



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

February 2011

Notes from the Principal

Carolyn Cowles, Principal 652-1830

Dear Placer Parents,

From the office . . . Since this is our first newsletter of 2011, let us be the first to thank our wonderful families for all of the thoughtful holiday gifts. We have all gained weight from the delicious homemade treats! Placer parents are the best and we are fortunate to work and play in this community.

We would also like to thank the many families who have supported other Placer families in need. Know that you have made a profound difference for many who are grateful.

Lost and Found: Please write your child's name (or initials) on all items brought to school. Our lost and found basket is very full!

Independent Study: If you request an independent study, teachers are not supposed to provide your child's work ahead of his/her absence. This is a state law (don't we have enough of those????) and we must be compliant with what our auditors require. Thank you for understanding.

Safety Issues

Traffic flow would be improved for everyone if drivers would remember the following:

- Pull all the way forward before stopping your car alongside the curb.
- There is no parking along the curb. Please do not exit your vehicle there. Our Staff no longer parks in the front of the school to leave the closest spots open for our families.
- Do not enter the bus circle. We still see parents driving through this area in the morning. It is both unsafe and a moving violation to do so.

Plea for help: Computer lab, library books, art docent materials and supplies, assemblies, Harvest Festival, kindergarten playground . . . ALL of these are provided by your P.T.C. and through money raised at events.

Our P.T.C. is in desperate need of donations and/or help with their auction on March 26th. Do you have a service that you can offer (electrical, physical fitness, tutoring, construction, etc.) or items (cabin, tickets to a sporting event, movie, bowling, etc.)?

Please call the school office if you can help our P.T.C. with their most important fundraiser of the year. (916) 652-1830.

If you can help, you don't need to do it alone. Parents can share or split duties or do small chores to help. Please consider an hour or two of your time to make this event happen.

Thank you for all of the support that you give to our school.

Kind regards,
Carolyn

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Placer School Proudly Presents “Annie Jr!”

Come see our extraordinarily talented 4th-8th graders as they sing and dance to such songs as "N.Y.C.", "I Think I'm Gonna Like it Here", "Tomorrow", and more! Show dates and times are Thursday **March 3rd**, Friday **March 4th**, and Saturday **March 5th**, all at 7:00pm. Admission is **FREE**, but donations to support our drama program are gratefully accepted at the door.

Green Team Supports Others

This past month, the GREEN TEAM at Placer School supported their community in three important ways. The GREEN TEAM, if you are not aware, is a devoted group of kids at Placer School who volunteer their time after school to recycle and reduce waste at school. One of our recycling programs involving aluminum and plastic bottles nets the TEAM proceeds which are then given back to the community in need. Here are the three donations given this past December:

- \$150.00 in cash to the Loomis Basin Christmas Basket Program – supporting the hunger needs in our own community.
- \$250.00 check to Faces of Tomorrow which provides free medical and surgical services to children with facial deformities.
- And lastly, our TEAM has financed the purchase of *“These Come From Trees”* stickers to be placed on the paper towel dispensers throughout the district. These stickers help remind our students, staff, and visitors to not waste our paper towels.

You can get involved too. Save your plastic bottles and aluminum cans and place them in the receptacles around school. All kids at Placer School are encouraged to recycle their paper waste in the classrooms. We have a toter on campus that is cleared out weekly of paper that can be recycled. You can separate and recycle at your home too.

Annual Auction

The annual auction is sneaking up on us. Please consider helping. We almost cancelled this event, but a few parents can't see this much needed event not happen and have stepped up to take on this much needed event. Without this event the kids would suffer a loss of thousands of dollars that pay for everyday programs and supplies. This year's auction will be different, in that it will be done with a very low overhead. Although this event may not be what you are used to, please, please, please, support the auction by attending, volunteering a small amount of time, and if your budget allows, bidding on some of the incredible items, most done by the students, that will be up for bid. The auction will still take place on **March 26**, and more details will be coming soon. If you have any questions, or want to help, please email placernews@hotmail.com. Thank you...

Back by Popular Demand...February 16 & 17th

Take advantage of an opportunity to get major cash for your broken or knotted up chains, unmatched earrings, jewelry from ex's, or any out of date yellow or white gold/silver you don't wear anymore. Dental gold or old tarnished silver-plated serving pieces too! Our gold broker will be there to weigh & test each piece for karat type and purity. Most stones can be removed. An offer will be made based on the selling price that day. There is no pressure or obligation to sell.



CASH FOR GOLD IS BACK!

When was the last time YOU were the one
taking home \$\$ after a fundraiser?

Join us for a gold, silver and platinum recycling fundraiser featuring
“All That Glitters” Gold Recycling

Benefits Placer's PTC and Wash. DC Trip Club 8th Graders

Feb. 16th & 17th, 8:00a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Placer School Speech Room

The price of gold is still at an all-time high! Take advantage and help raise money for the Placer PTC and the 8th Grade Washing DC/NYC Trip!

How Much Can You Take Home?

On average, folks take home between \$200-\$400! But, at the last Placer Gold Event, two people took home over \$1000! Can you think of a better event than one where **YOU** take home cash? If that isn't enough, “All That Glitters” Gold Recycling will donate 20% of **their proceeds** to Placer PTC and Placer's 8th Graders attending the Washington DC/NYC Trip. Everyone wins! (Please note that none of the money from your gold is donated, “All That Glitters” donates out of their own profits).

If you can't make our times, feel free to contact Jennifer Edwards and drop off your gold and silver with her. She will provide an envelope to keep your items safe and will contact you with the offer that day. For more information contact Jennifer at 916-768-4207, mjedwards@starstream.net

Local NFL Flag Football Team Goes Undefeated in League Play



Students from three Loomis schools made up the Loomis Eagles who prevailed as 2010 League Champions in the 7th/8th grade division of Rocklin's NFL Flag Football League.

Coached by Darrell Steinhauer and Mike Smeltzer the Eagles were 7-0 in league play. Over the season, the Eagles scored an impressive 417 points against their opponents while opposing teams scored only 24 points against the Eagles.

Post-season the Eagles entered a highly competitive tournament at the Raiders Training Facility in Alameda on November 20. In rain and mud, the Eagles won 1 of 3 games scoring a total of 20 points while allowing 24 points.



Loomis Eagles - Colton Steinhauer, Coach Mike Smeltzer, Travis Glynn, Ryan Lee, Jaden Dunmore, JJ Rains, Philip Murillo, Louie Euer, Coach Darrell Steinhauer, Ian Mitterholzer and Jake Smeltzer (not pictured Derek Miller)

Sincere Thanks

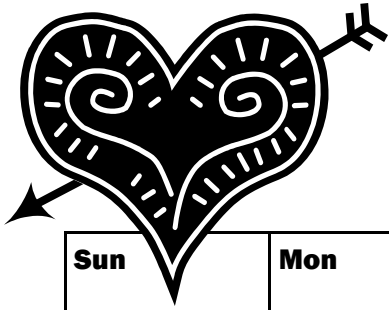
The following letter was submitted by one of our Placer families who tragically lost a loved one and received an outpouring of support.

I want to thank all the parents and staff at Placer Elementary for all the love, prayers, and support. It's been a true blessing for Joey and I in this tragic time.

Joey's father was a wonderful man that is loved by many and will be sorely missed.

Once again, thank you all for everything.

The Spillane Family



February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 LUSD Board Mtg @ HCP	4	5
6	7	8	9 Minimum Day 11:10 Dismissal	10 PTC Board Meeting	11 4th & 5th Grade Science Fair Assembly	12
13	14 Happy Valentines Day 	15	16 Gold Recycling 8am-3pm	17 Gold Recycling 8am-3pm	18 End of 2nd Trimester	19
20	21 No School President's Day	22 No School President's Day	23 No School Furlough Day Newsletter Articles Due	24 No School Furlough Day	25 No School Furlough Day	26
27	28					

Mark Your Calendars!

March 2
Minimum Day

March 3-5
Drama Production "Annie Jr."

March 7
Report Cards

March 16
Minimum Day

March 26
Placer School Auction

