Win-It** activity center. The 8th grade Washington DC kids will be providing food for you to purchase.



There are still volunteer opportunities available to be part of this special evening for our children. If you are interested contact Lynn Tucker at lynn@thetuckerhouse.org, Shelly Fox at shelly_fox5@yahoo.com or your room parent will be asking for signups soon.



Placer 8th Graders Are raising money to go on their Washington DC/NYC Trip

2011 Entertainment Book Fundraiser

Savings on things you do every day!

The Entertainment ® Membership book
Is packed with \$1,000s in savings on things you do every day. The book quickly pays for itself and you support your local economy every time you use it.

Sampling of Popular Offers Inside:

- McDonald's
- Round Table Pizza
- Strikes Bowling
- Bucca De Beppo
- ColdStone Creamery

Price: \$30

Sale dates: 8/25/10 – 10/11/10

Make checks payable to: Washington DC Trip Club

All money and orders **due:** 10/11/10

Group account number: 971887

If you have questions please contact:

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

Got Family or Friends out of town? Go to www.fundraising.entertainment.com and enter our account # 971887(to ensure that we get credit) to order books specific to their location!

You may also turn this order form into the office by Oct 11th with cash or check written to:

Washington DC Trip Club

Name: _____ Child's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Phone#: _____ Address: _____

of Books: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Support Our Local Schools

Bring your Friends & Family to the LBCS Family Carnival

Friday, October 8, 2010
from 3:30pm to 7:00pm at Loomis Basin Charter School
5438 Laird Road, Loomis

Popcorn & Cotton Candy



Fun Booth Games

ALL Booth Games

ONLY 25c



Golf Putting Competition

Everyone's a Winner at
the LBCS Family Carnival!

ReCreate Craft Booth

Bubble Gum
Blowing Contest



Catering By
Hacienda Bar & Grill

Halloween Walk

Chair Massage



Bag Decorating Station

SLAR - Eco Station
Reptile Fun!



Professional Face Painting
& Tattoo Artist

Smoothies



Gentle Bay Dance Connection Performance

Blue Line Gallery
Craft Booth

Placer County Sheriff's Dept.
Guessing Game

Guessing Game

Catering By
G'Day Donuts, Dogs & More



coops Italian Ices & Novelties



Duck Catch with
BIG Prize money!



Raffle Prizes Galore!

Come and join your neighbors at LBCS for an early evening of fun, food and entertainment! Lots of fun, affordable activities for all the family.



If you have any questions please contact Cigi Ramesbottom (cigi.ramesbottom@ncbb.net)
or Sara Thornros (sara@thornros.com)

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October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Art Docent Mtg. 8am Placer Cafeteria	6	7 No School Furlough Day	8 No School Furlough Day	9
10	11	12	13	14 Dancin' Feet Assembly	15 Mad About Science Day	16 Manda Run Franklin School 5k, 10k, 1/4 mile kids run
17	18 Guard-A-Kid Assembly	19	20	21	22 Haunted House 	23 Harvest Festival 
24	25	26	27 Minimum Day 11:10 Dismissal	28	29 Costume Parade 8:30am	30
31 Halloween 						

Mark Your Calendars!

November 8

Minimum Day, Report Cards

November 11

No School, Veteran's Day

November 12

No School, Furlough Day

November 16-18

Minimum Days, Conferences

November 22-26

No School, Student Thanksgiving Recess

