



Placer Elementary School

N e w s l e t t e r

August 2010

Notes from the Principal

Carolyn Cowles, Principal 652-1830

Welcome back to school, and a special "Welcome!" to our new Placer School families. We are excited to see "our" kids and to get back to work!

Our school received new heating and air conditioning units, and new lighting over the summer. This is due to a California Department of Energy grant. We are delighted that we will all be working in more comfortable quarters this year.

We would like to introduce our new staff for the 2010-2011 school year: Linda Schlesinger will be teaching 3rd grade and Steven Uribe will be our day custodian. Both Linda and Steve have worked at other schools in the Loomis District and are known to be excellent in all that they do! We are also so excited to announce that Jacqueline Thomas will be teaching our resource students in grades 1-5. Mrs. Thomas is new to the Loomis District and we are certain that she will love Placer School as much as we all do! We are also in the process of hiring a new office clerk. Ms. Moses has moved to another school district where she was the top candidate among 300 applicants for a position that offered her more hours and higher pay. We wish the lovely Ms. Moses our congratulations on her promotion, but will miss her smiling face.

At the time of this newsletter, please note that staffing has not been completed. We will continue to enroll children for the next three weeks. This may create a change in teaching assignments, depending upon the number of students who have enrolled at our school. We will keep our families up-to-date on any changes that may need to occur.

You will be able to pick up your child's class schedule at our annual Back to School Picnic on August 12th. A postcard will soon be mailed to you with more information about this event. We hope to see you then.

If your children just can't wait to go school shopping, then check out our school website. Your child's classroom supply list will be posted there. There are great deals to be found at Target, WalMart, Office Depot, Staples and Office Max. Visit us at: www.placer.loomis-usd.k12.ca.us

Our first day of school is on August 19th. School begins promptly at 7:50. If you will be walking your children to their classrooms, we ask that you not park in the yellow loading zone. Rather, please use one of the parking stalls that are available. This helps us to keep traffic moving through the loading zone in front of the gym, and is appreciated by everyone.

If we can help you to get ready for school, please call us at 652-1830. We look forward to seeing you on August 12th at the picnic or on August 19th for the first official day!

Fondly,
Carolyn

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Welcome the 2010 - 2011 Board Members

Be sure to welcome those parents who have chosen to volunteer on the PTC Board of Directors. Throughout the year, be sure to contact your board members with any questions and concerns.

President	Shad Derifield	sderifield@gmail.com
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TOP 5 REASONS To Become a Room Parent

1. It's a great way to get to know your child's teacher.
2. It's a great way to become involved with other parents at Placer School.
3. It's a great way to get to know your child's friends (which is who they hang out with after school).
4. It can be done around your work schedule, and most of it is done in the evenings on the phone or computer. (With the exception of school parties for certain holidays.)
5. Your child will thank you for it!!



The Room Parent Coordinator is Marianne Beavers at mbpenryn@aol.com.

Important Information for this Upcoming Year

Back to School Picnic

Thursday August 12 at 6:00pm
Placer Elementary Quad

1st Day of School

(and **Welcome Back Breakfast**)
Thursday August 19 at 7:50am

Back to School Night

Tuesday August 24 at 5:30pm
(All Grades)
Please meet in the Gym.

Website

www.placerptc.org

PTC Board Meetings

The 2nd Tuesday of each month
12:15-1:50pm, PTC room

PTC General Membership Meetings

September, January, and May
7:50am, cafeteria

Back to School Picnic

Join us for the
BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

Thursday, August 12
6:00pm, Placer Elementary Quad

- ~ Pick up your class/teacher assignment for 2010/11
 - ~ Get reacquainted with old friends and make some new ones
 - ~ Become a member of PTC & see the volunteer opportunities,
and also see other PTC Programs
 - ~ Bring a picnic dinner (PTC is working on trying to get a vendor for meal options)
 - ~ Jamba Juice will be available for purchase
 - ~ STAR (childcare) will be there
- Kids** – be prepared to get wet on a Water Slide

**Class assignments will be mailed the next day to those families who are unable to attend*

Please Join Us for Our Annual
Welcome Back Breakfast

Thursday August 19th

7:45am – 8:45am

Placer Elementary Cafeteria

Come join your fellow Placer Parents & celebrate
(or commiserate) our kids being back in school.

Stop by for a few minutes or stay and socialize.
Younger siblings welcome. See you there!

PTC Membership Drive

I am wearing a new PTC hat this year as Vice-President. As Vice-President, I am in charge of the PTC Membership Drive, which is one of the main fundraisers of the year. We can all help make our school the best it can be by joining the PTC. The PTC membership drive helps raise money used for books, computers, assemblies, teachers, sports, arts and many other items at our school. You can print your membership form from the website at www.placerptc.org. You can also sign up at the Back to School Picnic or return your completed form to school with your child. If you are a business owner, joining PTC is great advertising tool. If you join at the Red or Gold level, you are entitled to an ad in the Placer School roster and you can provide special offers for Placer School families. Becoming a PTC member gives you the right to vote and have a say in where our money is spent for the school. **Becoming a PTC member does not obligate you to volunteer.** As your PTC Vice President and the Membership Drive Coordinator I will be happy to assist you in any way possible. I look forward to a fabulous 2010-2011 school year.

Ellie Lagerquist

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Attention All 7th & 8th Graders! Book Your Trip to See Washington, DC and the Big Apple During Spring Break



The 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip Club is excited to announce that this year's trip will include stops in both Washington, D.C. and New York City! The 5 day/4 night trip is scheduled for April 16-21, 2011 and **is open to all current 8th graders** in the Loomis Basin and surrounding areas. Students can expect to see amazing historical and cultural sites such as Mount Vernon, the White House, the U.S. Capital, the Smithsonian museums, the Statue of Liberty, Ground Zero, a Broadway play, Rockefeller Center and even a baseball game in Yankee Stadium! It's a chance in a lifetime to see amazing things you wouldn't otherwise get to see on your own.

There will be an introductory meeting on **September 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Loomis Grammar School Library** for all interested families. Topics will include how to get registered, fundraising opportunities, trip details, and more. The Club is also open to **incoming 7th graders going on the trip in 2012**, who want to start their fundraising early. They are welcome to participate in all fundraisers and bank their money toward the following year's trip.

The 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip Club is an independent club made up of parents in the area who organize the trip and assist in raising funds. Parents are welcome and encouraged to go as chaperones. The club is hoping to get 50 kids and adults to participate. The cost of the trip for students is \$2,063 and \$2,263 for adults, but there are many fundraising opportunities throughout the year to help off-set the costs.

For more information, call Holly Andreatta at 916-768-3501.

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Harvest Festival 2010

The date has been set for **Saturday, October 23rd**. We are hoping that lots of the people that came out last year to help, will be around again this year too!! The Harvest Festival is a great family fun activity that you should definitely put on the calendar and plan to attend!

Any questions or comments about the Harvest Festival or to become a member of the planning committee can be emailed to our Harvest Festival Committee Chairs, Lynn Tucker and Shelly Fox. lynn@thetuckerhouse.org or shelly_fox5@yahoo.com.

Be an Art Docent this Year!

The Art Docent Program is designed to enrich our children's education through art appreciation. Art Docents visit an assigned classroom to share information about a famous work of art and invite conversation and opinions about that work. Following the lesson, there is a hands-on art project. We need parent volunteers to carry out this program. You do not need to be creative or have an art background to be a docent! Free training sessions will begin this fall. For more information, please contact a PTC Board Member.

Placer School's Drama Production

Get ready for the 2011 Placer School Drama Production "**Annie Jr**"!

This after-school program is open to 5th-8th graders who like to dance, sing, and act. Rehearsals will take place on most Wednesday afternoons, beginning on **Sept 8th** with additional rehearsals added as we get closer to the show dates. The shows will be on **March 4th, 5th, and 6th**. There is also a **mandatory Parent Information Meeting** at 7pm on **Sept 8th** in the library.



Be aware that there is a tuition charge for this program. Space is limited! There are currently only about 10 spots open.....if your child would like to participate, please contact Lori Wolfley at llwolfley@yahoo.com, or call 916 539 9007 to pre-register.

Committee Chairs Needed

The PTC is in need of filling some very important Committee Positions.

Book Fair
Auction
Family Fun
Head Art Docent
Spirit Wear

Without you, these programs and events will disappear. Please contact PTC President, Shad Derifield, sderifield@gmail.com to learn about a position you may be interested in. You don't have to do it alone, you can have a co-chair, and past Committee Chairs are always available for guidance.