

Letter from PTO President, Stephanie Hayden

Dear Cerritos Families,

Welcome to another great year of learning at our excelling school! I hope your children are settling into their classrooms and making new friends. and that you are also getting into the routine.

The PTO has some exciting goals on the agenda this year which we hope will garner your support! One is to replace what has become a menace on the playground: the sand. The other is to go green!

Over the years, many parents have expressed concern over the playground sand. I'm sure we're all familiar with the 'trails of sand' our kids leave behind in the house when they take off their shoes. But that's not the only place it ends up. Who hasn't found sand in their child's hair? Or had their child complain that someone threw sand in their eyes at recess? Sand can also exacerbate asthma.

For these reasons, our number one goal this year is to replace the sand with a safer play surface. We are currently looking into all of our choices. A 'pour in place' solid surface (like the one at Pecos Park) would be ideal but is extremely expensive. We are also looking into rubber chunks and wood chips as alternatives.

That said, I encourage all of you to participate in our PTO fundraisers throughout the year to help us earn money for this and other projects. Keep in mind that besides paying for projects like replacing the sand, the PTO also makes numerous financial contributions to further support the education our students and teachers. For example, the PTO pays for writing seminars, supplemental books, educational assemblies and magazine subscriptions for our classrooms.

For some of you, supporting the PTO might mean purchasing a few extra rolls of Sally Foster gift wrap during our fall fundraiser; making sure to go to the fall carnival or ordering your child's artwork on a coffee mug during our new "Square One Art" fundraiser. Others may simply want to make a donation to the PTO. Whatever you decide, we really appreciate your support!

On another note, the PTO's brand new "Go Green" committee has placed recycling cans in every classroom & pod on campus and is now gearing up to sell reusable grocery bags (with a very cool new Cerritos logo on them)! In looking for a way to get seed money for this project, we came up with the idea of a Go Green Family Sponsorship (GGFS). Beginning immediately, you can become a GGFS for \$25, which will get your family's name on one side of our new Cerritos canvas grocery bags! We think it's a great way to show your support for our Go Green campaign and of course, you'll be helping to preserve our environment by using less plastic! We're aiming to have the bags ready by the fall carnival. Look for more information on GGFS in this edition of the Beep Beep!

Finally, a copy of our annual budget will be published in next month's Beep Beep. You are all invited to attend our first PTO General Meeting to discuss and approve the '07-'08 PTO Budget. That meeting will be on Tuesday, August 28th at 7:00 pm in the library. Everyone is welcome! Thanks to the tremendous leadership of former PTO President Chris Smith and Vice President, Colette Lay, our school is in great shape! If you see them, please thank them for all the wonderful things they've done for Cerritos!

I wish you and your children a very happy and productive school year!

Sincerely,
Stephanie Hayden
Cerritos PTO President



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REMINDERS

Watch The Bin!

Just a friendly reminder to be careful which bin you use when throwing away any garbage or recycling at Cerritos. Many people have been throwing trash into the recycling dumpster outside. When this happens, everything in the dumpster is thrown away - they don't sort through it. Please keep this in mind, and watch the bin!

ATTENTION, SHUTTERBUGS!

A plea to all parents who have been or will be spotted around school taking pictures of various functions, field trips, assemblies and other events during the year: **WE NEED YOUR PICTURES FOR THE BULLETIN BOARD AND THE YEARBOOK!** If you have any pictures that you would like to submit (digital, disk or CD, preferred) during the year, please send them to your child's teacher or to the front office in an envelope labeled "Yearbook/Bulletin Board" Additionally, please label any pictures or disk/cd with the teacher name and grade. Your help is appreciated.

Upper Crosswalk Closed

The City of Phoenix has decided to close the upper crosswalk on Desert Foothills Parkway near the entrance to Altadena's top parking lot. The decision was made due to the proximity of the crosswalk to the entrance and the worry of incoming traffic. Students and families are encouraged to use the one open crosswalk directly in between the Cerritos parking lots. There will be a crossing guard there to help. Thank you for your support in making our pedestrian environment safe!

Bus Parents!

Please remind your children that if they do happen to get on the wrong bus, DO NOT PANIC. They need to STAY on that bus, TELL THE DRIVER of their mistake and THEY WILL BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL. The drivers are in contact by radio and can quickly alleviate a parent's concern as long as they DO NOT GET OFF THE BUS. Also to note: the order in which the busses line up will stay the same all year long. The bus number may change (if a bus is inoperable, another may run its route) or the driver may be different (if the usual driver is ill or absent) but the order of the busses will always remain the same. Please let your children know these tips.

No Dogs Allowed

Both Cerritos and Altadena have a "No Dogs Allowed" policy at all times. Even though many people choose to ignore the signs that are posted around both buildings and you might see dogs out on the fields, they are not allowed. There is no staff hired to clean up after these pets, and they do leave a mess behind. Please keep our school grounds clean!



Cub Scout Registration Nights

Cub Scout Registration Nights are coming up! We will be in the Multipurpose Room of Cerritos Elementary School on Thurs., Aug. 30 at 7pm and/or Sept. 10 at 6pm. We welcome anyone who is interested to come find out about this great opportunity for boys in 1st through 5th grades. Not only do Scouts make great friends and provides an opportunity to be with a good group of kids, Scouting provides a strong foundation as they experience fantastic and fun activities.

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PTO NEWS

Sally Foster Fall Fundraiser

It's time for the popular Sally Foster® fundraiser! We're working to beat last year's amazing results. The sales packets already went home with your child. Please take time to look through the catalog of new items including giftwrap, gourmet food and magazines. You can have family and friends order too – either through the catalog or online. To order online, simply go to SallyFoster.com and enter in our school account number (66378). There are prizes for top sellers and spot prizes too. Sales end September 7th so it's time to go shopping! If you have questions, please contact Emma Holtzapple at emmaholtzapple@yahoo.com or any PTO board member.

The Book Fair Is Coming!

The fall Scholastic Book Fair is approaching. The theme this time is Book Fair Blizzard, so maybe this will help us have some cool thoughts! You will be excited about the new selections as the kids have finished summer reading and are looking for some new titles for their daily reading time. We'll open on Thurs., Sept. 20th, and close at the Fall Carnival on Fri., Sept. 28th. If you're interested in helping out for an hour or two, we'd greatly appreciate it! Just contact Lori Stipp at lstipp@cox.net, or 460-2467, or Chris Smith at fivesmiths@cox.net, or 460-0809. Moms, dads, grandparents are all welcome to help out, it simply involves taking payments, giving (correct!) change, straightening books, and helping kids find things. We particularly need help during Carnival hours when it gets quite busy. All proceeds go to the Media Center, so look for more information coming home soon, and we can kick off a great new school year with some new books at home and in the library!

Valued Volunteers

Did you miss your opportunity to visit the Volunteer Wall at Meet Your Teacher Night or Curriculum Night? You can still volunteer for some exciting committees: Cookie Dough, Sock Hop, and Publishing House just to name a few.

Interested in chairing an event? We need you! There are still openings for Turkey Trot, Square 1 Art (which use to be note cards), Field Day and Co-Chair of the Yearbook.

If you signed up to be on a committee you should hear from the chair within the next few weeks. If you want to volunteer or if you have questions, please contact Nancy Manson at nmanson@cox.net or Sharon Schramm at aschramm@cox.net. We look forward to hearing from you!

Thanks Generous Donors!

Cerritos PTO delivered over 50 backpacks with school supplies and other items to the Kyrene Resource Center on August 13. There was a greater need for backpacks this year and Cerritos again shared their giving spirit. Thank you to all who participated and donated these items.

If you are cleaning your closets or pantries, Kyrene Resource Center could use your items. Please contact 480 783-3172 to deliver your items.

GO GREEN!

You probably have heard about Cerritos' new favorite color this year - it's green! We are forming a Go Green Committee to help! Some of the goals for this year are to develop a school-wide recycling program (which is underway already); to encourage all Cerritos staff, students and families to make environmentally friendly decisions throughout their daily routines (double-siding copies, using email instead of paper, recycling at home for example); and to possibly host a Bulk Recycling Event (where you could dispose of electronics, oils, paint, etc.). We've already had one great Recycling Assembly and may have another similar program in the spring. We're going to have reusable canvas grocery bags for sale at the Fall Carnival. (Did you know that over 100 Billion Plastic Bags are used in the US each year?!) We'll be having a committee meeting soon and will announce that if you are interested in coming. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Stephanie Hayden (283-1323) or Sue Frost (272-6434), Go Green Co-Chairs.

Be A Seed: Go Green Family Sponsorships

Some of the planned Go Green activities will incur some expense. In order to get seed money for our reusable canvas grocery bags and other activities, we invite you to be a Go Green Seed. For \$25, your family can be a Go Green Family Sponsor and you will get to have your name printed on our canvas bags. Since there will be many Cerritos families with many of these bags, you'll really get around! Plus your contribution will allow us to pursue going green without using any of the budget money already earmarked for other projects and activities. The Sponsorship Form is in this newsletter. We sure hope you'll be a Seed!

Go Green Monthly Tips

Stop standby waste: Unplugging TVs, DVD players, computers, and other major electronics when they're not in use could keep thousands of pounds of carbon dioxide out of the air each year, according to the website www.climatecrisis.com. (Even when they're turned off, their standby consumption is about equal to running a light bulb continuously.) To avoid the hassle of constantly plugging and unplugging, here's an easy solution: Plug several electronics onto one power strip and switch it off. As for small gadgets like cell phones, digital cameras, and hand-held vacuums – once they're charged, keep them unplugged until needed.

Light up right: "Switching from traditional incandescent bulbs to fluorescent is the easiest and most cost-efficient fix for saving energy," says Rachelle Carson-Begley, wife of eco-activist and actor Ed Begley Jr. Even though fluorescent bulbs cost more, you'll save up to \$60 in energy bills over the lifetime of the bulb. If you don't like the look of fluorescent, switch out the garage and hall lights, and save the mood lighting for bedrooms and bathrooms. Or, mix iridescent and fluorescent in multibulb fixtures.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Say Cheese!

Please take note: this year's fall pictures will be taken on Sept. 6. A packet will be coming home. Make-ups will be taken on Sept. 13 if necessary.



PTO General Meeting

The first PTO General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 28th at 7pm in the Media Center. This is an important meeting because we will explain and discuss our proposed budget. (The proposed budget is posted on our website at www.cerritospto.org.) Afterwards, our membership will vote and hopefully pass it. We encourage all parents, teachers, and staff to come to this meeting. It would be wonderful to have your input!

THANK YOUS

Meeters and Greeters Gratitude

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that made the first few days run very smoothly. I appreciate your help and could not have done it without all of you. Thanks to: LeeAnn Schneider, Linda McCurley, Tara Fisher, Janine Ganser, Shnelle Stewart, Bobbye Hicks, Rosemarie Traxler, Stacey Lauritano, Nancy Manson, Stephanie Hayden, Sally Cummings, Liz Tang, Joan Doherty, Greg Tomnga, nurse Joelle and Celeste and Teresa in the of fice.

Lorraine Tomnga
Meeters and Greeters Chairperson

Meet Your Teacher Volunteers

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with Meet Your Teacher Night. Thanks go out to Laura Zgoda, Cher Knebel, Dondi Barlay, Monica Hedeby, Deb Allenspach, Frances Lunch, Lisa Kagasoff, Gayna Velu, Christine Lum, Amy Alme, Sally Cummings, Gene and Stacey Lauritano Stephanie Hayden, and Sue Frost. It was a successful evening thanks to you!

Thank You!

We would like to thank all of the families that purchased the School Supply Packets. This was a program meant to make back to school shopping easier for you. We sold 223 packs this year. We would also like to thank Christine and Erin Lum, Gene and Stacey Lauritano, and Sarah Kagasoff for your time and efforts delivering all of the packs to the classrooms and for your time on Meet the Teacher Night.

Have a great school year!
Lisa Kagasoff and Gayna Velu Co-Chairs

Bus Helpers Rock!

A huge, "THANK YOU!" to this year's Bus Helpers! They are, the amazing: **Wenda Wagner, Andrea O'Brien, Suzi McDowell, Megan Kopec, Sue Frost** and **Tara Fisher**. Your patience – in spite of the heat, sun and chaos – was much appreciated!
— Janine Ganser, Bus Helper Chair

A Round of Applause

... Goes to Lorraine Tomnga

Lorraine has chaired Meeters and Greeters for several years and every year has been fabulous. Sadly, she will be moving on to Altadena next year. Thanks Lorraine for making the first days of school run smoothly.

...Goes to Janine Ganser

Thanks, Janine, for coordinating the Bus Riders. Our bus riders were able to find their lines!

...Goes to Laura Zgoda & Michaela Gefriedes

What wonderful hospitality you supplied the teachers as they eased from summer mode into back-to-school mode. Thank you!

...Goes to Sue Frost & Stephanie Hayden

Great job on Meet Your Teacher Night. What a fun and festive evening to get everyone in the mood for school.

...Goes to...

All the people who signed up to chair a committee and participate on a committee. Cerritos PTO would not be a success without your time and effort.



Go Green Family Sponsorship



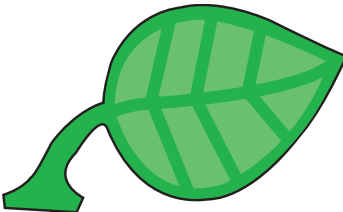
Would you like to get our Go Green activities off the ground and running? We invite you to be part of the beginnings of new territory at Cerritos - Go Green practices, education, and excitement! For a \$25 donation, your family can be a Go Green Family Sponsor and you will have your name printed on our reusable canvas grocery bags. In the future, we may list your name in the newsletter, or possibly on the back of a teeshirt. It's a place that you can be proud to be - it tells everyone that you and your family care about our environment and were part of the Go Green group from the beginning. Thank you!

Stephanie Hayden (283-1323) and
Sue Frost (272-6434)

YES!

Please include our family as a Go Green Family Sponsor! I've enclosed a check for \$25 made out to Cerritos PTO. I'd like our family name to read as below on the reusable canvas grocery bags.

(EXAMPLE: Carly and Simon Jackson)



Envelopes marked "Go Green" can be turned in to your child's teacher or in to the office. Thank you for helping make a difference!

TIME TO JOIN OR RENEW ESCRIP

PLEASE GO TO WWW.ESCRIP.COM OR FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING AND RETURN TO YOUR TEACHER.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

***SAFEMART CLUB CARD NUMBER

*****(You CANNOT use your phone number as your Club Card #. If you do not know your Club Card # you can call 1-877-SAFEMART and they will provide it for you.)**

OUR SCHOOL RECEIVES 1% OF YOUR PURCHASES EVERYTIME YOU SHOP AT SAFEMART AND USE YOUR CLUB CARD. THAT IS FREE MONEY FOR CERRITOS! BUT YOU HAVE TO SIGN UP OR RENEW YOUR CARD.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SALLY CUMMINGS, ESCRIP COORDINATOR
480-283-9479

Great Go Green Books!

Have you seen the green kid's books listed on the PTO website? If not, please visit www.cerritosppto.org and click on the Go Green page.

Bonus Box Tops!

The more people that sign up to support our school at boxtops4education.com, the better our chances of winning Bonus Box Tops. It will also give us access to benefits that help families and Cerritos. Twice each month, you will get an email newsletter filled with Box Tops news that helps Cerritos earn extra cash. On the Box Tops website, you get Cerritos' complete Box Tops earnings details; money-saving coupons for Box Tops brands; over 100 recipes using Box Tops products; exclusive chances to win Bonus Box Tops; access to the Box Tops MarketplaceSM; and lots of new ideas for fun, family activities. Membership in boxtops4education.com is absolutely **FREE!**

Editor's Note

Last year and this year too, Amy Alme has provided an eagle eye over this newsletter. I didn't want there to be even one more issue before I took an inch to thank her for proofing the Beep Beep. She is fast, thorough, and does it without complaint. Thank you, Amy!!

2007-08 Spiritwear Orderform

Date: _____ Your Name _____ Phone _____
 Student's Name _____ Teacher's Name & Grade _____

****Please circle your choice****

Item Description	Price	Sizes
Cerritos Water Bottles	\$5	n/a
Cerritos Windshield Decal	\$5	n/a
Short Sleeve Cotton T-Shirt w/round logo, (White)	\$12	Youth S, M, L, Adult S
Short Sleeve Cotton T-Shirt w/round logo, (Gray)	\$12	Youth XS,S, M, L, Adult S
Boys sleeveless T-Shirt w/distressed logo, (Gray)	\$14	Youth S, M, L, Adult S
Boys sleeveless T-Shirt w/distressed logo, (Black)	\$14	Youth S, M, L, Adult S
Girls tank w/roadrunner logo, (Black)	\$13	Youth M, L, Adult S
Girls tank w/roadrunner logo, (White)	\$13	Youth S, M
Girls Cheer Shorts, (Black)	\$10	Youth S, M,L
Mesh basketball shorts (Black)	\$12	Youth M, L, Adult S
Embroidered Hoodies (Black or Gray) **Special order	\$24	Any size
" (personalized)	\$26	"
Short Sleeve Cotton Chess Club T-Shirt, (Gray)	\$5	Youth M, L, Adult S, XL

Cash, Check (made payable to Cerritos PTO), or Visa are welcome at Cerritos!

If you'd like to use your Visa credit card, note that it does cost the PTO extra money. Please provide the following information:

Card Number: Visa ONLY _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ EXP: ____/____ (Month/Year)

Please charge the above credit card in the amount of \$ _____ dollars.

Name as it appears on card: _____ Signature (required): _____

Address (required to process): _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____

If you have any questions, please call Monica Hedeby (480) 437-4996 or Deb Allenspach (480)241-4474

Yearbook 2007-08 Pre-Order Form

PRE-ORDERS for the 2007-08 Cerritos Yearbook are now being taken at a price of **\$22**. The cost will increase to \$27 in January 2008, so be and sure and take advantage of the special pre-order price. Complete the form below and return it to Cerritos in an envelope marked "Yearbook Order" to your child's teacher along with a check (payable to **CERRITOS PTO**) or enter the credit card information below. **OR** to avoid paperwork completely, go to the Cerritos PTO website at www.cerritospto.org and click on "Order Forms." From there, you can order your yearbook via an on-line form and pay via PayPal.

Order confirmation/receipts are being sent via email, so please input the information below**. Please be assured that your email address will be used solely for this purpose and will not be distributed for any other reason. If you do not wish to receive an email, a paper receipt will be sent home via your child. If you have any questions, contact Frances Lynch, Yearbook Committee Chair, at cerritosyearbook@msn.com or at 480-460-4220.

Please reserve _____ yearbooks @ \$22 each

Student _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Student _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Parent(s) Name: _____ **Email address:**** _____

Payment Method (check one): _____ check (payable to Cerritos PTO) _____ Visa _____ Mastercard

Phone (required): _____

VISA/MASTERCARD ONLY

Card #: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp date: ____/____

Name as it appears on card: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK OR CHARGE: _____