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Kyrene de los Cerritos Elementary School

Important Dates

Feb 25

Kindergarten Orientation; 6PM

Mar 9

PTO General Meeting; 3:00PM,
Conference Room

Mar 15 - 19

Spring Break; No School

Mar 22

Square 1 Art Fundraiser Begins

Mar 29

Report Cards Go Home

Apr 2

No School

Apr 13-22

AIMS Testing

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 Hospitality Chair, Mayme McDonald

Twist and Shout!!

A round of applause to chair Lorinda Thompson and her husband Matthew for putting together an amazing Sock Hop this year!! The kids enjoyed many competitions including: a hula hoop contest, bubble gum blowing contest, twisting contest and limbo. Special thanks to Mr. G - *D.J. Extraordinaire* - for his tunes!

Be sure to submit your favorite photos from this event or any previous events this year for the yearbook by March 5th.

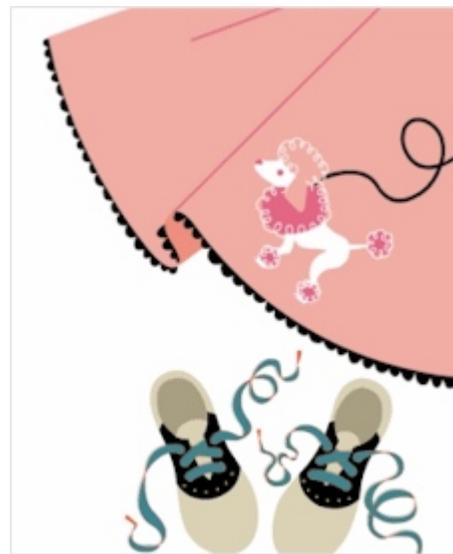
Thank you to those families who continue to support our "Family Night" at Cerritos. "Family Night" has raised almost \$1300.00 this year already!! This fundraiser continues to help provide extra teaching supplies for our wonderful teachers. Special thanks to Papa John's, Vincent's pizza, Florencia Pizza Bistro and California Pizza Kitchen for making this fundraiser so successful!!

We are looking for volunteers to help out with Publishing House 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.

Reminder: Kindergarten Orientation is February 25 6pm
Evening Conferences February 25 & March 3

Please join us for our next general PTO meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, March 9 at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room.

Sincerely,
Mayme McDonald, Hospitality Co-Chair





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Is there really anything that 6 & 7-year-olds can do to help?

When the devastation of the Haiti earthquake was becoming more and more obvious in the days following the tragic event, an interesting discussion emerged in Ms. Rogers' first grade classroom. She posed the question to the children, "Is there really anything that 6 and 7-year-olds can do to help?"

After deciding that a field trip flight there to help was probably out of the question (too dangerous and their parents would be sad to see them go), the students started coming up with some really good ideas. Ms. Rogers wrote the ideas on the board as the children talked and their plans began to emerge. The following week a Lemonade Stand was chosen as the focus.

Students wrote emails to families for lemons, containers, and juicers. Others wrote letters to local businesses asking for ice and sugar donations. Some children wrote statements and addressed the school on morning announcements, others made signs, and still others spoke in classrooms about the wonderful lemonade they would be selling. All the children participated in measuring and mixing the lemonade.

Every child was involved in the success of the project- and a success it was!

A company that one father works for agreed to match the sales, dollar for dollar. They were certainly surprised when the total was as big as it was! And the kids did not stop there. One asked for donations instead of gifts at his birthday party. Another had his own lemonade stand. One girl emptied her personal piggy bank to add \$100 to the cause. Several children collected donations from neighbors, friends, and families. Finally, all the children wrote letters and drew pictures for children in Haiti.

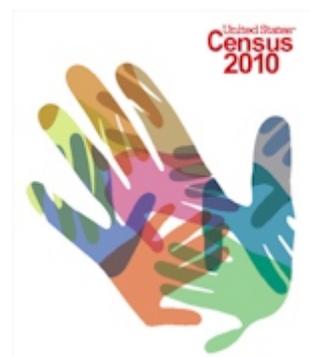
So, back to the original question that Ms. Rogers asked: "Is there really anything that 6 and 7-year-olds can do to help?" The answer is a clear and resounding YES. A check to Unicef for \$2214.94, a bundle of kind and reassuring words of comfort and kindness in the form of letters, and more generosity than anyone could have dreamed of. Yes-- there really is quite a lot that 6 and 7-year-olds can do.

Census Questionnaire Coming Soon!

The week of March 15th isn't JUST Spring Break for Kyrene, it is also the week your home will receive a Census Questionnaire. What you do with it can make a difference for our school because the answers determine the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade.

It's easy to fill out and is one of the shortest questionnaires in history, The Census only asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes about 10 minutes for the average household to complete. Responses to the 2010 Census questionnaire are required by law. All responses are used for statistical purposes only, and all are strictly confidential.

The census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress and how funds are distributed across the country. In total, the 2010 Census will directly affect how more than \$4 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years. For more information, visit the 2010 Census website: <http://www.census.gov/2010>.





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Cerritos Go Green Garden is in and ready to get growing

The new Cerritos Go Green garden is now in thanks to the hardworking efforts of many volunteers over the past several weeks. The first phase of the garden was the groundbreaking Dig Day, held on Saturday, January 30. Several families pitched in with hammers, shovels and rakes to build the wooden garden fence, break up the existing soil and mix in the new soil to provide a rich environment for the seedlings. While many were busy preparing the garden, several students put their artistic skills to good use and painted colorful wooden signs to attach to the garden fence.

The following week, students from several classes transplanted the seedlings, which they started in early January, into their new garden home. Some vegetables were easier to transplant than others yet in spite of it all, the students/ budding gardeners shared a can-do spirit and made it happen no matter how challenging it was at times!

Go Green Committee Project Leader Sloane Espey and the Go Green Committee give special thanks to all the families, teachers and support staff who supported and/or participated in our Dig and Transplant days. Also a big thank you to Janet Mooneyham who provided her gardening expertise and the following sponsors who donated the following items:

- Safeway and Dunkin' Donuts for yummy breakfast food items
- Home Depot for discounting our garden purchases
- Shane Beaus of Venetian Landscaping for his donation of soil, irrigation & time!



Go Green Tip of the Month

From Earth911.com: From Earth911.com: Listed below are three not-so-obvious items to recycle and suggested companies that accept them:

• Keys- Instead of throwing your old discarded keys in a junk drawer, how about donating them for a good cause? KeysForKindness.com is a small, family-run program designed to raise money through metal key recycling for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. For the minimal cost of shipping, you are doing a great deed!



Earth 911

• Gift cards, hotel key cards and wallet cards -the next time you clean out your purse or wallet, good chance you will find some old plastic cards not being used. Did you know that these cards are typically made of a plastic resin called polyvinyl chloride (PVC), which is infinitely recyclable, yet most end up in a land fill? Cleveland-based EarthworksSystem.com accepts PVC cards for recycling from consumers and retailers via collection and mail-in programs.

• Old makeup containers - instead of tossing your old makeup containers like cosmetic tubes, bottles, lipstick covers, jars and caps into the trash, Origins cosmetics will recycle them for you, regardless of the brand. Just bring your old cosmetic containers to an Origins retail store or department store counter nationwide for recycling or energy recovery. As an added bonus, you will receive a free sample of an Origins skincare product for bringing in your empty containers.



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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!

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

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 our Family Dinner Night at Florencia Pizza Bistro brought in \$275.00 for Cerritos!

The winning class was Mrs. Bordelon's 4th grade class! Plus two classes tied for 2nd place: Mr. Norman's 5th grade class and Mrs. Eger's 2nd grade class. All three classes will receive a Pizza Party from Florencia Pizza Bistro!



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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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