



The Carden Lion

November 4, 2009

IMPORTANT DATES

Parent Club Meeting	Nov. 5
Student Council Meeting	Nov. 9
Board of Director's Meeting	Nov. 9
Veteran's Day – No School	Nov. 11
5 th Grade to host Bake Sale	Nov 18
WASC Visiting Committee	Nov. 15-19
Thanksgiving Vacation	Nov. 23-27

GOT CANDY?

The Carden Student Council members are collecting extra Halloween candy to send to our troops overseas. The soldiers either enjoy it for themselves or hand it out to the children in communities they patrol. All types of candy are acceptable, including chocolate. Many merchants discount their Halloween candy and purchasing these treats would be another way to help our soldiers. All contributions may be given to your Student Council members or brought to Mrs. Rohlfing's classroom. We shall accept your donations until November 13 so that we can mail them off before the Thanksgiving deadline.



“Do not be a pal to your child. You cannot be both a parent and a pal.” -Mae Carden

PARENT CLUB WANTS YOU!

The next Parent Club meeting is tomorrow, Thursday, November 5 at 8:15 in the school library. Please come and see what we have done and what is being planned for the rest of the year. Helping with Parent Club is a great way to help our children and our school. We have lots of fun things planned for the rest of the year but need your help to make everything a success!

WASC VISITING COMMITTEE IS COMING TO CARDEN

For four days, beginning November 15, we will be having the Western Association of School and Colleges Accrediting Commissions for Schools (WASC) visiting our campus. The faculty, staff and WASC committee, led by Dr. Paul Stefanacci, have been working hard to prepare for this important visit. After a year and a half of hard work, our self study document has been completed. David Brown, the Executive Director of WASC believes, “WASC values accreditation as a process designed to strengthen schools in the delivery of quality educational programs. Accreditation is important to schools as it impacts students’ access to colleges and universities and career opportunities in a variety of ways. An effective WASC self-study review is a powerful tool for schools to improve the quality of education and more effectively serve staff and students.” If you’d like to become more familiar with WASC, please go to their website at www.acswasc.org.

PARENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Parent Volunteer Program is an integral part of our school, and it is designed to encourage parents to volunteer in the activities of their children. Our school relies on your talents, service and generosity to benefit our students and our school community as a whole. The PVH commitment is 20 hours per school year, per family. Hours may be provided by volunteering for school functions, volunteering as the room parent for your child's classroom, or even volunteering your expertise in a certain field that benefits the school. Approved donations will count for up to 10 hours of service. Hours may be earned beginning June 1, and ending May 30. Please see the binder in the school office for a complete list of opportunities to volunteer. If you are not able to fulfill your required 20 hours of volunteer service, you will be billed \$20/hour for each hour not fulfilled up to a maximum of \$400 at the end of April. *All hours must be posted in the PVH binder by April 15.* We thank all of the parents who have already volunteered their valuable time this year in so many ways! We could not do all of the things we do without your help!

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The November meeting has been changed to Monday, November 9 at 5:30 in the school library. Anyone interested in learning more about how decisions are made for our school is encouraged to attend. Serving on the Board is yet another way to earn your volunteer hours that are required each year. If you have questions or would like to learn more about what we do, please contact either Heidi Feeney at 285-0925 or glikbarg@sbcglobal.net or Dr. Paul Stefanacci at prstef9@yahoo.com. We encourage everyone to be a positive influence in our school and to become more active within our Carden community so that we may continue to grow and thrive.

CARDEN DAYS AT NOT JUST PAPER VERA BRADLEY STUDIO

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping (or pick up something for yourself) by shopping at the Vera Bradley Studio at Fig Garden Village on Thursday and Friday November 5th and 6th. Vera Bradley Studio will donate 20% of all proceeds to our school. There will be a variety of her collections, from microfiber bags to eyewear, stationery to hand-painted watering cans. The shop will be located in the Holiday Boutique, set up in the old Ann Taylor store, by J. Jill and Coach. Tell your friends!

HOT LUNCH

If you are interested in purchasing Hot Lunch from our outside vendor, Campus Cuisine, be sure to go to our website at www.cardenschooloffresno.com to get information. Just click on the 'Hot Lunch' tab and follow the directions. It's as easy as 1-2-3 to have a delicious hot lunch delivered to your child any Monday- Thursday of your choice.

WEBBY DANCE & CHEER/HIP HOP CLASSES

It's not too late to sign up for Webby Dance and the Cheer/Hip Hop classes. The elementary dance class is for children in the 1st-3rd grades and is on Thursdays from 3:30-4:15. The Cheer/Hip Hop class is for children in the 4th-6th grades and is on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:15. Please go to their website at www.webbydancecompany.com to download the enrollment form or come to the school office to pick one up. The children already enrolled are having a fantastic time!

THE CARDEN LION

The deadline for newsletter announcements is on the Sunday prior to publication. *The Carden Lion* is published on Wednesdays and emailed to all families along with being posted on our website. Information must be emailed to glikbarg@sbcglobal.com

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS WORKING HARD TO CREATE RECYCLING BINS FOR ALL THE CLASSROOMS



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Council representatives have met every other Monday since school began. In one of our first meetings, Dr. Darrell spoke to us about the children in Nepal who do not have access to proper medical care. We have been brainstorming about ways we can help these children obtain the care they need. For our first project, we designed cards that will be delivered to the patients at the Veteran's Hospital in honor of Veteran's Day. Last Monday, we decorated receptacles to be used for recycling paper, glass, metal, and plastic. These were placed in the office, every classroom, and Mr. V.'s office. It is amazing to see how fast they are being filled! Our next project is to help with the canned food drive which will begin right after Thanksgiving. Be watching for reminders for this annual community service event.

STUDENT COUNCIL 2009-2010

- 1st grade - Aaron Fong & Summerose Nishihara
- 2nd grade - Natalie Rochin & Maya Safadi
- 3rd grade - Aidan Evans & Joshua Kuo
- 4th grade - Logan Feeney & Allison Hysell
- 5th grade - Jared Smith & Layla Stefanacci
- 6th grade - Emma Laramie & Tania Nasrollahi
- 7th grade - Sara Azmoun & Simranjit Kaur--
- 8th grade - Amy Green & Alex Yeagle

Fearless leaders - Mrs. Rose Rohlfing and Mr. Rick Mancebo