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Kyrene Cerritos PTO newsletter

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A Note from the Principal

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful support as we started the 2008-2009 year. Your involvement and support make a big difference to Cerritos, but most importantly, our students. We are excited to begin the events planned by our PTO. If you would like to be involved in a helping out during any of our evening events, they are always looking for volunteers to support our functions throughout the year.

Our teachers also appreciate the support from our volunteers. By working together as partners in your child's academic success, we can assure our school and community will continue to be the best it can be. We always welcome and encourage parents on campus. Please help us to continue our safe environment by signing in at the front office each time you come on campus. A guest badge will be provided for you.

As you know, teachers plan instruction around a tight schedule for each day. When volunteering, please allow teachers the opportunity to maximize their instructional time with minimal interruptions by only visiting the classrooms you signed in for. It is important for our office to know where volunteers are throughout the day. This small request or inconvenience is for the safety and academic enrichment of our students. Your support and understanding is appreciated.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Thank you for continuing to make Cerritos Elementary the very best for our students.

Sincerely,
Darcy Dicosmo

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

18 - 26

Fall book fair

26

Fall carnival

OCTOBER

30

Pumpkin Walk

Thank you Meeters & Greeters Committee!

Michaela Gefrides	Nicole Gefrides
Sharon Schramm	Stephanie Hayden
Kelly Schmitz	Debbie Cook
Nancy Manson	Janine Ganser
Wendy Callaghan	Kelly Tielke
Pam Porter	Janet Mooneyham

Thank you to the following individuals for helping out for Picture Day at Cerritos:

Frances Brakebill (Chair)	
Maria Riggs	Rhonda Smith
Megan Kopec	Frances Goldman
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Amy Alme	Michele Mikszta
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The PTO President's Corner

Dear Cerritos Families,

It's hard to believe that six weeks of school have already passed – where has the time gone?

Before I let you know about some of the exciting events coming up, I would like to update you on the status of the security door that the PTO would like to have installed in the main hallway of our school. The Fire Marshall visited Cerritos a few weeks ago and gave his recommendations to the Kyrene school district about how we could install a door that meets the fire code. The district is now re-examining its overall security plan for the entire Kyrene school district to see how adjustments might be made at all of its campuses. This process involves dealing with the contractor who will be installing the new security systems – so for now, we are awaiting the results of this review process.

In the meantime, the PTO is busy with many other projects. One of them is creating “Matthew’s Corner” in the library, in memory of our beloved Matthew Miller who passed away this past March. Matthew’s Corner will be a special place where our children can cozy up and read some of Matthew’s favorite books. We hope to unveil Matthew’s Corner within the next six weeks and hope you will stop by to see it -- and remember this special first grader whom we all loved so much.

As always, the end of September brings two of Cerritos’ most popular events to the forefront: the fall book fair and the fall carnival! The book fair kicks off on Thursday, September 18th and will run for a little more than a week -- plenty of time for us all to stock up on some great books for our kids and their teachers. And mark your calendars! The fall carnival is slated for Friday, September 26th and is sure to be a blast with an array of bouncies, dunk tanks,

food and games. You won’t want to miss either event!

Finally, a BIG thank you to all of our parents who supported our Sally Foster fund raiser! While we are still busy tallying all of the orders, we are grateful for the wonderful participation we received! Thank you all so much. Your generosity helps us support our amazing teachers and staff.

Many thanks again and don’t forget to clip those Box Tops and turn in those Chandler Mall receipts!

Sincerely,
Stephanie Hayden
PTO President

***A huge thanks to those
that helped with
Spiritwear sales at
Meet The Teacher Night:***

***Eileen Stagg
Kim Goldberg
Elizabeth Stagg
Suzanne Kocsis
Vickie Schafer
Robbie Kocsis
Jessica Schafer
Jordan Hedeby***

***We really appreciate your
time and effort and al-
ways saying “Yes”***

***Sydney Sterling and
Monica Hedeby
Spiritwear Co-Chairs***

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!



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!

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

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 Sydney Sterling (602) 751-7118.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS ABOUT SCHOOL CENTS?

School Cents is a brand new way to earn free money for Cerritos!

Any time you shop or dine at the Chandler Mall or any of its surrounding properties (Target Greatland, TJ Maxx, Great Indoors, etc.), you can earn points for Cerritos!

It's easy: ✧ Take your receipts to the "Guest Services Desk" on the second floor of the Chandler mall and show them to the attendant. Your receipt will be logged, stamped and returned to you – it's that simple!

OR

✧ Drop your receipts in the "School Cents" box located near the Box Tops collection box in the main hallway at school. Place a sticky note on the receipts with your name and contact information – and we will get the receipts stamped for you! Once your receipts are logged, we will return them to you.

The contest runs from August 15, 2008 – April 15, 2009

*****KICK-OFF BONUS: DOUBLE POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FROM AUGUST 15 – SEPTEMBER 30!*****

The school that earns the most points wins \$2,500 – but every school will win free money!



FREE MONEY
FOR OUR
SCHOOL!!!

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 _____

***SAFeway 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-SAFeway and they will provide it for you.)

OUR SCHOOL RECEIVES A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR PURCHASES EVERYTIME YOU SHOP AT SAFEWAY 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: _____

Fall Carnival

Friday, September 26th

5:00—8:00 p.m.

Cerritos Elementary School

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BOY AND GIRLS
KIDS OF ALL AGES, JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN!**

**Pizza, Drinks, Cotton Candy, Snow Cones, Popcorn
Cake Café, Dolce Luna, Jamba Juice**

Unlimited Inflatable Bounce Fun and Rides

Rock Wall

Carnival Games

Dunk Tanks (with your favorite teachers & staff)

Cake Walk

Yo-Yo Club Performance

Tunes with the Great Mr. G.

Look for Pre-Order Ticket Forms coming home this week.