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Kyrene de los Cerritos Elementary School

Important Dates

Jan 28

Cerritos Family Dinner Night
at California Pizza Kitchen

Jan 30

Go Green Dig Day

Feb 5

Sock Hop

Feb 15

President's Day; No School

Mar 9

PTO General Meeting; 3:00PM,
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

May 11

PTO General Meeting; 7:00PM,
Library

May 27

Last Day of School

From PTO Communications, Susan Kovacs

Happy New Year from the Cerritos PTO - we wish everyone a happy and healthy 2010!

2009 may have been a dismal year for the economy, but thankfully the PTO fundraising efforts seemed relatively unaffected. We ended the year with a bang as our Holiday Boutique recorded a profit of \$1500! The Holiday Boutique is not generally run as a fund raising event, but thanks to the generous donations this year we were able to bring in additional funds that will help support PTO programs that benefit the educational experience of our children.

"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man."

- Benjamin Franklin

You may have seen flyers come home about School Cents, but I wanted to mention the program one more time just in case. Did you know that if you turn in your Chandler Mall receipts in the month of January, we will earn DOUBLE POINTS? Even if the receipts are dated as far back as August 15th!

With the second half of the school year in full swing now, we look to our Cerritos families for your continued support. The Sock Hop is February 5th and we are in need of volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact Lorinda Thompson: matthewandlorinda@cox.net. It's such a fun event for the kids, but we could never pull it off without the talent and support of our Cerritos parents.

Another upcoming project is Publishing House. Publishing House "publishes" student's books each year. You may have seen them come home at the end of the year - a brightly covered short book written by your child. We are looking for volunteers to help out either in your child's classroom (interviews, approx 1 hour) or with typing / assembly (at home or school, approx 2-4 hours). We are looking for 3 volunteers per class. The schedule is very flexible. Please contact Susan Kovacs (susan@nergizing.com or 480-460-1835) if you can help or if you have any questions.

Mark your calendars for our next Cerritos Family Dinner Night on January 28th at California Pizza Kitchen at the Chandler Mall. Family Dinner Nights are a great way to get Mom or Dad out of the kitchen and support the PTO! And remember if you turn in your receipt from that dinner, we will receive double points for School Cents!

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Susan Kovacs, PTO Communications



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DOUBLE POINTS if you turn in your receipts NOW!

Your Chandler Mall shopping receipts (even those dated as far back as August 15th!) 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!!!

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Thank you for your support!

Stephanie Hayden, School Cents Chair



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Cerritos Students Start 2010 Preparing Seedlings for New Garden

The Cerritos Go Green program got off to a great start after the holiday break with students from pre-school through fifth grade helping prepare the school's new garden. On Jan. 6, students in the Go Green Club (headed by Kiirsti Makela) came to school early to draw signs and prepare the area where the seedlings will grow before being transplanted into the garden, located in the school courtyard.

Later that morning, students representing every grade planted and watered a variety of seedlings including watermelon, carrots, corn, spinach, lettuce, radishes and many more. Special thanks to the teachers who participated in this event and to the parents who assisted the students on Wednesday and Thursday. On Thursday, a reporter covering Arizona Republic's Ahwatukee section came on campus and took photos as Mrs. Foster's class and the Extended Resource class planted their seedlings for coverage in the Jan. 15 edition.

Digging Day is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 30 and volunteers are welcome to help break ground on Cerritos' new garden and transplant the little seedlings to their permanent home. The Go Green Club is also accepting donations for food or drinks on that day for the volunteer staff. If interested, please email Sloane Espey at sloanee@cox.net.

In other news, the Go Green committee is still collecting printer cartridges to be recycled at Office Max for credit to be used toward school supplies. There are two recycle bins available ---one located at the Go Green bulletin board and near Lost and Found (in corridor outside main office). We accept the brands Lexmark, HP and Dell.



Go Green Tip of the Month



Earth 911

From Earth911.com: Did you know that you can recycle new, old or broken crayons? Crazy Crayons has created a National Crayon Recycle Program for just that—check them out at www.crazycrayons.com and click on their “recycle program” link.

Or if you want to reuse instead of recycle, there is a new product on the market that allows you to create new crayons from old or broken ones. If your plans include de-cluttering unused CDs, DVDs and cassettes, Best Buy has store kiosks for collecting those items for recycling or you can participate in a mail-in program at www.greendisk.com and they would be happy to collect your techno-trash.



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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!

Box Tops Update!

The winning class was Mrs. Hunt's 5th Grade Class!! Congratulations to Mrs. Hunt's class for winning the Hungry Howie Pizza Party!

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.



Did You Know? Here are some of the items your fundraising dollars support:

\$8,100 for teacher grants. Each full time teacher is given \$200.00 per year to purchase additional educational items they need for their classrooms. Part time teachers are given \$100.00 per year.

\$8,000 for "Special Projects". In the past, we've used this fund to erect two shade structures on the playground to help keep our children cool. This year, the money was spent sending our teachers and staff to Leader in Me seminar.

\$3,000 for classroom subscriptions. The PTO pays for subscriptions to various educational magazines/publications for each grade level. "Time for Kids" is just one example.

\$2,100 for agendas. The PTO purchases all of the agendas for 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students.

\$3,000 for "Staff Special Request". This money is set aside for special, sometimes high ticket items that our teachers can really use. For example, we've purchased covered wagons for the special needs children to use on outdoor field trips. We've also purchased stereo equipment for our music teacher. Requests are submitted in writing and voted on by the board.

\$5,500 for office printer cartridges, paper & supplies for the work room. The PTO supplements what the Kyrene School District provides. Due to tight school district budgets, this additional support is vital.



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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 Order Form

Orders for the 2009 - 2010 Cerritos yearbook are now being taken at a price of \$27.00 each. We have ordered 500 copies of the yearbook from the publisher which will be distributed directly to the classrooms the last week of school to students who have paid reserved a copy. If there are any remaining yearbooks after all the pre-orders have been fulfilled, they will be available for purchase on a first come, first serve for a price of \$30.

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 @ \$27 ea

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

Student _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

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

Name as it appears on card: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK OR CHARGE: _____

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