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Lifelong Learners
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Principal's Corner - First Week of School

What an AMAZING first week of school! I have had such a great time meeting all our fantastic families and your wonderful children. The first three days flew by and I love being a part of the Condit family. We have a lot of fun and exciting things that are already happening in the classrooms. Our Kindergarteners are beginning to learn routines both in the classroom and on the playground. The other primary students have been listening attentively to their teachers and making new friends. Our upper grade students are full of enthusiasm as they are moving closer to middle school and greater responsibility. Please make note of the dates to the side of the newsletter. We have many important events taking place in the next few weeks. It is so important you for to be our partners in the education of your children. Thanks for all of your support!

Mrs. Christine Malally
Principal

Everyday Math

It has been great to see all of our teachers diving right into our new math adoption during the past week. Our students were eager to share their vast knowledge of math concepts from Kindergarten through Sixth grade. Students and teachers are becoming familiar with their materials and are showing enthusiasm as they explore something new. Each Everyday Mathematics lesson includes time for whole-group instruction as well as small group, partner, or individual activities. These activities balance teacher-directed instruction with opportunities for open-ended, hands-on explorations, long-term projects and on-going practice. Everyday Mathematics provides numerous methods for basic skills practice and review. These include written and choral fact drills, mental math routines, practice with fact triangles (flash cards of fact families), daily sets of review problems called Math Boxes, homework, timed tests and a wide variety of math games. Throughout the Everyday Mathematics curriculum students are encouraged to explain and discuss their mathematical thinking, in their own words. Opportunities to verbalize their thoughts and strategies give children the chance to clarify their thinking and gain insights from others. Daily Home Links (Grades K to 3) and Study Links (Grades 4-6) provide opportunities for family members to participate in the students' mathematical learning. Study Links are provided for most lessons in grades 4-6, and all grades include periodic letters to help keep parents informed about their children's experience with Everyday Mathematics

Please visit the UCSMP Web site at everydaymath.uchicago.edu where you can browse the Parent's Homeroom. We are also in the process of planning some Family Math Nights to help familiarize our parents with Everyday Math.

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Important Dates:

- ☉ September 16
PFA Meeting 7:00 PM
- ☉ September 22
ELAC Meeting 5:30 PM
Back to School Night
K & First Grade 6-7 PM
Parent Meeting 7:00 PM
Second & Third Grade
7:30-8:30 PM
- ☉ September 23
ELAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Parent Meeting 7:00 PM
Back to School Night
Fourth-Sixth Grade
7:30-8:30 PM
- ☉ September 27
Condit's 5th Annual Day
at the Races
- ☉ September 30
School Site Council
Meeting 7:00 PM

Mrs. Malally with
retired teachers,
Mr. and Mrs.
Groumo on the 1st
day of school.



*Please Note: Starting the week of September 21st, the Condit Newsletter will be available online at www.conditcondors.com. Copies will not be sent home, but will be available in the Office for those that need hard copies.

PFA Information

Wish Night will again be held during Back to School Night, Wish Night is a way for parents and friends to make voluntary, tax deductible donations that will provide much needed supplies for your child's classroom and special school programs for the current school year. Last year, we raised almost \$13,500.00 through this program! Look for individual teacher and school wide program Wish Lists to come home with your child on Monday, September 21st. Any donations are appreciated and are completely voluntary. If a student and/or family choose not contribute, there is absolutely no penalty, nor will it affect a student's ability to participate in class.



Parent Homework

We have sent home a lot of information in the first few days of school. I know I had the pleasure of filling out all of my own kid's paperwork just a few short weeks ago. I can relate to the amount of time it takes, and I only have 2 kids. Please be sure to go through everything and send back all items that require your signature. I cannot stress enough the value of emergency cards with as many contact numbers as possible. Be sure to go online and read through our updated student handbook. You should have received the last page of the handbook in your first day packets. We asked that you go online to review the handbook and send back the included last page, to verify your understanding of policies and procedures at Condit. Please review the recent letter regarding drop off and pick up of students carefully. As of Monday, September 14, we are asking that parents wait for students at the front of the school and do not go past the office (This does not include Kindergarten). Thank you!



Condit's 5th Annual Day at the Races

Condit's 5th Annual Day at the Races is quickly approaching. Thank you to all of the families that have already started to send in their money for pre-sale tickets. We are keeping track of who sells the most raffle tickets. If your student has been selling raffle tickets, please have them bring their ticket stubs and payment to the office in an envelope. Make sure that they put their name and classroom number on the envelope. If you need more tickets, they are available in the office. The event will be held on Sunday, September 27 at the Pomona Fairplex. It is a fun and exciting event. This is one of only two all-school fundraisers that we hold and, with school budgets being cut drastically throughout the state, we need your support now more than ever. An order form and flier have been posted to Condit's website at www.conditcondors.com. Fliers were also sent home in the welcome letter that was mailed a couple of weeks ago. Pre-sale tickets are \$60.00 each until September 21. After the 21st, tickets will be \$65.00 each. Each ticket includes admission into the Fair & race track. Also included, are private shaded veranda seating, all day lunch & dessert buffet with non-alcoholic beverages, a racing program, a wager for the race of your choice, private betting machines in the veranda area, silent auctions, all day raffle prizes, and all day fun with the Condit community. There are many sponsorship opportunities. If you have any questions or are interested in donating items for the auctions, please contact Tara Tisopulos or Remick Woodward. Their numbers are listed on the form. **See you at the races!**



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