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Kyrene de los Cerritos Elementary School

## Important Dates

**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

**Jan 18**

MLK Day; No School

**Jan 26**

Cerritos Family Dinner Night

**Feb 5**

Sock Hop

## A Note from the Principal

We are off to a wonderful start to the new school year. The first day of school is fun for everyone but I especially enjoy walking around and seeing all of the bright, smiling faces of our students filled with anticipation and excitement. It is truly one of those days when I am reminded that I have the best job in the world!

We are committed to providing your child the best educational experience possible. One of the most successful ways to assure we meet your child's individual needs is through a strong parent-teacher educational partnership. As the year progresses, I encourage you to meet with your child's teacher to maintain open lines of communication. When parents come to me with questions or concerns about their child, I ask that they first sit down with the teacher and have a discussion about their concerns. The partnership between the teacher, student, and parent is extremely important for a successful year.

One of our top priorities is student safety. Our staff is dedicated to ensuring all of our students are provided a safe environment while on our campus. Many safety measures are in place, such as: high heat procedures, routine fire and safety drills, and the watchful eyes of our staff and noon aides during recess time. Please help us to continue our safe environment by signing in at the front office each time you enter campus. A guest badge will be provided for you and will allow us to easily recognize you. It is also extremely important that you sign out as you leave the building. We are accountable for every visitor on campus. If we were to ever have an emergency, we would need to be able to locate each person on campus. Not signing out could potentially cause undo time restraints on us as we attempt to find you. This small request is for the safety of you and our students. Your support and understanding is appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our PTO Board: Erica Riordan, Stephanie Hayden, Sharon Schramm, Joan Sample, Joan Doherty, Susan Kovacs, Maria Riggs, Janet Mooneyham, Mayme McDonald, Amy Smith and Frances Lynch. They have already made such a positive impact on Cerritos by recruiting so many parent volunteers and jumpstarting our fund raisers. Your support and effort mean so much to the teachers and we know that our students will ultimately benefit. I'm still hoping to find a dad who could chair or co-chair the Dad's Club. When our students see the men of their lives involved in their safety and education, they will truly understand that we're all in this together! Please contact Frances Lynch if you would like to talk about his great club.

As always, please feel free to call if you have questions or concerns. I also encourage you to stop by and introduce yourself if we haven't met. Thank you for helping us all make Cerritos Elementary the very best for our students.

Sincerely,  
Darcy DiCosmo



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## From PTO Vice President, Stephanie Hayden

The PTO executive board would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all of the families who participated in our Sally Foster fall fund raiser -- our biggest fund raiser of the year! Both you and your children did a fantastic job of selling wrapping paper, candy, magazines and other assorted sundries to help raise money for our wonderful school and teachers. As I write this letter, the orders are still being processed -- but we can already tell that the sale was a big success! For those of you who chose to send in monetary donations instead of buying Sally Foster products, many, many thanks to you as well. We are beyond grateful for your generous support! Your donations, plus the money raised from our Sally Foster sale, will help pay for classroom grants and a three day educational seminar for our staff next month.

The PTO recently decided to try something new this year: Friday afternoon Otter Pop sales! This was president Erica Riordan's idea and boy, has it been a hit! Every Friday after school, our children and parents line up near the office to get their Otter Pops for \$.50. With all the hot weather we've been having, this has been a really fun way for everyone to cool off after school. The PTO will continue to sell Otter Pops until the weather cools off.

### *In other news...*

Make sure to mark your calendars for two exciting events coming up soon: the fall book fair ... and the fall carnival!

The Scholastic book fair gives our students and their parents the opportunity to shop for fantastic books in the convenience of their own school. The book fair is set up in the community room in the library. There are several hundred titles to choose from and proceeds go directly to the Cerritos library and media center -- which has received no funding so far this year due to the state's financial crisis. The book fair will be open from Thursday, September 17th through Friday, September 25th. Please make a point to stop in and support our library!

If you're new to Cerritos and have never been to the fall carnival, you're in for a real treat! Thanks to chairperson and volunteer extraordinaire Janet Mooneyham, the carnival is one of the most beloved events at our school -- offering three hours of non-stop fun! There are loads of bouncies for all age groups, a rock wall, dunk tanks, carnival games, a cake walk -- plus pizza, cupcakes, shaved ice & jamba juice. All of this fun is set to the tunes of our very own DJ, the amazing Mr. G! The carnival runs from 5:00 - 8:00 on Friday, September 25th. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Hayden  
PTO Vice President

### *Special Thanks...*

**to Andrea Cordero for running our Sally Foster fund raiser this year!!**

Also, thanks to our awesome volunteers:

Amy Alcorn

Janet Collins

Sloane Espy

Stephanie Hayden

Janet Mooneyham

Kim Payne

Erica Riordan

***The PTO appreciates all of your hard work!!!***



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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](http://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.



### Thank You For Your Support!

Last week's Papa John's night was a BIG SUCCESS! We brought in \$270 for Cerritos! And congrats to Ms. Rogers' class for winning the pizza party.

Don't forget - October 8th we get 40% of your purchase!!

Be sure to mention Cerritos when you are paying and Papa John's will donate 40% of your sale to Cerritos!



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## Cerritos Fall Carnival, More Fun Than Ever Before!

Cerritos Family & Community Fall Carnival will be held Friday, September, 25th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

This just may be the best and most fun carnival ever! This year will include everything from TWO DUNK TANKS, Fun Bounce Houses, Sports Challenge, Obstacle Course, Rock Wall, Carnival Games, Cerritos Sprit Wear, and Glow-in-the-Dark Necklaces sold by Student Council.

The Chandler Yo-Yo Club will be with us once again having fun with all the kids and giving away some special Yo-Yo's. The deliciously anticipated Cake Walk will be in the cafeteria giving you a chance to go home with something sweet! Cake Café and Jamba Juice will be selling their specialties (these are cash items). We will be selling water, soda, pizza, popcorn, cotton candy and Hawaiian shaved ice (you will need tickets to pay for these items).



**DUNK TANKS:** There will be a list of all teachers & staff that will be in the dunk tanks along with the time that they will be in. This way the students will know ahead of time when they can dunk their favorite teacher!



We are honored once again to have the world renowned D.J. at our Fall Carnival Event... The Awesome, Wonderful, Mix Master: Mr. G.

Pre-Order Ticket Forms have been sent home. Please fill the forms out and return them to your child's teacher by September 23rd. Pre Ordering has advantages! No long ticket lines the night of the event, easy entry and free carnival tickets with your order. See order form for details.

If you have any questions, please send an email to Janet Mooneyham: [Sunshark2@msn.com](mailto:Sunshark2@msn.com). **CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AT THE CARNIVAL!!**

### **Revised AZ Statutes - 15mph School Crossing Violations!**

**Arizona Revised Statutes 28-797 E**

**Fine: \$125-\$500; 2 points.** A vehicle approaching the crosswalk shall not proceed at a speed of more than fifteen miles per hour between the portable signs placed on the highway indicating "SCHOOL IN SESSION" and "STOP WHEN CHILDREN IN CROSSWALK".

**Arizona Revised Statutes 28-797 G**

**Fine: \$125-\$500; 2 points.** When a school authority places and maintains the required portable "SCHOOL IN SESSION" signs and "STOP WHEN CHILDREN IN CROSSWALK" signs, all vehicles shall come to a complete stop at the school crossing when the crosswalk is occupied by a person.





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## Thank you Cerritos Families for participating in eScrip!

We have already earned \$5,500 in 2009!!

Right now Safeway is donating 10% of your grocery purchases of participating products to Cerritos every time you shop from August 12th through September 15th.

Ask the cashier for your receipt between September 18th through October 9th. Follow the easy directions for redemption listed on the receipt. Those families already registered with eScrip will automatically donate the 10% (receipts should indicate donation).

### 10% Back-To-Schools

Thanks for your continued support of the 10% Back-To-Schools program.

Bring in this reward receipt to your local school, or process your donation at [www.backtoschools.escrip.com](http://www.backtoschools.escrip.com)  
ENTER THIS NUMBER 0000000250035869843  
Must redeem by 10/13/2009.

Please note that if your receipt has a redemption number on it (as shown), go to [www.backtoschools.escrip.com](http://www.backtoschools.escrip.com) and donate or put your receipt in the box provided in the front office.

Collect redemption receipts from friends and neighbors to earn even MORE!!!



## 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!

## Otter Pop Fridays!

The PTO will be selling OTTER POPS for 50¢ after school on Fridays (until it cools off)! Look for the sales table by the parent pick up area near the front office. We are sorry it is against district policy to have food items on school buses, therefore we are unable to sell the Otter Pops to bus riders. Thank you for your understanding.



## Thank you for your help on picture day:

Wendy Mohandes, Amy Alcorn, Amy Alme, Rachel Gallelo, Mary Harry, Stephanie Hayden, Elaine Hicks, Debbie Jalaghi, Erica Riordan, Leah Zack, and Ellen Magin for make-up day! You all made the day smooth and successful!!



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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](mailto: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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