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PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

From the Principal

Welcome back to school! What an exciting school opening it's shaping up to be! There are lots of great opportunities for you to take advantage of:



K-8 Family Connection. a Parent-School Partnership, will be hosting a **Family Literacy Program** for 6 weeks at Doig Intermediate. This FREE series of classes meets on Monday & Tuesday nights from 6:00-8:00 – and it's FREE! There will be interpretation to Spanish and Vietnamese and free childcare! A flyer was sent home already – just tear off & return your information or call Doig Intermediate (714-663-6241) to register. **Classes begin on Oct. 4th.**



Math Night for Parents – Thursday, Oct. 7 @ 6:30-7:30

This special evening will be presented in our cafeteria by our District's lead math teacher. Come and see what your children are learning in math and see how you can help them at home! Parents of all students from Kindergarten thru 6th grade are welcome. There will be Spanish interpretation and free childcare!

Back to School Night

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

Back to School night is planned for one evening this year and includes a meeting with the principal. We hope this schedule allows for more flexibility for busy parents with children in more than one grade-level. Please come and learn about the exciting opportunities your child will have this year, plus how you can help your child be successful.

5:00-6:00 – **Grades K-3** (2 30-min sessions in classrooms)

6:00-6:30 – Parent Meeting in the MPR with the Principal

6:30-7:30 – **Grades 4-6** – in classrooms

Parent-Teacher Goal Setting Conferences

Monday, Oct. 25 – Monday, Nov. 1

MINIMUM DAYS – Dismissal @ 1:00

It's almost time for parent-teacher goal setting conferences! This is a great time of year when you, your child, and your child's teacher review the progress your child made toward grade-level standards last year and make plans for growth this year. **Make the most of this one-on-one time with your child's teacher – bring your child and come prepared with questions and ideas.**

Remember, our goal for each and every student is that they advance a level a year toward proficiency in Language Arts and Math. Once students are proficient or advanced, their goal is to maintain those levels. This goal will guide your goal-setting conference with your child's teacher.

Some questions you might ask the teacher are:

- What do you enjoy about my child? What makes him/her special?
- How well did my child perform last year? Did s/he reach his/her goals?
- What are my child's strengths in Language Arts? In Math?
- What does my child need to strengthen in Language Arts? In Math?
- How can we address my child's needs together?
- What do you think my child's learning goals should be in Language Arts? In Math?
- What can my family and I do to support my child's learning goals at home?

A Clinton Cougar
PRRRS with Pride!

Be **P**roud

Be **R**espectful

Be **R**esponsible

Be **R**esourceful

Be **S**afe

In September our teachers were "On the Prowl" for Cougars demonstrating **Pride** - feeling satisfaction and esteem for themselves or someone else for doing something good.

In October, we're prowling for Cougars displaying **Respect** - showing acceptance, respect, and regard for peers, and deference to authority.

Cougars who have earned 100 Cougar Cards will be invited to participate in a very **special** recess game event *just for them!* in October

Check out our Cougar PRIDE when you visit our school office!

School Closure Days

By now you've received a letter from Dr. Schwalm, our Superintendent, expressing her regret that the State's actions have made it necessary to change our school calendar to reflect a salary cut for all GGUSD employees. This is a reminder of the dates school will be closed so you can update your family calendar.

Friday, November 12, 2010

Monday, November 22, 2010

Tuesday, November 23, 2010

Friday, May 27, 2011

Principal Honor Awards Assemblies

Our Goals

As we move toward the day when 100% of our students are proficient readers and mathematicians, we want to celebrate each of our students' gains. And so, we set a goal for each of our students – that they **advance at least one level toward proficiency** on the California Standards Test (CST) in English Language Arts and in Math each year. Once a child reaches Proficient in English Language Arts and Math, the goal is to maintain proficiency each year.

Evening Awards Ceremony

On November 4th, **Dr. Mitchell will honor over 270 Clinton School students** in Grades 3-6 for reaching this goal when they took the CST last spring. Look for a special invitation with more details coming soon!

Principal Honor Awards Assemblies

Thursday, November 4, 2010

5:00 – Grades 3 & 4

6:30 – Grades 5 & 6

By invitation only

FALL FUNDRAISER

Friday, October 8 – Monday, October 25, 2010

Once again this Fall we're looking to our families to help the PTO raise money to send our students on field trips and provide special assemblies. We're again working with QVC to provide you a variety of wonderful gifts – just in time for the holidays! All orders will arrive before Thanksgiving.

Remember, children should not sell items door-to-door. We encourage families to sell items to parents co-workers, family members, and friends. All students who participate in our fundraiser will get a special reward – and entry into our drawing to win a fabulous prize! The top selling classroom wins a pizza pig-out party, and the second-place classroom wins an ice cream party.

Dates to Remember

October

- 4 & 5 – K-8 Family Literacy Program @ Doig, 6-8PM
- 5 – FIELD TRIP to Shipley Nature Center (3rd Grade)
- 7 – School Picture Day!
- 7 – Math Night for Parents (6:30-7:30 @ Clinton)
- 11 & 12 – K-8 Family Literacy Program @ Doig, 6-8PM
- 13 – 6:30 Back to School Night
- 18 & 19 – K-8 Family Literacy Program @ Doig, 6-8PM
- 21 – The Great Southern California ShakeOut
- 25 & 26 – K-8 Family Literacy Program @ Doig, 6-8PM
- 25-29 – Red Ribbon Week
- 25-11/1 – Parent-Teacher Goal Setting Conferences (Dismissal @ 1:00)

November

- 1 & 2 – K-8 Family Literacy Program @ Doig, 6-8PM
- 3 – Lock-Down Drill
- 4 – Make-Up Picture Day
- 4 – Evening Principal Awards Ceremony (5:00 – Grades 3 & 4; 6:30 – Grades 5 & 6)
- 8 & 12 – K-8 Family Literacy Program @ Doig, 6-8PM
- 8 – ELA 1st Trimester Benchmark Testing Begis (thru11/19)
- 11 – Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL
- 12 – School Closure Day – NO SCHOOL
- 15 – Fire Drill
- 16 – Vision & Hearing Screening
- 19 – Trimester 1 Math Final Tests (Grades K-6)
- 22-23 – School Closure Days – NO SCHOOL
- 24-26 – Thanksgiving Holiday – NO SCHOOL
- 29 – Trimester 2 Math Pre-Tests (Gr. 2-6)

December

- 3 – Non-Student Day – NO SCHOOL
- 4 – Santa's Breakfast
- 7 – FIELD TRIP to Aquarium of the Pacific (Gr. 1)
- 9 – Winter Concert
- 10 – Report Cards go home
- 13 – Disaster Drill
- 17 – 1st Trimester Awards Assemblies
- 20-31 – Winter Recess – NO SCHOOL

Parent-Teacher Goal Setting Conferences

Mon., Oct. 25 – Mon., Nov. 1

MINIMUM DAYS

ALL STUDENTS Grades 1-6 ATTEND 8:00-1:00

(PreK & Kindergarten schedules do not change)