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Lifelong Learners
Soaring Above
the Rest

Principal's Corner - 100 Mile Club

It is hard to believe that this month is almost over. The time has flown by. At this point, I feel very confident that I know at least half of the names of our students. They have done a great job giving me clues and making sure I reach my goal of 100%. In the next month, our students will begin participating in the 100 Mile Club. We will have 2 kick-off assemblies, one for primary students and one for upper grade students this Friday, October 2nd. 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. participating as well. The 100 Mile Club is a physical fitness and life skill (Character) program that is based on a goal of each student to walk or run 100 miles in one school year. Many students will meet or exceed their goal. The 100 Mile Club is based on Coach John Wooden's, Pyramid of Success which is highlighted in a children's book- Inches and Miles. The students run or walk out on the grass, weather permitting, one day each week, working towards their goal. We will also provide time on a specific day per week at lunch for students to gain more miles. This week we will be mapping out a 1/4 mile on the grass. Each time the students complete their lap, they get a popsicle stick. When they have 4 sticks they have completed 1 mile. The students keep track of their sticks and when they reach 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. 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. If you are interested in donating and/or sponsoring Condit, there is more information on our website at www.conditcondors.com.

Mrs. Christine Malally-Principal

Everyday Math

By now, as parents, you have been exposed to Everyday Math. At our Back to School Nights, I saw our teachers sharing with you the many benefits of this new Math adoption. During Math instruction, our students are completely engaged in the concepts they are learning. Our students are seeing why Math is important and how they are reaching their answers, therefore they are internalizing what they learn. Everyday Mathematics students have been found to be mathematically literate on a wide variety of measures, including state-mandated tests, commercially available standardized tests, tests constructed by UCSMP, and tests written by independent researchers. As a recent report from the National Academy of Sciences (National Research Council, 2004) makes clear, no other currently available elementary school mathematics program has been subjected to so much scrutiny by so many researchers.

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

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Important Dates:

- ☺ September 30
School Site Council
Meeting 7:00 PM
- ☺ October 2
Spirit Day/
DEAR
- ☺ October 9
PFA Spaghetti
Dinner 5:30—7:30
PM
- ☺ October 14
PFA Meeting
7:00 PM
- ☺ October 15
Lifetouch
School Picture
Day
- ☺ October 28
School Site Council
Meeting 7:00 PM

**6th Grader
Represents
Condit**

Carissa Ann Magan, a 6th grader from Ms. Aceves' class represented Condit Elementary at the Junior National Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. She was there from September 19 through September 24. Carissa was nominated by her 5th grade teacher from last year. Congratulations on your achievements Carissa. Condit is very proud to have you represent us.



Spaghetti Dinner Night



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

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. A reservation form will be sent home with your child soon. We look forward to seeing you



No Pets on Campus



I don't know if I have shared this yet, but I love dogs! I have a wonderful shelter-rescued dog that is a cocker-spaniel mix, heavy on the mix, that my family just loves. Maxie is a delight, but I do make sure that when I go to pick up my kids at school or go to their games, I do not bring Maxie with me. I know my kids would love it, but I also know the liability issues involved if my dog decides she wants to bite someone. Even though I think it would never happen, it could, so I leave my dog home. Please make sure that you are doing the same. There is a very clear sign at the front of the school stating that dogs are not allowed. We appreciate that you respect and follow our rules.

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.

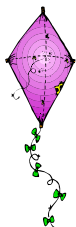


Condit's 5th Annual Day at the Races

Condit's 5th Annual Day at the Races was GREAT! Thank you to all of the families that sold raffle tickets, donated auction items and attended the event. It was a fabulous day to get together with all of our families and spend the day relaxing at the Fair. There were great auction items that people were able to bid on. I would like to thank our PFA and especially, Tara Tisopolus and Remick Woodward. These ladies spent countless hours organizing this fantastic event. Thank you again for all of your support.

American Literacy Corporation Award

We wanted to share some fantastic news. Condit's Resource Teacher, Dena Woodward and our School Psychologist, Sheri Frost applied for the American Literacy Corporation (ALC), School Literacy Grant last year. The ALC annually grants \$2,000 awards to selected teachers and reading support personnel in grade Kindergarten through eighth grade. Schools that win also receive a \$500 grant to use for a reading related school event. These ladies worked diligently last year on this grant using data gathered from our after school intervention program. The ALC recognizes and rewards teachers who significantly increase literacy levels of their students. They also recognize and disseminate data from effective teaching procedures and share this information at literacy seminars and workshops. We were recently notified that these ladies were recognized for the "Outstanding Contributions to Literacy Award." Congratulations to these amazing ladies!



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