

The LEOPARD BEAT!



November 2008

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Harvest Country Fair



Thanks to everyone who donated not only their time and services but also all the wonderful business and individuals, aka: our "Leopard Supporters", who donated products for our silent auction. It was a huge success and everything we received was greatly appreciated. We were able to raise more than \$6000 which helps pay for all of our grade level field-trips and activities! GO LEOPARDS!!!



Coming

PTA Assoc. Meeting 6:30pm MPR	Nov. 5
Spirit Rally	Nov. 7
Family Night 6:30pm to 7:30pm Collectors Night	Nov. 14
Picture "Make-Up" Day	Nov. 18
Restaurant Night Stone Fire	Nov. 18
Report Cards	Nov. 21
Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL	Nov.26-28

5th Graders "Singing Across America"



"Singing Across America", our performance, was a great experience and the students loved learning new songs. Thank you to Mrs. Wade and her crew of Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Muller, Mrs. Rotellini-Cataldi, Mrs. Reid, and Mrs. Penaranda for creating a beautiful backdrop which 'Spotted' our singing tour. Mrs. Gilbert was also a big help in recording and finding music for us. Thank you!

All the classes studied the presidential election, and Mrs. Mogan's class organized a mock school-wide election. All the students voted on November 4 for their choice of president.

We are starting our unit on explorers and in math we are starting a unit on fractions. Science projects have also been due.

GRADE LEVEL NEWS AND UPDATES!

PTA Board **2008-2009**

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Kristi Johnson

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Mother/Son Event

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Newsletter/Yearbook

Janette Reid

Red Ribbon Week

Kim White

Reflections

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Restaurant Night

Amy Campos

Student of the Month

Michelle Vizcarra

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Denise Wade

Volunteer Coordinator

Melissa Coyle

Kinder Team:

We are all so busy learning the letters Rr, Tt, Bb and Nn. Students brought in their bears for "B" week. They shared their favorite bear in class and we had fun grouping them by size and color. It is so neat to see that students are starting to make the connection of letter sounds in their world!



We would like to continue to encourage parents to work with students at home reinforcing what they learn at school. Please keep providing many opportunities to read and write at home. When we work together, students excel in all aspects.

A big congratulations to Mrs. Aguilar who had her baby. It is a boy and his name is David. They are both doing just fine. Welcome to Mrs. Eichman, who is filling in for her until she gets back. She is doing an incredible job!

1st Grade Team:

The first graders are exploring maps and learning about globes and continents and oceans. They are learning addition and subtraction facts to 12 and are enjoying the use of the manipulatives in the new math series. They are adding more and more adjectives to their writing to make it more descriptive. A wonderful assembly was put on in each classroom by the Castaic Water Agency. The children learned songs and acted out the water cycle and were given an activity book and colored pencils to do as follow up. We are looking forward to our upcoming field trip in Nov. to Kid Space where there will be many inter-active



activities to do as well as outdoor areas to explore.

2nd Grade Team:

2nd grade will have their performance of *Dancing with the 2nd Grade Stars* on



Thursday, November 20th at 6pm in our school MPR. We hope to see you there! An afternoon performance will be held at 1:30 for the school. Please see your child's teacher if you would like to help with costumes and props.

Students should take an interest in the elections this year as we learn about government and being good citizens. Students will also be taking district benchmark tests in language arts, math and writing. It is always great to see students' progress and share with you at conference come December.

3rd Grade Team:

November will be a busy month for the third grade! We will be studying government while we're watching the election and learning how that works. In our new computer lab we will be learning keyboarding skills and how to navigate the computers. We will also be learning cursive handwriting all month. Multiplication skills will continue to be a focus for us in math. If you're on campus this month, stop by and see the office bulletin board done by the third grade students. On December 11th we'll be going on our first field trip of the year to the Canyon Theater Guild's production of Madeline's Christmas. Our students have enjoyed all of the theater productions that we've seen there in the past. We're looking forward to this one too.



GRADE LEVEL & PTA UPDATES

4th Grade Team:



We are ready for Election Day! Fourth grade students have been learning about government, elections, and the presidential candidates. On November 4, all-classrooms will be voting and the winner will be announced in the afternoon.

All classes completed a fiction book report this month. The teachers were impressed by the quality of the oral presentations and the fine work the students created. Good job everyone!

Fourth grade students are keyboarding away in the computer lab. They are learning how to use the keyboard properly, and completing practice drills every week. Fourth grade students are on the way to become the fastest keyboarders in the west.

And now, the LiveOak PTA.....

Box Tops & Spiritwear:

BOXTOPS:

If you've never shopped through the Box Tops Marketplace, now is the time to check it out! Especially before holiday shopping gets underway. At the Box Tops Marketplace, you can shop online at over 70 participating stores like Barnes & Noble, Lands' End, Target, Old Navy and Oriental Trading, and a percentage of your purchase is donated to our school! This is a great idea if you shop online for the Holidays. Sign up at www.btfe.com to get started. If you have any question about the Boxtops and Label for Education program, please call Leslie Federico at 661-755-6349.

SPIRITWEAR:

The Spiritwear orders have come in and been delivered to the students but I still have plenty of shirts and sweatshirts in stock. If you would like to place an order, there are order forms in the office. If you have any questions about Spiritwear, please call Leslie Federico at 661-755-6349.

Fundraisers:

The final numbers are in and **Mrs. McDonald** and **Mrs. Wells** classes had the highest class participation in our Fall Fundraiser. Both classes will receive an ice cream treat from the Live Oak PTA to celebrate. Congratulations and thank you for all your hard work! A special thank you to all my delivery helpers, without you all, we would be surrounded by melted cheesecakes and lost orders. You're the best!

Tara Manly

Newsletter:

I would love to get candid photos from all the teachers and parents of their children and students to add in the Newsletter and Yearbook. If you have some great shots of class parties, assemblies, after school events, etc., please feel free to email them to me.

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Restaurant Night:

Septembers Restaurant Night held at Catch 21 brought in \$100.75 and \$12.00 from Candleman. Come join us at the next Restaurant Night at Stonefire. This will be a great opportunity to push some tables together and enjoy great food and Leopard commodore.

Yearbook:

Keep a look out for Yearbook Pre-Sale order forms . If you place your order by the pre-sale deadline, you will save money! We are adding something special this year called "A Year In Review 2008-2009". It is a current events insert - featuring the years most newsworthy people and events in 16 color pages!

Student of the Month:

SEPTEMBER 2008

Trustworthiness:

Kindergarten:

Aiden Wozny

Jalen Lee

Charlieanne Yeyna

Cloe Thurman

Danika Buiatti

1st Grade:

Delaney Dasner

Maleah Woode

Favian Gonzales

Tabitha Houska

Sarah Carstens

Morgyn West

2nd Grade:

Nathan Ayla

Emma McCann

Nicholas Glass

Eusebio Morales

Joshua Smith

CrystalOrozco

3rd Grade

Alexa Trujillo

Leah Roysdon

Arianna Carranza

Kimberly Anderson

Amanda Doucette

Maura Longenecker

PTA UPDATES & MRS. SEAMANDS NEWS

Student of the Month:

SEPTEMBER 2008

Trustworthiness:

4th Grade:

Skyler Briggmann

Kyra Gundred

Rachel Patchin

Matthew Miller

Sally Reyes

Samuel Lopez

Cameron De La Torre

Kayla Williams

5th Grade:

Jennifer Anderson

Trey Christopher

Devin Jurgens

Kayla O'Shea

Elyssa Dietz

Ben Goosen

Jacob Miller

Mackenna Teeman

November is a great month to focus on food safety. Yes, the holidays are coming! Thanksgiving marks the start of the season where we do lots of baking and cooking and sharing meals with our families and friends. Here are a few tips to keep our food safe to eat and our families healthy.

1. Always wash hands well with soap and warm water both before and after handling food.
2. Wash fresh fruits and vegetables thoroughly before preparing them to eat.
3. Clean the cutting boards used for raw meat and poultry with soap and hot water before using them for any other foods.
4. Keep hot foods hot!
5. Keep cold foods cold!

Refrigerate leftovers right away.

Did you know that if foods are at room temperature for more than 2 hours they are no longer safe to eat? When in doubt, throw it out!

Let's give thanks (safely)!

This message is brought to you by Santa Clarita Valley School Food Services Agency

The One...The Only...Your Principal.....Mrs. Seamands!!!!!!

Thanks to Kim White for a spectacular Red Ribbon Week! We had a different theme each day and Kim provided so many activities, giveaways, and lessons for our Leopards. Our school was decorated to the max! We made a statement! Thanks to all for great participation!

Halloween at Live Oak is always spooktacular and this year was no exception! Everyone looked super and the parades were so much FUN! It was nice to have Halloween on Friday, this year. Thanks to all of our Room Parents for providing great fun and food!

We want to put in a plug for the Castaic Education Foundation. They made it possible to have our Computer Lab and this organization does SO MANY things for the students at all of our schools. We appreciate the dedication and hard work the Foundation puts forth to give our students many advantages. They could use your HELP! Please contact Mrs. Bradsher by email if you would like to learn more or can give a little of your time.

All of our Leopards will have completed the first trimester benchmark assessments by November 7th. Our teachers analyze the data to evaluate progress towards standards mastery. We appreciate your involvement with your child's learning. We strive to keep communication open. If you ever have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher so we can continue to work together to provide the best possible program for your child.

We had 51 Reflections entries! The Reflections Tea will be a great celebration of our Leopards. We are astounded! The quality of work that came in is really quite exceptional. Congratulations to all!

Our Leopards will hold their very own election on Election Day! Thanks to the 5th grade team for organizing this replica of the very important civic responsibility.

Have a very special Thanksgiving with your families. We have so much to be thankful for. Enjoy your time together. Take the best of care.