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Kyrene Cerritos PTO newsletter

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A Note from the Principal

Cerritos will be hosting its First Annual Pumpkin Walk on Thursday, October 30th from 6 pm — 8 pm. I'm excited to see all the shapes and sizes of pumpkins that will be on display that evening. The Pumpkin Walk focuses on family time together, celebration of creative costumes and themes displayed from individual classes. Each class will choose a theme they would like to portray. Pumpkins will be created at home by adding faces, gluing an ear here or some hair there. Each classroom display will have a theme tying individual ideas together. A trail will be created around our school campus as students and families follow the walk of pumpkins. Our PTO will be providing free popcorn and free cider to add to the ambiance of the cool October evening. To give your children the chance to show-off their costumes, I encourage them to wear their fun attire that evening. Please keep in mind that costumes and accessories should still observe our school safety rules. I hope your family will be able to join us in this exciting night.

On Friday, October 31st, classrooms will also be celebrating the "changing of the seasons" with a fall party. Volunteers, teachers and students are busy planning an end-of-the day class party for everyone to enjoy. In the past, costumes have been a part of the fall party; however, this year the Pumpkin Walk will be the time to wear costumes. Continuing to maintain and maximize our instructional time is a high priority. Costumes can often become a distraction to an already exciting day.

Hosting the Pumpkin Walk and celebrating through a fall party still allows students the opportunity to participate in traditional activities and also assures teachers are able to fulfill lessons planned for the day. Thank you for your support.

Our teachers are preparing for parent-teacher conferences. This one-on-one time set aside to discuss your child's accomplishments and areas of focus is so important to his/her educational growth. I encourage you to ask questions and offer any extra insight that may assist your teachers have a complete understanding of your child. I'd like to thank our PTO Hospitality committee. Not only did they provide our teachers with lunch during our Monday workday, they are also providing us with two potluck dinners during conference nights. It is so greatly appreciated!

With Gratitude,
Darcy DiCosmo

UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCTOBER
30**

Pumpkin Walk

**NOVEMBER
30**

***Thanksgiving
Break***



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The PTO President's Corner

Dear Cerritos Families,

Fall is finally upon us and the PTO is excited to announce a fun new family event we hope you will attend with your children: it's the first annual "Pumpkin Walk", slated for Thursday, October 30th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm! Chairperson Amy Whiteley has come up with some phenomenal ideas for this free family event!

First, each Cerritos student will be asked to decorate their very own pumpkin at home (some teachers will ask the students to decorate their pumpkins according to a theme... others will let the children decorate their pumpkins however they choose. Please check with your child's teacher). On Thursday, October 30th, students will bring their decorated pumpkins to school. The pumpkins will then be put on display in the front quad area for all of our families to enjoy at the Pumpkin Walk that evening!

As always, Mr. G will provide a great musical atmosphere... we will provide free popcorn and apple cider to all... we will raffle off two awesome inflatable Halloween lawn decorations... offer a pretty fall picture taking station... and Mrs. DiCosmo and a group of our fabulous Cerritos teachers will read fun Halloween stories to the kids! It should be a smashing good time!

One final note about the Pumpkin Walk: since the children will not be allowed to wear their Halloween costumes to school this year, they are more than welcome to wear them to the Pumpkin Walk!

In other news... A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who attended our fall carnival and fall book fair! Both events were a huge success and I have been getting rave reviews!



Let me just say that all of the credit goes to Janet Mooneyham and her wonderful fall carnival committee – and Chris Smith, Andrea Beck and Diane Nam and Nancy McGilvra, who put on a magical book fair! Great job everyone!

In closing, I want to let you all know the status of the PTO's security discussions with the Kyrene school district. A representative from the district and from the district's security company attended our PTO meeting on October 15th to show the board various security options it is considering implementing; not just at Cerritos, but at all 25 Kyrene campuses. I have to say, the board and I were very impressed at how seriously the district is taking the security issue – and how hard it is working to get things right. There is not space in this letter to tell you all of the options being considered, so we have invited these two representatives to come back to Cerritos and talk directly to our parents at our next PTO general meeting. That meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00 pm in the library. I strongly urge you to consider attending this meeting as it is important for everyone to understand our security options at Cerritos and to give feedback.

In the meantime, I hope to see all of you at the Pumpkin Walk on October 30th! And don't forget to clip those Box Tops and turn in your receipts from the Chandler Mall for the "School Cents" competition!

Sincerely,
Stephanie Hayden
PTO President

Fall Book Fair Report

Thanks to all the generous Cerritos families for your support of the Fall Book Fair. We raised \$10,600! The money earned goes back to the media center, our portion is between 25 and 50% as we receive some cash and some credit. This fall we were able to give each certified teacher a gift certificate of \$25 to spend at the fair.

Mrs McGilvra also took \$1428 worth of books straight from the fair and has \$2300 still to spend in the Scholastic warehouse and in catalog credit. She will also be able to get almost \$900 to purchase books from other vendors. This makes a huge impact on the quality and variety of books your children can choose from in the library.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers and a special thank you to Basha's who donated the doughnuts for our ever-successful Donuts for Dads event and to Starbucks who donated the coffee. We also received free muffins from Paradise Bakery for the Muffins for Moms the same morning. It is great to be a part of such a giving community!

Chris Smith
Andrea Beck
Diane Nam
book fair co-chairs

Our awesome Book Fair volunteers:

Emma Holtzapple
Kelly Tielke
Belva Miller
Mike McRight
Lisa Baker
Debbie Cook
Sharon Schramm
Lori Nam
Amy Smith
Kris South
Juhayna Lewis
Melissa Sutherland
Joan Doherty
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Cher Knebel
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Liz Tang
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Rebecca Skidmore
Susan Kovacs
Sung Mi Yun
Andrea O'Brien
Juli West
Karen Billica
Christine Quah
Jennifer D'Oliveira
Pam Porter
Christine Lum
Amy Alcorn
Dongshim Lee
Amy Alme
Yumi Goswick
Sunkyung Park
Tobi Natali
Kelley Schmitz
Austin Tielke
Silveria Vara
Elaine Hicks
John Lauritano
Michaela Gefrides
Vicki Ridley
Trent Sleasman

A HUGE Congratulations to all Cerritos Students & Teachers for collecting a PHENOMENALLY AMAZING AMOUNT of Box Tops this Quarter!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**You are not going to believe this,
OUR STUDENTS COLLECTED A GRAND TOTAL OF**

**12, 720 BOX TOPS!!!
WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Our Top Three Highest Collecting Class were:

- *MS. ELMORE – 2,336 BOX TOPS**
- *MRS. KRINGEN – 2,055 BOX TOPS**
- *MS. ROWE – 727 BOX TOPS**

WAY TO GO EVERYONE!

**The Top Three Classes & Teachers will all receive PRIZES for their Cutting & Collecting Prowess!
We can't wait to see which classes will win the next quarterly competition!**

**NOTE: Please clip your box tops all the way around the dotted line before turning them in
(Otherwise, a parent volunteer has to spend hours doing it!)
ALSO, BE CAREFUL NOT TO CLIP OFF THE DATE!!
Box Tops that have partially clipped off dates cannot be counted – SORRY!**



Did you know?

Because of the generosity of Cerritos families, the PTO was able to give every single Cerritos teacher a \$100 grant at the beginning of the year to help offset classroom expenses.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU...

To Kelley Schmitz, Debra Smothers, Chris Smith, Kim Payne, Janie Miller, Tisha Rose and Tobi Natali for helping out with our Sally Foster fund raiser!

Also... many thanks to all of our parents who supported Cerritos by purchasing Sally Foster products. We made more than \$9,000 dollars thanks to your generous support!

A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who worked the ticket tables at the Fall Carnival! Many people have said how easy and fast buying tickets was this year.

Mayme McDonald	Valerie Myers
Kathy Tousek	Teddie Baldwin
Michaela Gefrides	Cher Knebel
Dory Ash	Dondi Barlay

Anthony & Blanca DiGioia	Tammie Woolgar
Nancy Wooley	Elizabeth Canti
Vickie Schafer	Sally Cummings
Kelly Tielke	Lisa Sampson
Chelle Lopker	Ann Rishell
Monica Crowder	Sue Philpot
Andrea O'Brien	Amy Smith
Vicki Ridley	Debbie Cook
Frances Goldman	Liz Tang
Susan Farmer	

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, (<u>Gray</u> or <u>White</u>)	\$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, (<u>Gray</u> or <u>Black</u>)	\$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!!**