

The LEOPARD BEAT!



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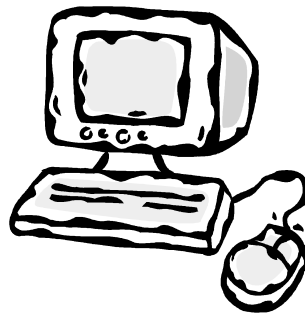
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COMPUTER LAB IS NOW OPEN!!!



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Inside the Computer Lab

We dedicated our Computer Lab on September 12, 2008. We know that it is only because of your support and the support of our district and community that we have our lab. The children are so excited to be able to use the Computer Lab that they helped build by reading thousands and thousands of minutes! This is truly a dream come true.

Our students are enjoying 31 classroom computers that Colleen Teeman, our past PTA President, worked very hard to get for our school from Supervisor Michael Antonovich. These refurbished computers replaced our oldest P1, P2, and P3 student computers. Thank you, Mrs. Teeman!

Mrs. Seamands - Principal

Coming Up...

<i>PTA Assoc. Meeting</i>	Oct. 1
Picture Day	Oct. 2
<i>Progress Reports</i>	Oct. 3
<i>Fall Break</i>	Oct. 6-10
<i>Red Ribbon Week</i>	Oct. 20-24
<i>Restaurant Night</i>	Oct. 22
<i>Book Fair Begins</i>	Oct. 27
NO SCHOOL	Oct. 24
<i>5th Grade Performance</i>	Oct. 28
<i>Family Night</i>	Oct. 30
<i>Halloween</i>	Oct. 31

5th Grade News & Fieldtrip to Castaic Lake



"Fifty Nifty United States" are words that 5th graders are singing around campus as they prepare for their "Singing Across America" performance on October 28. They have been studying and memorizing the location, name, and capital of each of the 50 states as well as researching a state for their State Research Report. They are deep into learning about the fifty nifty states! They also had fun last month when they went canoeing and kayaking at the CSUN Aquatic Center at Castaic Lower Lake. Many thanks go to the parent volunteers who made our performance and field trips possible.

GRADE LEVEL NEWS AND UPDATES!

Kindergarten Team:

The first weeks of kindergarten have been a blast! We have been learning about school rules and classroom behavior. Students are quickly learning how to be star students! The most exciting event this month was going on the Gingerbread Man Hunt. We looked for him around the entire school! At the end, he ran away, but he left a yummy treat for all of us to eat!

We are also focusing on recognizing colors, shapes, counting to 50 and letters. It was so much fun learning about the letter Ss. Students brought in silly socks to celebrate Ss week. We will continue making learning fun with celebrations for other letters. Please check your child's homework folders and any newsletters for upcoming kinder events.

We would like to encourage parents that are available to volunteer in their child's classroom. If you are interested in helping out contact your child's teacher. Thank you to all the amazing parents who have already volunteered their hours in our classrooms! We truly appreciate it! Thank you to those parents who have made donations to our classroom as well!

It is so exciting to see all our kindergarten cuties so eager to learn! It's going to be a wonderful year!



1st Grade Team:

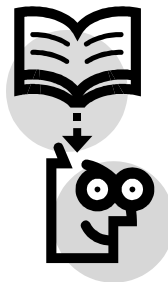
We are very proud of the first graders for transitioning so well to f i r s t grade. With the longer school day, recess on the "big yard", and lunch in the MPR, they have had a lot to get use to. They've done a great job! In math, the first graders have been busy learning their addition and subtraction facts to six. They've also been busy reading, and in science, they are currently studying weather. The highlight of the school-year, so far, has been visiting our new computer lab. Mrs. Throckmorton has done such a wonderful job in planning computer activities for the children. They have practiced with using the proper fingering on the keyboards, as well as playing keyboard games. Perhaps the biggest hit was working on phonics skills with www.starfall.com. This is a terrific site!

We would like to remind parents that Little Red School House is on Tuesdays. This is a great incentive program that really fosters an interest in reading. We would also like to thank all of the families for their wonderful classroom donations. All of the supplies are greatly appreciated and will be put to great use this school-year! Thanks so much!



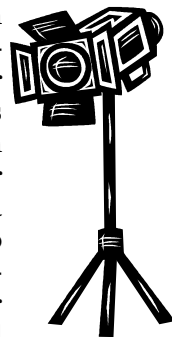
2nd Grade Team:

2nd grade is off to a flying start! We've begun our ExCEL reading and pushing forward in our newly adopted Harcourt Math series. Classes are teaming up to use our new computer lab for which we are very excited. This year, our first field trip will be on October 30th to nearby Fillmore where we will ride the train to the pumpkin patch and later stop at the fish hatchery. Look for details to come home soon. Thanks to all the volunteers who have been coming to help in the classrooms! We truly appreciate your involvement in our school and the PTA.



3rd Grade Team:

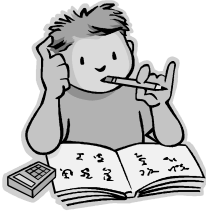
The 3rd grade team has been busy getting ready for our Character Counts performance, which was on September 25th. We owe a huge thank you to the parent volunteers who did our wonderful leopard background this year. They include Ellen Chambers, Susan Christopher, Karen MacLean, Melissa Mueller, Debbie Norris, Dolorita Robinson, Diana Rotellini-Cataldi, and Monique Sullivan. Thank you all so much! Thank you also to Mrs. Gilbert, our music teacher, for helping all of us with our lyrics. A special thank you to all the parents who made sure their students were here to perform and who were able to be in the audience to cheer them on! It was a great night for all!



GRADE LEVEL & PTA UPDATES

4th Grade Team:

Fourth grade has started the year full of excitement and a lot of work. In social studies, we are learning about California and its regions.



Ms. Van Sloten's class has been busy creating a CD case with information on each of the regions.

Mr. Gilpin's class is full of talented writers and artist, so they have started writing summaries and creating wonderful art projects on famous people in history.

The meteorologists in Ms. Harris' are having fun collecting data, recording the temperature and weather, and presenting this information to their class!

Like the Rock Cycle, learning in Mrs. Tapia's class never ends; the scientists in room 27 have been exploring, singing, and writing about rocks. "Rocks here, rocks there, rocks, rocks everywhere."

And now, the PTA...

Book Fair:

Save the Date!

October 27th - Nov 3rd
Look for more info in your child's backpack.

Volunteers needed. Please call Lori Hatcher @ 294-9597



Box Tops:

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Earn 5 Bonus Box Tops for our school when you sign up for the Box Tops email newsletter. Go to btfe.com/2008 and 5 Bonus Box Tops will automatically be credited to our school! In the newsletter you will receive product updates, see our earning progress and other ways to earn cash for our school.

Our contest for the class that brings in the most Box Tops and Labels is going to be a bit different this year. Instead of having just two winning classes at the end of the school year, we are going to have two winning classes at the end of each trimester. So each class has three chances to win! The first deadline is November 14th, so start clipping. Don't forget we also collect Tyson and Ameci's labels.

Harvest Fair:

WOW...we all had a great time...

Thanks to Leopards like you and yours with hearts of gold and the stay the course attitude that makes our school great! We all could not have done it with out you!

In the end it was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who pitched in and our 47 volunteers made up of students and teens from the Boys and Girls Club as well as former Live Oak students from CMS and alumni.

An extra special thanks to our "Auction Guru", you know who you are, your donations were a colossal contribution!

THANKS TO YOUR EFFORTS!
"Nat"

Junior Achievement:

Your kids need you! Junior Achievement (JA) is still recruiting volunteers! JA puts together lessons to teach our children about personal finances, entrepreneurship, government, and much more. Each grade level packet has five lessons that can be presented once a week for five weeks. Every classroom needs a volunteer, so if you are interested in teaching in your child's classroom or just learning more about JA, please contact me ASAP. We still have openings in all grade levels. Please contact Kristi Johnson: jklajohnson@sbcglobal.net or 661-295-3974

PTA UPDATES & MRS. SEAMANDS NEWS

Ways & Means:

Hello Live Oak Families ☐

The Fall Fundraiser is finally over and it was a great success. Thank you for your participation and direct donations. You can trust your Live Oak PTA to use this money wisely. I encourage you all to come to the PTA meetings and help decide where and how this money should be used. The fundraiser delivery date is still undecided, but it should be sometime the week of October 13th. Watch for more information in your child's homework packs.

I want to send out a special thank you to all the volunteers and yard duty who have stepped up and helped me with the lunchtime drawings and counting all that money. I would have lost my mind without you. Finally, thank you to our students and teachers. You rock! I loved watching our kid's faces light up as we did lunchtime drawings and our teachers have been so patient and accommodating. You make it all worthwhile.

Now a word from our

PTA President:

Wow! Harvest Country Fair Committee. Thank you, thank you for all your tireless work. I would like to thank everyone individually but I am afraid of leaving anyone out. We'll do that later. Mrs. Tate and Mrs. Larimer with a host of parents have really pulled this off. They have been working on this for

months. Mrs. Seamands, your support on getting things approved and questions answered has been appreciated. We really bombarded you this year. Mrs. Bradsher and Mrs. Lusk this could not have been pulled off without you. I know I'm writing this before the actual Fair has happened but I know it was a great success.

Chrystal Walker Acting-President
Live Oak PTA

Mrs. Seamands

Live Oak Principal

Thanks to everyone for a great beginning to our school year! Our Leopards come ready to learn every day and we thank all of our parents for this advantage. The traffic issues seem to be lessening. Thanks for your cooperation.

We are pleased with our test scores! We improved 12 points in our API to 798 and all of our subgroups met their growth targets. We know that it takes lots of effort and encouragement from home, too, and we are grateful for the attention you give to your children. What a team!

We held our Harvest Family Country Fair! Lego Creations were all amazing! It was a fun-filled day for all of our Leopard families and our community. A special thanks to Natalie Tate, Nancy Larimer and the committee for putting this all together.

We want to thank Tara Manly and her committee for all of the hard work put into our "Kids First" fundraiser. All of our PTA folks put in so much time to make Live Oak a great place for our Leopards. We appreciate all of you!

We enjoyed a great assembly in September. Ask your child what the 5 things are that they can do if someone is teasing or bullying them. We practice them at school. Thanks to PTA for providing these lifelong lessons to our Leopards.

October brings a nice break for our families, Red Ribbon Week, and, of course, Halloween! We will be having our traditional costume parades (you'll get the information ahead of time). I hope that all of you have relaxing times to spend together without the demands of school over the Fall Break. Take the very best of care.

Restaurant Night:

Clean Kitchens and Fun Times...Our first Restaurant Night of the school year held at Maui Wowi and Wings N Things brought in a total of \$358.00. Come to the next PTA meeting and help decide how our schools fundraising money should be spent. The PTA meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month. Thanks for helping Live Oak an awesome school.

