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Important Dates

Aug 25 - Sept 4

Fall Fundraiser

Sept 3

Picture Day!

Sept 7

Labor Day; No School

Sept 17 - 25

Fall Book Fair

Sept 25

Fall Carnival

Oct 8

Cerritos Family Dinner Night

Oct 12 - 19

Fall Break; No School

Oct 30

Pumpkin Walk

Nov 11

Veteran's Day; No School

Nov 24

Turkey Trot

Nov 25 - 27

Thanksgiving; No School

Nov 30 - Dec 4

Holiday Boutique

Dec 8

PTO General Meeting

Dec 17

Gift of Time

Dec 17

Cerritos Family Dinner Night

Dec 21 - Jan 3

Winter Break; No School

A Note from the Principal

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! We are off to a fantastic start! 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. We appreciate 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 beyond their lunch recess. As we monitor the weather for Extreme Heat and Danger temperature levels, when necessary, we will hold indoor recess. 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.

Our PTO is looking for a few more volunteers who would be willing to help during school sponsored events. I would really like to try to start up a Dad's Club for dads who would be interested in helping out during our events. To get this club off the ground and started, we need a Dad's Club chair. Please let me know if this might be a good fit for you or someone you know! This is a new opportunity for dads who want to become more involved in their child's school experience but are often 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.

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. I always enjoy conversations about your family, trips, and special events. Please feel free to stop by any time to say hello.

Regards,
Darcy DiCosmo
Principal, Cerritos Elementary



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From PTO President, Erica Riordan

The Cerritos Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new and returning families for the 2009-2010 school year. We are excited to kick off another great year of learning!

The PTO just had its first general meeting of the school year. I would like to thank the parents who took the time out of their busy schedules to attend. At the meeting we discussed the outcome of the new construction to our school. As I'm sure you've noticed, the office is now in the front of the school which makes getting in and out a lot easier. It also allows us to better secure both the Cerritos campus and Altadena next door. The PTO is grateful to the KSD for coming up with the idea to remodel our school and getting it done so quickly and professionally. We are certainly getting a lot of positive feedback from all of you about our brand new office!

The PTO board just passed the budget for the 2009-2010 school year. In a somewhat uncertain economy, we felt it was important to create a conservative and streamlined budget. Even so, it was important that our teachers and staff continue to have our full support. We plan to provide our teachers \$8,000 in classroom grants and another \$8,000 on a three day seminar that the entire Cerritos staff will attend this fall.

The PTO has planned a variety of fundraisers throughout the year so that we are able to give our teachers and children the supplemental instructional materials they need to thrive. On Tuesday, August 25th, we are starting the year with our Sally Foster fundraiser, our biggest fundraiser of the year! Be on the look out for the new Sally Foster catalog your child brings home. And please, encourage friends and relatives to support your child's school by ordering on line. It couldn't be easier!

Until then, I hope you and your child (children) are enjoying their first few weeks back at Cerritos. I wish you all a fantastic year of learning, friendship and fun!

Sincerely,
Erica Riordan
PTO President

A BIG THANK YOU...

to everyone who made MEET YOUR TEACHER NIGHT a success!

Tricia Arnold, Michelle Arnold, Frances Brakebill, Joan Doherty, Stephanie Hayden, Monica Hedeby, Sara Kosobud, Susan Kovacs, Mayme McDonald, Janet Mooneyham, Maria Riggs, Joan Sample, LeeAnn Schneider, Sharon Schramm, Amy Smith, Rhonda Smith, and Sydney Sterling.

And THANKS for your help the first week of school!!

Meeters / Greeters:

LeeAnn Schneider (Chair), Frances Brakebill, Kelly Brunner, Janet Collins, Angela Hart, Stephanie Hayden, Elaine Hicks, Janet Mooneyham, Rhonda Smith, Kelly Tielke, Ro Traxler, and Amy Whiteley.

Bus Riders:

Mike McRight (Chair), JaNae Barrow, and Laurie Gallagher.

You all did a fabulous job!!

Thank you, Erica Riordan



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NO COST Fundraising!!

Earn cash for your school at no extra cost to you. These programs are designed to raise money for Cerritos with minimal time, effort and no additional expense. Participate today and help earn free money for our school!

Escrip

Register with eScrip and be sure to provide your Safeway club card number in order to earn FREE MONEY for Cerritos. You can either complete the yellow form that came home with your child or register online at www.escrip.com.

BoxTops

Clip BoxTops & 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

Each quarter, the class that collects the most BOX TOPS wins a prize!! Last year, we received close to \$2000 from BoxTops - let's earn even more this year!

School Cents

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

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.

OR

Drop your receipts in the "School Cents" box located in the main hallway at school. Place a 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, 2009 and April 15, 2010. The school that earns the most points wins \$2,500! DOUBLE POINTS for all purchases logged between August 15 and September 30!

Fry's has "COOL CASH" for Cerritos!!!

Present this barcode to the cashier & every purchase you make will automatically be deposited in our school's account. Once the school reaches \$50,000 in spending, Fry's will send the school a \$500 check! We have until April 24, 2010 to earn up to \$2,000.



We're partnering with Papa Johns Pizza!!

Every 2nd Thursday of every month Papa John's will give Cerritos 20% of your purchase if you mention Cerritos when paying.

On October 8th we get 40% of your purchase!!

Visit your local Papa Johns from September 10, 2009 to April 8, 2010 & earn FREE MONEY for Cerritos!



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Get Ready!

Our **BIGGEST** fundraiser of the year featuring Sally Foster® giftwrap and gift products is just around the corner!

You'll Find:

- ◆ Premium Giftwrap
- ◆ Value-Priced Gifts for Everyone
- ◆ Chocolates SO GOOD they've been served at the White House
- ◆ And, Everything is \$20 or Less!

Watch for the Sally Foster catalog coming home on **AUGUST 25TH.**

50% OF EVERY PURCHASE GOES DIRECTLY TO CERRITOS!

Sally Foster®



Calling All Shutter Bugs!!

We need your photos for the 2009-2010 Cerritos Yearbook!! You can put them in an envelope marked "yearbook committee" with your name, your child's name and your child's teacher. Hand them in at the front office (or through your children) and they will be placed in the PTO mailbox. Hi-Res jpgs are preferred!

Coming Soon!!

Cerritos Family Dinner Nights are a great way to get Mom or Dad out of the kitchen and support the PTO. Several times throughout the year the PTO will organize Cerritos Family Dinner Nights at local restaurants. A portion of the proceeds are given to the PTO. Watch for the flyers in your child's backpack or visit our website (www.cerritospto.org) for more info.



Otter Pop Fridays!

Beginning Friday, August 21st, the PTO will be selling JUMBO OTTER POPS for 50¢ after school every Friday (until it cools off)! Look for the sales table by the parent pick up area near the front office. We are sorry we will not be able to sell to children taking the bus as it is against district policy to have food items on school buses. Thank you for your understanding.

DON'T FORGET YOUR 50 CENTS ON FRIDAYS!



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We need your help!

We have several Committee Chair positions to fill. Please take a look at the committees. Whatever your preference, whatever your level of commitment, we need & appreciate your help! Contact Volunteer Coordinator Frances Brakebill at cerritosvolunteers@q.com.

Cookie Dough

Cookie Dough is sold in November. The chair is responsible for compiling order forms and distributing Cookie Dough orders.

Dad's Club

This is a new opportunity for dads who want to become more involved in their child's school experience but are often not able to volunteer during the school day.

School Store

The School Store is open on Wednesdays during lunchtime. The chair is responsible for ordering & selling products with the help of other parent volunteers.

Square One Art

Square One Art gives kids the opportunity to have their artwork printed on many products. The chair is responsible for compiling order forms and distributing orders.

Want to get involved? Want information on upcoming events? Visit www.cerritospto.org for more information about upcoming events and ways to get involved in our school! If you have any questions about the PTO in general or upcoming events, please feel free to contact the board members.

ABOUT US...

The Cerritos PTO sponsors fundraisers and events throughout the school year for the students and teachers at Cerritos. We are volunteers who come together to work on programs that benefit the educational experience of our children.

Activities are all volunteer-run and we operate on a budget developed through our fundraising efforts. The Executive Board consists of 11 parent-filled positions and 3 positions filled by Cerritos staff. There are over 25 committees that work throughout the school year. For more info, visit our website: www.cerritospto.org.

The 2009-2010 PTO Board:

President; Erica Riordan

Vice President; Stephanie Hayden

Secretary; Sharon Schramm

Treasurer; Joan Sample

Financial Secretary; Joan Doherty

Communications (Beep Beep); Susan Kovacs

Communications (Marquee); Maria Riggs

Historian; Janet Mooneyham

Hospitality; Amy Smith

Hospitality; Mayme McDonald

Volunteer Coordinator; Frances Brakebill

Teacher Rep; Nancy McGilvra

Teacher Rep; Nancy Corrion

Teacher Rep; Linda Wolf

Principal; Darcy DiCosmo

Student Advisor; Kelley Brunner



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2009/2010 Cerritos Spiritwear Order Form

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
Cerritos Car Magnet	\$5	n/a
Short Sleeve Gray T-shirt	\$10	Youth S, M, L, Adult S, M, L, XL
Girls turquoise fitted shirt w/bling	\$12	Youth S, M, L
Women's black tank w/bling	\$12	Adult M, L, XL
Girls Cheer Shorts, (Black)	\$10	Youth S, M,L, Adult S
Mesh basketball shorts (Black)	\$12	Youth S,M, L, Adult S
Special Order- All Bling-Any size, color & style	\$20	Any size
Embroidered Hoodies (Black or Gray) **Special order	\$24	Any size
“ (personalized)	\$26	“

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

If you'd like to use your Visa/MC, please provide the following information:

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ EXP: ____/____ (MO/YR)

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

Name as it appears on card: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE VISA/MC CARD

If you have any questions, please call Monica Hedeby (480) 636-9057 or Sydney Sterling (602) 751-7118.



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2009/2010 Cerritos Yearbook Pre-Order Form

Pre-orders for the 2009 - 2010 Yearbook are now being taken at a price of \$24.00 each. Be aware that the cost will increase to \$27 each beginning in January 2010, 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 contact Frances Brakebill at cerritosyearbook@msn.com or at 480-460-4220.

Please reserve _____ yearbooks @ \$24 ea

Your Name _____ Email address _____ (for an email receipt)

Student _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

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