

Dear Cerritos Community,

Happy New Year! I love to say and hear, "Happy New Year." It brings thoughts of renewed sentiment that allows everyone the opportunity to begin again. The year 2008 has the prospective for all of us to set new goals and reach new potential.

In 2008-celebrate. Celebrate your child's achievements, no matter how big or small. Completing a book report, remembering to feed the dog or doing well on a test are reasons to celebrate with kids!

In 2008- rejuvenate. Starting fresh and taking time to reflect on the past while focusing on the future can revitalize us during hectic times. The best thing we can teach our children about stress is how to deal with it. Modeling ways to "stop and smell the roses" will help them learn the lifelong skill of relaxation.

In 2008- participate. Try to attend just one extra event at school or your child's extracurricular activity. Students are so proud when their parents volunteer at school, watch them during an assembly or join them during a field trip. They love to impress you the most!

In 2008-educate. It is our continued goal to assist your child to his or her personal best. We know that your children will take their first steps at varied developmental stages, learn multiplication at different ages and grasp concepts at their own pace. We work hard to educate your individual children and assist them to achieve their highest potential.

Have a wonderful beginning of a new year. Keeping our children our focus and priority can almost always assure a productive and happy year.

Sincerely,
Darcy DiCosmo



Dear Cerritos Families,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing holiday break with your families and friends.

Thankfully, January seems to run at a bit of a slower pace than the previous few months. It gives us all some time to take a breather and ease our way back into the second half of the school year! There is still so much to look forward to. We have our popular sock hop coming up on February 8th. Once again, we can look forward to some fun old time tunes (and new ones) provided by our own superbly talented Mr. G. This is such a great family event! I hope you will mark it on your calendars.

We also have something new to look forward to. This year, as a spring fund raiser, the PTO will be presenting "Square One Art." Square One Art takes a single piece of art work that your child created in class and turns it into beautiful keepsake-worthy souvenirs - everything from coffee mugs to mouse pads, picture frames, tote bags, t-shirts and jewelry boxes. There are far too many items to name. The good news is, you don't have to do a thing, except order! Look for your brochure and order form in your child's back pack in March. Orders will be delivered in early May. Many thanks to Kris South and Jennifer D'Oliveira for heading up this terrific new project!

Last but not least, please continue to bring your recyclable paper (newspapers, magazines, catalogs, etc.) to our money-making Abitibi recycling bin located in the teacher's parking lot. As you may or may not know, somebody set our bin on fire in December, and we lost two whole tons of paper. The bin was immediately replaced, however, there is a need to make up for what was lost. Thank you in advance for supporting our school's efforts to keep it green!

Wishing you a very healthy, happy new year!

Stephanie Hayden
PTO President

CERRITOS KUDOS

To The Wonderful "Gift of Time" Volunteers

Rachel Gallelo and I wish to thank the following awesome volunteers for their time and phenomenal gift wrapping talents: Debra Smothers, Ann Rishell, Cher Knebel, Juli West, Rhonda Smith, Kim Payne, Sue Frost, Chris Smith, Colette Lay & Lori Stipp. Not only did you wrap the teachers' and staff's presents beautifully, you did so in record time! Many, many thanks to all of you!!

Stephanie Hayden & Rachel Gallelo
Gift of Time Co-Chairs

Cookie Dough Thanks

The annual cookie dough sale was a great success, netting over \$5,500 for our PTO! A HUGE "Thank You" to everyone who supported this fundraiser and the volunteers who made it happen: Chris Smith, Stephanie Hayden, Denise Farnworth, Kris Tobin, Christine Lum, Lisa Kagasoff, Cathy Harris, Kristie Wright, and Emma Holtzapple. We had some great sellers out there, and a top-seller was selected from each grade to be treated to lunch with Mrs. DiCosmo and Mr. Gibson!

Due to a mailing glitch we will not be receiving the raffle prizes until next month, so we have several more winners still to come!

The grade level winners:

K- Richard Regalado
1st – Jaden Bills
2nd – Madison Woolgar
3rd – Patrick Kelly
4th – Bailey Subia
5th – Emily Farnworth

Hope you are enjoying your New Year and your cookie dough! ~ Colette Lay

Thank you, Community Service!

After much discussion the Cerritos PTO has determined that Community Service will no longer be a committee of the PTO. Student Council is really working very hard this year on community service projects. The PTO Board feels it is in the best interest of the parents, students and staff to support Student Council Projects and not ask for additional support.

The PTO Board appreciates your support the last few years with Adopt A Family, Backpacks, canned food, and books just to name a few. The Cerritos community has always been so generous with their financial and material support. Over the past four years we have adopted over 20 families during the winter time. We have contributed backpacks to the Kyrene Resource Center, and the donation of books has provided the Maryland School with much needed reading material.

Again, a heartfelt thank you for your support.

Nancy Manson and Sue Frost
Community Service Co-Chairs

UPCOMING EVENTS



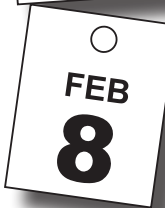
100TH DAY OF SCHOOL!!

Don't miss this fun day at school! Not only are we striving for 100% attendance, many classrooms have some fun activities planned!



KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

9:30am and 6:30pm. Parents and future Kindergartners please join us for an introduction to our school to help you become familiar with our building as well as some of the faces here. Registration packets will be available.



CERRITOS SOCK HOP

Don't miss the fun, games, music and good food available at this year's Sock Hop! It's a good time for the whole family - your kids will love to go and see all their friends and it's a great time for our Cerritos community.

CERRITOS UPDATES

Cerritos Sock Hop 2008

Mark your calendars, the Sock Hop is Friday, Feb. 8, 5:30-8:30pm in the Cerritos Multi Purpose Room (MPR). We are planning on games, pizza, root beer floats, contests with prizes and of course 50's music to dance our socks off.

Make sure to dress in your best 50's outfits so we can get an authentic feel for the era. Even simple outfits like greased hair, t-shirts, and blue jeans will be a hit.

Be on the look-out for ticket pre-sale envelopes heading home with your child. By ordering your tickets in advance you can avoid lines and start having fun as soon as you arrive. Admission is FREE! The tickets for food, floats, games, pictures, candy store and drinks are 50¢. We will have a hula hoop contest, a dance off contest and a best 50's costume contest along with games, food and root beer floats.

We are accepting donations of vanilla ice cream, cans of soda and bottled drinking water. Bring your items into the office during the day of the event only. Also, if we can borrow any of the following items, let me know: ice chests, crayons and markers and rope.

If you would like to help out at the Sock Hop for an hour or more, please email your name, the hours you can assist (i.e. 5:30-6:30 or 7:30-8:30, etc), and your phone number to cerritsockhop@gmail.com. If you need more information on volunteering, please contact Shelley Corzo at 480-236-8166.

This is a fun-filled event for the entire family. Be there or be square!

Box Top Update

Congratulations to Ms. Kringen's 4th grade class for winning the 2nd quarter pizza party prize from Hungry Howies! The class brought in 768 box tops! The pizza party will be held at the Friendship Celebration next month. Way to go!

The 3rd quarter prize is an ice cream treat from Maggie Moo's and the 4th quarter prize is a Pump It Up Party, so keep those box tops coming in.

Please remember that everyone's contributions matter. The school has received our first check from box tops and we have already exceeded last year's total by \$400. Thank you so much for your support!

GO GREEN!

Now that the holidays are behind us, we probably have oodles of time to search out wonderful new ways to be more environmentally conscious, right? Well, in this issue of the Beep Beep, we're going to help you do just that. Below are listed a few websites for your perusal as well as a few good reads - all in the vein of going green!



Wake Up and Smell the Planet: The Non-Pompous, Non- Preachy Grist Guide to Green- ing Your Day

by Grist Magazine and author
Brangien Davis

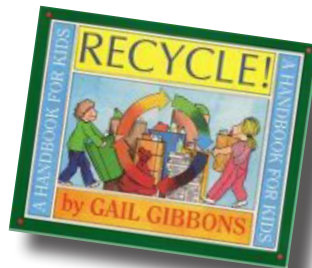


www.grist.org

This is a great website with the tagline "environmental news and commentary." You can sign up for specific news alerts, such as "In the News" or "Ask Umbra." Check it out!

Recycle!

by Gail Gibbons
An eminently readable and well-organized offering that's filled with information written just for kids.



www.terrapass.com

This website is focused more on global warming, and it allows you to purchase carbon offsets and calculate your carbon footprint. There are also interesting products available to help you go green.

P.S. Have you stopped your junk mail yet? Maybe it was your New Year's resolution, and you haven't gotten around to it yet. Well, log onto www.41pounds.org for more information on how eliminating extra mail not only helps preserve the environment, it also may benefit your credit rating!

2007-2008 YEARBOOK PRE-ORDERS

PRE-ORDERS for the 2007-2008 Cerritos Yearbook are now being taken at a price of **\$27.00**. We order a fixed amount of books for sale on a first-come, first-serve basis. If available, any remaining copies will be sold the last few days of school. The books will have a soft-back cover.

Please complete this form below in its entirety and return it to school in an envelope marked "Yearbook Order" to your child's teacher along with a check (payable to **CERRITOS PTO, w/yearbook & your child's name/teacher in the memo line**) or enter the credit card information below.

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, please feel free to contact Frances Lynch, Yearbook Committee Chair, at cerritosyearbook@msn.com or at 480-460-4220.

Please reserve _____ yearbooks @ \$27 each

Student _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Student _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Email address: _____

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

VISA/MASTERCARD ONLY (please note that the PTO will incur a processing charge for this option)

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

Name as it appears on card: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK OR CHARGE: _____