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## Important Dates

**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

**Feb 15**

President's Day; No School

**Mar 9**

PTO General Meeting; 3:00,  
Conference Room

**Mar 15 - 19**

Spring Break; No School

**Mar 22**

Square 1 Art Fundraiser Begins

## A Note from the Principal

The first quarter of school really flew! Our students and staff had many wonderful moments filled with great success stories. The classrooms are busy learning new concepts, engaging in meaningful projects and assignments and building communities within their own classes. I consider myself to be very lucky to walk into a classroom and have students show me the work they are proud of completing!

Our PTO has done a wonderful job reaching out to the community and getting parents involved in the important events and fundraising endeavors. As a staff, we are enjoying the many benefits of having volunteers help make a difference in our students' education. I would like to extend a public "Thank you" to our PTO for their commitment and dedication to Cerritos.

Each teacher at Cerritos Elementary School is committed to providing a caring, supportive, and encouraging environment. Maintaining a positive relationship with your child's teacher assures a successful year. I know our teachers appreciate open, honest communication to discuss any concerns you may have. It is our goal to work together to find ways to be a part solutions. All of our staff is dedicated to doing the right thing and ensuring your child learns lifelong lessons to be prepared for the future. When we all focus on the success of your children, we know we are setting them on a path to also believe in themselves. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,  
Darcy DiCosmo

## Another Successful Fall Carnival!

Thank you so much to the wonderful team of volunteers: Jessica Paquette and family, Pauline Nickerson and family, Mary Axelrod and Josh, Michelle Kaske, Wendy Larson, Debi Henderson, Maria Blewster and Stephanie Hayden. Special thanks to Mr. G. for once again entertaining us with his music and to all the fantastic teachers who were in the dunk tank! Thank you to Elward Construction Co. for sponsoring this event.

It is always a pleasure to watch the kids having so much fun bouncing, running, dancing, climbing the rock wall, dunking teachers and dancing to Mr. G.'s music! The face painting, carnival games, Chandler Yo-Yo Club and cake walk made a perfect blend for kids of all ages. Thank you to all who attended, it's wonderful to see all the families out for an evening of fun.

This was my last year to run the Fall Carnival, so we need a new chairperson for next year. If you are interested, please email me and I will share all the info needed to make this special event happen; Janet Mooneyham, Sushark2@msn.com.



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## From PTO Secretary, Sharon Schramm

This month I would just like to extend a big thank you to all of the Cerritos families. The past month has been a whirlwind of activity and the school as a whole has made a lot of requests of everyone for their time and money. It seems like there is always something happening and the response is always phenomenal.

Since our last newsletter, the PTO has held **three major fundraising events and all were great successes**. The Sally Foster fundraiser brought in almost \$8000 in net profit. In addition the online sales will increase this to well over \$9000 in profit. You and your children did a fantastic job of selling the wrapping paper, magazines and other holiday goodies. The Fall Carnival was a great evening and everyone had a wonderful time with family and friends, while raising almost \$3000 for the PTO. A BIG thank you to Janet Mooneyham for her dedication to organizing yet another spectacular Fall Carnival! The Fall Book Fair had sales of over \$9200, for which all profit goes directly to the library to buy new books and replace worn-out favorites.

This past week our teachers have participated in the first two "Leader in Me" sessions that the PTO is supporting through your fundraising efforts. This program was developed to develop the essential life skills and characteristics that our children need in order to thrive in the 21st century. It is based on the principle-base leadership skills found in The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, yet integrates well with the Character Counts program. These sessions were a resounding success with all the teachers who attended.

Your support for all these things is impressive. I am proud to be a part of a community that values their children and education so much. Thank you again for all your support and I hope you had a wonderful fall break!

Sincerely,  
Sharon Schramm; PTO Secretary

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## ***Book Fair Update!***

We would like to thank all of you for your support, time, and efforts in making the book fair so successful! Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in numerous ways such as decorations, baked goods, and your time contributed towards the event. Volunteers were truly the "heart" of the book fair and with much gratitude we thank you! Also, a special thank you to the PTO, Nancy McGilvra, and so many people involved in the book fair.

It is our honor to introduce next year's chairman of the book fair: Rhonda Smith. She is passionate about children's literature and a proud Cerritos parent. Thank you Rhonda for sharing your talent with Cerritos! If you are interested in helping with next year's book fair, please contact Nancy McGilvra or Rhonda Smith. It is great fun and rewarding way to share the love of literacy with children.

We had approximately \$9,200 in sales at the book fair this past month and the profit will go directly to the library. Thank you Cerritos Families for an outstanding show of support!

Sincerely,  
Andrea Beck and Diane Nam; Book Fair Co-chairs





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## It's Time For The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cerritos Pumpkin Walk!

Our Pumpkin Walk will be on Friday, October 30th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! Students, staff and parents are invited to come dressed in costume!

### Important Pumpkin Info:



1. Write the name of your child on the back of the pumpkin with a black permanent marker.
2. Include your child's grade and teacher.
3. Please put a tea-light candle, small votive candle, or flickering battery-powered tea-light in your child's pumpkin before dropping it off at school.

### Pumpkin curbside drop-off times:

*Thursday the 29th From 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm and  
Friday the 30th From 7:15 am to 4:00 pm*

Students may bring their pumpkins to the school office on both Thursday the 29th & Friday the 30th. We will not accept pumpkins after 4 pm on Friday the 30th. Please do NOT bring your pumpkin with you to the Pumpkin Walk, as it will be too late to incorporate into the pathway.

Please remember to take your pumpkin with you at the end of the evening! Be sure to visit our "Fall Photo-Op" area where we'll be taking family photos and shots of kids in their costumes. Photos will be available the next day on Snapfish.com. You are most welcome to use your own camera too!

Can't wait to see you at the Pumpkin Walk!

Monica Cress; Pumpkin Walk Chairperson

### *Special Thanks...*

The Cerritos PTO would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Janet Mooneyham for running such incredibly phenomenal fall carnivals at Cerritos for the last several years. The job she has done making our carnivals so much fun for our kids and families cannot be overstated. From dealing with vendors, setting up carnival games, procuring food, getting volunteers and making the atmosphere festive -- Janet has been a true pro.

Janet, you will be sorely missed next year! But it's time for you to enjoy a carnival with your family for once!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
TIME AND TALENT.  
YOU ARE THE BEST!!!**

### ***New Spirit Wear Arrival!***

Show your spirit in style! Spirit Wear Flip Flops Now Available! Only \$17.00. Sizing Available: 11/12, 13, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6. Complete the attached Spirit wear order form to get your pair! If you have any questions, please call Monica Hedeby (480) 636-9057 or Sydney Sterling (602) 751-7118.





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## Create our future one child at a time.



### Your \$400 tax credit donation could...

provide students with Bully Prevention or Drug Abuse Awareness Presentations.

Or, help students attend extracurricular activities like athletics, art and music programs, character education and field trips.

These programs develop well-rounded students who in turn build strong communities.

**Donate at your local Kyrene school or the Kyrene District Office:  
8700 S. Kyrene Road, Tempe 85284  
Mon - Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm**

State law allows a maximum tax credit of \$400 per joint tax return or \$200 for individuals. Must submit school receipt with taxes.

[www.kyrene.org/taxcredit](http://www.kyrene.org/taxcredit) or, call 480-783-4060



### **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. It is against district policy to have food items on school buses, therefore we are unable to sell the Otter Pops to bus riders.

### **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!



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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!

### 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!

This month's 40% Papa John's night was a HUGE SUCCESS! We brought in over \$550 for Cerritos! And congrats to Mrs. Murtoff's class for winning the pizza party.

Don't forget - November 12th is our next Papa John's Night!

Be sure to mention Cerritos when you are paying and Papa John's will donate 20% of your sale to Cerritos!



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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
Spirit Wear Flip Flops	\$17	11/12, 12, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6
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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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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