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Kyrene de los Cerritos Elementary School

Important Dates

- 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
- Apr 16**
Lunch on the Lawn
- Apr 23**
Spring Book Fair Ends
- Apr 23**
Ice Cream Social 5 - 7:30PM
- May 3 - 7**
Staff Appreciation Week

From PTO Financial Secretary, Joan Doherty

Hello from the PTO. We hope you all enjoy a wonderful winter break after a busy first semester. Your support during the first half of the school year has been terrific. The money raised helps to fund special requests by teachers and enhance the educational experience for all Cerritos students. The recent family pizza night at Vincent's which raised over \$300 and the Cookie Dough sales which generated \$4,000 are just two examples of the wonderful participation of the Cerritos families in fundraising efforts. We recently received \$500 from Fry's, an easy way to help Cerritos by just linking your Fry's VIP card to Cerritos. Also, while doing your holiday shopping at Chandler Mall and the surrounding stores and restaurants, stop by the concierge desk and have them stamp your receipts. Cerritos will get credit in the School Cents program. They don't record any personal information, and it only takes a few moments.

Cerritos kicked off the holiday season with its annual Turkey Trot. Thanks to Coach Benson and the many volunteers who made this year's trot a fun and healthful event. Coach Benson also organizes the Fit Kids running program at Cerritos, and several Cerritos Fit Kids braved the chilly November weather to run the 1 mile Iron Kids marathon in Tempe.

A special thanks to all the talented musicians from Desert Vista who entertained at the December Lunch on the Lawn. All the kids and parents had a delightful time. The Winter Boutique just finished its third year. It was a chance for the students to shop for gifts at kid-friendly prices. A special thanks to Amy Alcorn, Brandy Zeal & Vicki McFarland and all the volunteers that generously gave their time during this busy season.

The PTO wishes you a very happy holiday season, and a great start to the New Year!

Sincerely,
Joan Doherty, PTO Financial Secretary

YEARBOOK REMINDER - Order Your Yearbook!

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Let Your Holiday Shopping Earn FREE MONEY for Cerritos!

Parents, please remember to hold on to your Chandler Mall shopping receipts this holiday season! They are worth **DOUBLE POINTS** during the month of January!



Here's a reminder of how School Cents works:

- Shop or dine at any store/restaurant at the Chandler Mall or Urban Village.
- Go to the Information Desk on the second floor of the mall and tell the attendant that you would like to log your receipts for Cerritos. Or, you can turn in your receipts to your child's teacher in the specially marked envelope your child brought home on Monday, December 14th. We will get your receipts stamped for you and return them!
- Cerritos earns 5 points per dollar spent (Again, DOUBLE POINTS in January).
- The school that logs the most receipts wins \$2,500!!!

Other qualifying stores and restaurants include: Target Greatland plus all of the stores/restaurants in that shopping complex (EXCEPT Costco); The Great Indoors plus all of the stores/restaurants in that shopping complex; Nordstrom Rack, TJ Maxx, Ross, Lowes and all the stores/restaurants in that complex east of the 101. Also, the Harkins movie theater at the Chandler Mall.

But wait... there's more!

You can immediately earn 1,000 BONUS POINTS for Cerritos by signing up for the School Cents email program!

Simply go to www.shoppingpartnership.com and select "Chandler Fashion Center School Cents Program." Follow the prompts to sign up quickly & easily.

The next day, you'll get a follow up email with instructions on how to sign up for the Chandler Fashion Center email program and earn an additional 1,000 points!

This is an extremely easy way to help Cerritos win this competition!!!

Please note that you will receive DOUBLE POINTS in January for any Chandler Mall receipt you have dated as far back as August 15th.

Thank you for your support!

Stephanie Hayden, School Cents Chair



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Cerritos staff, students & families jump aboard the Go Green Express

During this holiday season, the Go Green committee wants to give special thanks to all the students, families, teachers and staff members who have embraced the school's go green efforts these past few months. We are very excited to see the progress we are making and we absolutely could not do it without all the help and support we are receiving! Here are some highlights from the last month:

- **Printer Cartridge Recycle Program:** Thanks to the families who have deposited printer cartridges into our recycle containers so far -we have earned \$165 of Office Max credit to be used toward school supplies that we will start purchasing soon. It's easy to participate---just drop any Lexmark, HP or Dell brand cartridge in the boxes located at the Go Green bulletin board and near Lost and Found (in corridor outside main office). Or you can save up your cartridges to give us at morning student drop off on the first Friday of each month. Office Max also accepts old unused, unopened cartridge packs as long as they are the appropriate brand.
- **Class Presentations:** Committee members met with each grade prior to Thanksgiving break to discuss the new classroom recycling process and the students asked terrific questions and definitely showed their enthusiasm! Thanks also to our Cerritos teachers for giving us the time--keep up the great work having your weekly Go Green classroom monitors move the appropriate recycle items into their pod each day.
- **Students Go Green Club:** We're happy to announce that Kiirsti Makela will be heading up the student Go Green club again this year! She recently sent out an email to those students who signed up at the Go Green bulletin board and will be meeting with the group the week before winter break.

The Cerritos "Go Green Garden" - Digging Day!

We will be growing fruits and vegetables in our "outdoor classroom" that will benefit the Kyrene Family Resource Center. The foundation supports over 450 homeless families in our district, and we would like to do our part in "going green" by helping to feed the growing number of hungry families in our district. With YOUR help we will make this dream a reality!

When: Saturday, January 23, 2010; 9a.m. until?

Where: Cerritos Common Area (between Cerritos and Alta Dena inside the gates)

Bring: Your shovels, trowels, rakes, pick-axes, old spoons, hammers, and SMILES!

We appreciate ANY help we can get! If you cannot participate but would like to drop off tools marked with your name so we can use them we would appreciate it! PLEASE R.S.V.P. to Sloane Espey at sloanee@cox.net or 480-706-0510. Look for follow-up information to come via e-mail.

Go Green Tip of the Month

From Autumn #9, Mr. Pysher's class: At home, we reuse paper that we have at our desk instead of just wasting it or throwing it away.

From Earth911.com: At the end of the holiday season, instead of recycling your holiday cards, save the ones you like the best and REUSE them by turning them into new gift tags or scrap booking supplies. Check out this craft-making video: <http://earth911.com/>.



Earth 911



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What a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season!

Cerritos' 3rd Annual Holiday Boutique was a great success. It is such a joy to watch the children come in the boutique. They are so excited to do their own shopping and pick out gifts for family, friends, and pets. Ask anyone that volunteers to work during boutique week and they would agree it is one of the best ways to get into the holiday spirit. It definitely takes many wonderful donations and volunteers to make the boutique a success and we are so fortunate to have that support at Cerritos. Thank you to everyone that helped make this boutique a wonderful experience for all.

Your Help is ALWAYS Appreciated: Mrs. DiCosmo, Mrs. Brunner, Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Pace, Mrs. Green, Gilbert, Mrs. McGilvra, Mrs. Arnold, PTO financial officers - Joan Doherty and Joan Sample, and all of our wonderful teachers and staff!

THANK YOU FOR Volunteering and Donating!!

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| Michelle Mace-Basha | Odinaka Ozongwu | Terri Roscosky | Joan Sample |
| Juli West | Karen Ray | Rhonda Smith | Angela Hart |
| Viki Reed | Barb Blazek | Jannette Estela | Debbie Jalaghi |
| Ellen Magin | Mary Harry | Jane Miller | Jean Atkinson |
| Erica Rathje | Diane Nam | Kim Epstein | Debbie Weigert |
| Michele Gill | Kristen Halsted | Susan Kovacs | Lori Chlubiski |
| Chylon Brigham | Kelly Farrell | Mayme McDonald | Jennifer Cline |
| Janet Mooneyham | Heather Mensik | Maria Farha Blewster | Maria Green |
| Emma Holtzapple | Shirley Rodriguez Lee-Kin | Laurie Romeo | Sharon Schramm |
| Kitty Pesetsky | Melina Tackitt | Andrea Beck | Kim Payne |
| Deahna Tullock | Janae Barrow | Nancy McGilvra | Jessica Paquette |
| Ann Shriver | Beth Sylvia | Thanaa Haddad | Cher Knebel |
| Michele Mikszta | Shnelle Stewart | Allie Schenach | Michelle Kaske |
| Stephanie Hayden | Erica Riordan | Stephanie Giel | |

We hope that we included everyone that we needed to thank. We could not have done this without all of your help. We hope that you all have a wonderful Holiday Season with your family and friends. In addition, we look forward to another successful boutique next year.

Holiday Boutique Team - Brandee Zeal, Vicki McFarland, and Amy Alcorn





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TAX CREDIT DONATIONS DUE DECEMBER 18th

Tax credits due tax credit donations help provide field trips, author visits, and assemblies. Your donation (in any amount) is a direct 100% tax credit for your state tax return for 2009. You may donate up to \$200 if filing singly and up to \$400 if married and filing jointly. Donating is easy! Come to our school office, or you can donate online at www.kyrene.org. Thanks so much for your generous support of our students and programs!

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 or, call 480-783-4060





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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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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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