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Kyrene Cerritos PTO newsletter

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A Note from the Principal

Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year! Our Cerritos staff joins me in welcoming back our returning families and extends a warm welcome to our new families. We hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break. We are delighted to get the new school year underway. The staff and I are looking forward to working in partnership with you this year to provide an exciting, rewarding, and challenging educational program for all of our children. I look forward to your continued involvement in your child's education and your participation in school events throughout the coming year.

I enjoyed meeting with so many Cerritos families during Meet the Teacher and Curriculum Nights. These events give you the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and receive valuable information regarding the curriculum, classroom procedures, schedules and other information for the school year.

The weather has been a little too warm for us to have students outside running and playing. We will continue to hold indoor recess during "heat advisory" days. I would like to encourage all students to bring water bottles through the remaining hot months. Bottles should

be labeled with the student's name and room number and must contain only water, not sport drinks. It is a good idea to cover the bottle with a wrap such as a clean cotton sock to catch moisture. Even though students have access to cool water at each fountain, heat related stress can be avoided by staying well hydrated.

We're looking for dads who would be interested in participating in a Cerritos Elementary Dad's Group. This is a new opportunity for parents who want to become more involved in their child's school experience but are not able to volunteer during the school day. Put your talents and skills to good use by helping your school community and spending more time with your children while meeting other Cerritos dads. If you are interested, please contact our PTO president, Stephanie Hayden.

Thank you for your continued support. I am very proud to be your principal. I know we are going to have a wonderful year together. Please feel free to stop by any time to say hello.

Regards,

Darcy DiCosmo
Principal, Cerritos Elementary

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

26

Fall fund raiser begins

SEPTEMBER

1

Labor day [no school]

4

Picture Day

9

PTO board meeting,

8:00 am,

conference room

18-26

Fall book fair

26

Fall carnival



BUS HELPER VOLUNTEERS

Thank you Bus Helpers: Wenda Wagner, Suzi McDowell, Megan Kopec, Stephanie Hayden, Sally Cummings and Karen Billica, thanks for braving the heat!!!

Also, thanks to those parents picking up their children. By staying behind the sign, you allowed a clear path for the bus riders to find their correct buses!

— Janine Ganser, Bus Helper Chair

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The PTO President's Corner

Dear Cerritos Parents,

Welcome to another exciting school year! Hopefully your children have settled into their classroom routines and are enjoying their new teachers and classmates.

The PTO just had its first open meeting of the school year and I would like to thank all of the parents who took time out of their busy schedules to attend. We really appreciate your support and feedback.

At that meeting, the board passed its budget for the 2008 – 2009 school year. We decided that our special project this year could very well include installing a new security door leading into the main hallway of our school. Although the Kyrene school district has had plans for the past year to install security doors and cameras on all of its campuses, we thought that, given the incident on the first day of school, the PTO should look into securing that specific door as soon as possible. Right now, we have a meeting set up with district officials to discuss our options. That meeting is scheduled for next week.

As far as money goes, the PTO board approved spending up to \$15,000 on our special project (the door) this year. However, the ability to spend that money will depend entirely on how well our school fund raisers fare. That said, we hope we can count on your support.

On Tuesday, August 26th, we will kick off our Sally Foster fall fund raiser! The PTO looked around at some of the other fund raising companies out there and decided that Sally Foster truly had the best quality products. So, we hope that you will peruse the catalog your child brings home for items you might like to buy– and even ask friends and relatives to shop at Sally Foster on line. As always, if you'd rather, you can always make a straight donation to the Cerritos PTO.

Finally, please don't forget that there are two very easy ways you can help the PTO earn ***FREE MONEY*** for our school. One is to fill out the escrip form that you received on curriculum night. All you have to do is fill in your Safeway club card number and Cerritos gets a percentage of your purchases! (Last year, we earned nearly \$12,000 dollars!). The second way is to CLIP

THOSE BOX TOPS and turn them in to your child's teacher at the end of each month. We are having classroom competitions again this year – including prizes for the kids and their teachers – so please make it a habit to clip and turn in those box tops!

Here's wishing you a wonderful, healthy and happy school year!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Hayden
PTO President

A BIG THANK YOU...

to everyone who helped make
Meet Your Teacher Night
a big success!

Sharon Schramm
Dondi Barlay
Ann Rishell
Kelley and Paul Schmitz
Jennifer D'Oliveira
Cher Knebel
Monica Hedeby
Sydney Sterling
Lisa Kagasoff
Christine Lum
Kelly Tielke
Frances Brakebill
Nancy Manson

You all did a fabulous job!!
Many thanks from Stephanie

Kyrene School Breakfast price goes to \$1.00 on Sept. 2nd

Parents of elementary and middle school students who eat breakfast at school need to know that September 2nd breakfast prices will increase from \$.60 to \$1.00. This is the first breakfast price change eighteen years!

Also on September 2nd, middle school lunch prices will go up a quarter from \$2.00 to \$2.25. Elementary school lunch prices will stay the same ... \$2.00. These prices are in line with other schools across the East Valley. The last time lunch prices increased was in 2006-2007.

The Kyrene School District Governing Board approved these meal price changes on Tuesday, August 12th.

All Kyrene parents have the option of paying for lunch online. To find out more or sign up for this service go to www.mylunchmoney.com

As you've noticed food prices are up throughout our area. Kyrene's cost for bread increased 12%, rice and pasta went up 14%, cheese is up 15% for cheese and milk prices have risen 17%.



SPIRIT DAYS

Every Friday is Spiritwear day at Cerritos. However, the first Friday of every month we will host a Spiritwear contest. The classroom with the most students wearing Spiritwear will win a prize. Contest days will coincide with the Friday Fitness Days.

Can't wait to see you show your winning spirit!

	Kyrene Current	Kyrene Sept. 2	Chandler	Scottsdale	Gilbert	Tempe
Breakfast	\$.60	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$1.00
Elementary Lunch	\$2.00	no change	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.25	\$1.75
Middle School Lunch	\$2.00	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$2.00

2008-09 SPIRITWEAR ORDER FORM

Date: _____ Your Name _____ Phone _____

Student's Name _____ Teacher's Name & Grade _____

Amt.	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 <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> Adult S
___	Short Sleeve Cotton T-shirt w/round logo, (Gray)	\$12	Youth <input type="checkbox"/> XS <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> Adult S
___	Boys sleeveless T-shirt w/distressed logo, (Gray)	\$14	Youth <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> Adult S
___	Boys sleeveless T-shirt w/distressed logo, (Black)	\$14	Youth <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> Adult S
___	Girls tank w/roadrunner logo, (Black)	\$13	Youth <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> Adult S
___	Girls tank w/roadrunner logo, (White)	\$13	Youth <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M
___	Girls Cheer Shorts, (Black)	\$10	Youth <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L
___	Mesh basketball shorts (Black)	\$12	Youth <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> Adult S
___	Embroidered Hoodies (Black or Gray) **Special order	\$24	Any size _____
___	“ (personalized)	\$26	Any size _____ Personalization _____
___	Short Sleeve Cotton Chess Club T-shirt, (Gray)	\$5	Youth <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> Adult S <input type="checkbox"/> 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



Our Fall Fund Raiser Is Just Around the Corner...

Time to support your school with our first fund raiser of the year!

WHO: You & your children

WHAT: Sally Foster gift wrap, magazines & assorted sundries

WHEN: August 26 – September 9, 2008

WHERE: Sell to family, friends and people your child & family knows

WHY: To raise money for the possible installation of a security door at Cerritos



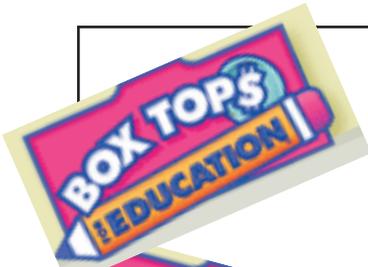
Our Sally Foster fund raiser features:

- ★ Top quality, gorgeous gift wrap for all occasions
- ★ Cute and useful accessories
- ★ All the latest magazines
- ★ Reasonable prices

This year, our **TOP SELLER** will win a brand new ipod nano!!! There will also be great prizes for our **TOP BOY SELLER** & our **TOP GIRL SELLER!**
PLUS – the TOP FOUR CLASSES

that sell the most Sally Foster collectively will win the following class parties:

- ★ Pizza Party
- ★ Root Beer Float Party
- ★ Ice Cream Party
- ★ Cup Cake Party



**DON'T FORGET TO:
CLIP THOSE BOX TOPS!**

**HELP US EARN FREE MONEY
FOR CERRITOS**

**IT'S AS EASY AS
1,2,3...**

- 1. CLIP OUT YOUR BOX TOPS**
- 2. PUT THEM IN A ZIP LOCK BAG**
- 3. TURN THEM INTO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER ONCE A MONTH**

**EACH QUARTER, THE CLASS WHICH COLLECTS THE MOST BOX TOPS
WINS A PRIZE!**

LAST YEAR, CERRITOS RECEIVED CLOSE TO **\$2,000 FROM BOX TOPS.**

LET'S EARN EVEN MORE THIS YEAR!





TIME TO JOIN OR RENEW ESCRIP

You must renew EACH year

PLEASE GO TO WWW.ESCRIP.COM

OR

FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

***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 A PERCENTAGE 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
SWTBBYMOL@COX.NET
480-283-9479

Tip!
**Sign up each adult in your family
and ask friends and relatives to do the same.
Everyone counts!!**

YEARBOOK 2008-09

Pre-orders for the 2008-09 Yearbook are now being taken at a price of **\$22.00 each**.

Be aware that the cost will increase to \$25 each beginning in January 2008 and \$28 each by beginning of April 2008, so be sure and take advantage of the special pre-order price now!

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**) or enter the credit card information below.

Order confirmation/receipts are being sent via email. 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 Jenny Wilkins at jenny@albin.net or at 480-598-3338.

Please reserve _____ yearbooks @ \$22 each

Student _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Student _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Student _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Email address: _____ (for an email receipt)

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

VISA/MASTERCARD ONLY

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

Name as it appears on card: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK OR CHARGE: _____