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Kyrene de los Cerritos Elementary School

## Important Dates

- Nov 24**  
Turkey Trot
- Nov 25 - 27**  
Thanksgiving; No School
- Dec 7 - 11**  
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
- Apr 2**  
No School
- Apr 15**  
Spring Book Fair Begins/  
Celebration of Learning

## A Note From PTO Treasurer, Joan Sample

Greetings from the PTO! We hope this month finds you anxiously preparing for the holidays ahead.

As members of the PTO Board, we are grateful to be a small part of the landscape that is Cerritos. We wish to express, as always, our Thanks for all of your Giving... of your time, your talents and your tremendous support of our fundraising efforts. Your willingness to play a part helps teachers and staff members enhance curriculum and activities that ultimately provide a greater learning experience for our children.

A special thank you goes out to all of you who were able to attend the wonderful Pumpkin Walk. The pumpkins and costumes were first rate as always. Thanks to Monica Cress, James and Angela Hart, Janet Mooneyham, Dawn Creek, Debi Henderson, Gabrielle Gambadoro, Stephanie Hayden, Erica Riordan, and Mary Axelrod - what a great night! We hope to see a great turn out at the Turkey Trot on Tuesday November 24th as well... keeping that holiday spirit alive! Any volunteers for this event would be welcome...contact Coach Benson to see how you can help.

*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."*

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Please don't forget our upcoming Holiday Boutique...The Holiday Boutique is not a fund raiser; it is a little shop that offers our kids affordable items, they can purchase (all on their own) for family and friends. This year, the boutique will open on December 7th.

December's PTO meeting is a General Meeting; open to the public. The meeting is slated for Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 pm in the Library, come join us if you can. Thanks again for all you do for our Cerritos Community, have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

Sincerely,  
Joan Sample; PTO Treasurer

## A big THANK YOU to the following parents for providing yummy eats during P/T conferences!!

Many, Many thanks to: Amy Alcorn, Teddie Baldwin, Leslie Daniel , Joan Doherty, Kim Dykes, Chris Epolite, Kerry Evans, Stephanie Hayden, Cher Knebel, Dawn Lenz, Ellen Magin, Jessica Paquette, Jill Cone, Amy Perciballi, Maria Riggs, Joan Sample, Sharon Schramm, Lorraine Tornga!!

Sincerely,  
Amy Smith & Mayme McDonald; Hospitality Chairs



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## From Cerritos Staff - The 7 Habits

***“All of our dreams can come true if you have the courage to pursue them.”***

This quote really applies to how we felt last year as we began reading the newly released book, *The Leader in Me*; the story of a school that increased student achievement and leadership skills by teaching the *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. We quickly became excited about how much the 7 Habits could influence us and our students’ lives. We realized how big this impact could be; not only on students’ lives at school, but also within our Cerritos community and the world we live in. As we were working with a representative from Franklin Covey to plan staff development pertaining to the 7 Habits, an opportunity arose to hear the *Leader in Me* featured principal, Muriel Sommers, speak to a group of teachers in California. We all unanimously thought, ROAD TRIP! Little did we know that our two day road trip would change our lives.

We were so inspired by Muriel and her successes at A.B Combs Elementary. We were also fortunate enough to meet the CEO’s of Panda Express and see the 7 Habits in action at their restaurant and corporate office. It motivated us so much that we just couldn’t wait to get started implementing the 7 Habits in our own lives and bringing it to our students. The *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* are: 1. Be Proactive, 2. Begin with the End in Mind, 3. Put First Things First, 4. Think Win-Win, 5. Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood, 6. Synergize, and 7. Sharpen the Saw. We see this benefitting our students in helping them to develop leadership skills that will assist them for the rest of their lives; guide them to make good decisions, work collaboratively with others, and excel at the things they love.

The Cerritos staff has started our commitment to the 7 Habits by attending several 7 Habits Trainings with our Franklin Covey representative, Tom Hewlitt. This experience has inspired many staff members to begin implementing the 7 Habits in their own lives and within Cerritos classrooms. We are really looking forward to seeing the results of the 7 Habits as we put them into practice.

Kim Bordelon, Eileen Byrne-Quinn, Michelle Lamp, Michelle Mandola, Emily Talarico

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## ***We need your help for the Winter Boutique!***

Cerritos 3rd Annual Winter Boutique is December 7th -11th. We need parent volunteers to work at the boutique. We also would like donations of homemade crafts or holiday items (25 of same thing). If you are interested in helping at the boutique or donating, please fill out this form and return it to your child’s teacher by November 24th.

\_\_\_\_I would like to work at the boutique.

\_\_\_\_I would like to donate a craft or gift. (Please turn in to office by December 2nd.)

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_

Questions: Vicki McFarland: 480.460.1771, vcmcfarland@msn.com; Brandee Zeal: 480.209.1212, zeal@cox.net OR Amy Alcorn: 480.460.9490, ancalcorn@msn.com.





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## Go Green Committee Launches Green Efforts for School Year

The Go Green committee proudly presents its plans for the 2009/2010 school year. This committee is a continuation of the Go Green Team started a few years ago by a group of Cerritos students, teachers and parents who wanted to help protect the environment and get others involved. This year there are even more opportunities for students and their families to participate. Plans include:

- **Increasing recycling efforts.** Committee members will be meeting with each grade prior to Thanksgiving break to discuss the new process for collecting items to recycle for weekly pickup and how students can get involved.
- **Continuing Go Green communication.** In addition to a regular column in the Beep Beep, a bulletin board is now available in the main hallway to post updates to Go Green activities. A box is also nearby to collect suggestions on what families are doing at home to Go Green (i.e., reducing, reusing and recycling) and a few will be listed in the Beep Beep each month.
- **Starting a Garden and Compost area.** Thanks to local partner Ace Hardware, the Go Green committee is excited to start a vegetable garden and compost area in the quad area. All food harvested will be donated to the Kyrene Family Resource Center for families in need. Please see flyer for specific information and how you can help.
- **Launching a Printer Cartridge Recycle program.** The committee is working with Office Max to recycle empty printer cartridges to earn credit to purchase office supplies. For every Lexmark, HP or Dell brand cartridge donated, the school earns \$3, up to \$120 a month. Just drop your empty printer cartridge in the boxes located at the Go Green bulletin board and in the front office or you can drop off at pickup or delivery on the first Friday of the month.

More details to follow as the Go Green Team launches its various programs during the year to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Also look for sign ups for students to join the Go Green Team, which will be meeting once a month to help with our green goals this year! We hope your family will join in on the fun to help protect the environment!

## Go Green Tip of the Month

From [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com): **REUSE Other People's Stuff** - a great way to stave off the urge to shop while having a good excuse to throw a party is to organize a swap with friends. Clothes, books, toys and CDs are all popular items at a swap. Ask friends to share in the drinks and snacks and you have a fun party that is little cost to everyone yet can benefit all. You can also check out the many swapping websites online that easily and inexpensively allow members to swap books, CDs and DVDs.





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## Congratulations Cerritos Artists!

During the month of November 2009 YOUNG ARTS ARIZONA proudly presents the art work of students from Kyrene de los Cerritos Elementary at The Phoenix Art Museum's Children's Gallery: 1625 North Central Ave, Phoenix.

Students exhibiting in the gallery are: Curtis Peterson, Luiza Vara, London Comune, Nathan Edwards, Zoe Evans, Nate Fuqua, Noah Perez, Diego Rueda, Patrick Jiang, Jannie Nam, Marin Hadley, Connor Anderson, Jasmine Caballero, Haylee O'Leary, Jacob Oliver, Jordan Gotwalt, Aidan Schramm, Paul Chang, Dallas Farmer, Jyles Watson, Alexis Magin, Tatianna Figueroa, Susan Lee, Lexi Hayden, Aarzo Kumar, Racquel Willert, Andrew Deros, Tyler Ruan, Thomas Hunt, Carson Kosobud, Elizabeth Wang, Neha Parvathala, Mark Kastelic, Annika Beck, Emerson Barrow, Brandon Riggs, Aidan Strelnik, Josie Kramer, Nicole Magin, and Garrett Chavez.

## 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





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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!

### *Box Tops Update!*

Total collected was 8,932 and the winning class was Ms. Cook's 4th Grade Class!! Congratulations to Ms. Cook's class for winning the Hungry Howie Pizza Party!

*Keep sending those BOX TOPS in!*

### *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.





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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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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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