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Condit Elementary

Lifelong Learners
Soaring Above

Principal's Corner - 100 Mile Club-Volunteers Needed

Condit Elementary kicked off the 100 Mile Club this past Friday, October 2nd with an assembly. Kara Lubin, Founder of the 100 Mile Club, did an awesome presentation on what 100 Mile Club is all about. Our students were very excited to "accept the challenge." As I mentioned last week, the 100 Mile Club will be a school wide program. Many teachers and staff members are planning on joining the 100 Mile Club as well. Our "Head Coaches" are Dena Woodward, Resource Specialist, Kara Leeper, Speech Therapist, and Angie Rounds, Instructional Assistant. We will begin the 100 Mile Club on Monday, October 12th for students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade and on Friday, October 9th for students in 4th-6th grade. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** We will have many students out on the track working towards their goal. It would be great to get parent volunteers that could help hand out the popside stick markers as students go around the track. Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping out. Parents can also participate in 100 Mile club and work to achieve their own goal of 100 miles in one year. Incentives are the same for adults.

Students will walk or run to try and achieve their goal of 100 Miles in a school year. We will also give students opportunities to acquire more miles during lunch 1 day a week and also at school site events. Many students will meet or exceed their goal. When the students 25 miles, they receive a T-shirt and note of congratulations. The T-shirt says, "I made the 100 Mile Club on the back." There are boxes for 25 miles, 50 miles, and 75 miles. The boxes get checked off as the student reaches each goal. Students can set their goals for more than 100 Miles and often do. There is an end of the year assembly where all students are recognized for their achievements and the students that reach the 100 miles receive a medal. This is another area that you will see students helping each other work towards a goal. It is **AWESOME!** For more information about 100 Mile Club, you can go to www.100mileclub.com. Students will be coming home with donation information this week. The cost to support this program is \$10 per student. If a student and/or family choose not to contribute, there is absolutely no penalty, nor will it affect a student's ability to participate in 100 Mile Club. We truly appreciate donations made for 100 Mile Club. Thank you to the families that have already donated.

Mrs. Christine Malally-Principal

Everyday Math-Games for Drill and Practice



With Everyday Math, frequent practice is necessary to attain strong mental arithmetic skills and reflexes. Although drill focused narrowly on rote practice has its place, Everyday Math also encourages practice through games. Drill and games should not be viewed as competitors for class time, nor should games be thought of as time-killers or rewards. In fact, games satisfy many, if not most, standard drill objectives-and with many built-in options. Drill tends to become tedious and, therefore, gradually loses its effectiveness. Games relieve the tedium because the children enjoy them. Indeed, children often wish to continue to play games during their free time, lunch, and even recess. Drill exercises aim primarily at building fact and operation skills. Practice through games shares these objectives, but, at the same time, games often reinforce other skills including calculator skills, money exchange and shopping skills, logic, geometric intuition, and intuition probability and chance (because many games involve numbers that are generated randomly). Using games to practice number skills also greatly reduces the need for worksheets. Because the numbers in most games are generated randomly, the games can be played over and over without repeating the same problems. Many of the Everyday Mathematics games come with variations that allow players to progress from easy to more challenging versions. Games practice, therefore, offers an almost unlimited source of problem material.

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Important Dates:

- ☺ October 8
Kindergarten and
1st Grade to Lewis
Family Playhouse
- ☺ October 9
PFA Spaghetti
Dinner 5:30—7:30
PM
- ☺ October 14
PFA Meeting
7:00 PM
- ☺ October 15
Lifetouch
School Picture
Day
- ☺ October 15
The Great
California
Shakeout
- ☺ October 28
School Site Council
Meeting 7:00 PM
- ☺ October 30
Halloween Parade

Tardy Policy

Every effort should be made to insure that students arrive at school on time. When students arrive late to class, this causes an interruption and students miss morning instructions. We understand that there will be times when situations arise that cause a student to arrive late at school. To allow for those situations, students may be late no more than 3 times without penalty. If a student is late a 4th time, they will be assigned a lunchtime detention for that tardy and any subsequent tardies.

If a student is approved to attend Condit School on an intra-district or inter-district transfer and is frequently tardy to school or late being picked up, the transfer may be revoked.



Thank you!



We wanted to send out a **HUGE** thanks to the Bixler Family. They supplied our fantastic new sign at the front of the school. Thank you also to our families that have been following our routines and procedures. Our teachers and staff appreciate it.



Claremont After-School Tutoring Programs (CLASP)

CUSD students, grades K-6 are invited to register for the CLASP Program which provides: homework help, mentoring, a healthy snack and recreation three days per week at 5 conveniently located sites in Claremont. CLASP is a non-profit organization that works in collaboration with CUSD and the City of Claremont. Busing is available for some locations; some sites are free of charge and some have modest fees that apply. Scholarships are also available. Forms are available at our school office or www.claremontafterschoolprogram.org



Spaghetti Dinner Night



Please join us at our annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, October 9, 2009 from 5:30—7:30 PM. You will enjoy an evening of delicious hot spaghetti, tempting home baked desserts, and family fun. Pre-paid tickets are available for a reduced price. \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Prices will increase after Wednesday, October 7th. We are looking forward to a fabulous evening! At the door prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. We look forward to seeing you there!



After School Intervention & RtI Program

Condit will begin our intervention programs starting the week of October 19th. Our after-school program will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for 1 hour after school. Our in-school Reading intervention program will be for Kindergarten through 2nd grade and will take place as a pullout program to target phonemic awareness and decoding skills. If your child received permission slips for either of these programs, please fill out their permission slip and return it as soon as possible. These are fantastic programs that will be a huge benefit to your child. These intervention groups are taught by Condit staff members.



How can I get work for my sick student?

With the cold and flu season upon us, we are seeing more and more students missing days of school. We wanted to make sure that parents are aware that we can get work together for their child if they are out for the day or several days. We just ask that you notify the school office the morning your child is out and we will contact the teacher to make sure that work for your child is in the office by the end of the school day. The sooner you can notify the office, the better chance you have of making sure we can get in contact with your child's teacher and have everything ready for your child by the end of the day.

Counseling Intern Program at Condit

Condit has always had an amazing Counselor on our campus, Michelle Crede. We have been very fortunate. Michelle also does counseling supervision through the University of La Verne. At Condit, we have been lucky enough to retain two of Michelle's counseling interns from the University of La Verne. Jodi Erlinger-Irwin and Kymberly Hirst are excited to be Condit Schools Counselor trainees. They are looking forward to helping our students in a safe, respectful and effective way. Condit will be focusing on a school-wide bully prevention program.

