



Little Chico Creek Elementary

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Important Dates:

Oct. 20-24: Red Ribbon Week - daily activities
Oct. 21, Tues.: PTA Meeting, 6:30 PM
Oct. 23, Thurs.: SSC 3:30
Oct. 30: Costume Parade
Oct. 31, Fri.: Elem. Parent Conference Day. **No school for students**
Nov. 11, Tues.: Veterans Day, **NO SCHOOL**
Nov. 13, Thurs.: PTA Family Night 5-7 PM
 6th grade Spaghetti Feed
Nov. 19, Wed.: LCC Cal-Skate Night
Nov. 20: SSC 3:30, PTA Meeting 6:30 PM
Nov. 24-28: Thanksgiving Break, **NO SCHOOL**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

LCC is in need of parents to serve on our School Site Council (SSC) The SSC is a committee comprised of LCC teachers, parents, classified staff members and administrators. They are responsible for overseeing the educational program and the categorical budget of our school. This year, one of the parents elected to the SSC must be the parent of a student who is learning to speak English. The other parent position is open to any LCC parent. The positions are for two years, running from November through October. The SSC meets monthly on the third Thursday from 3:30-5:00 in our school library. If you are interested in serving on our SSC committee, you can nominate yourself or you may nominate any LCC parent whom you feel would be a good addition to the committee.

That wonderful time of year has come! **Yearbook Sales!!!!** The yearbooks for this year are going to **cost less** and be in **FULL COLOR!!!!** The cost for yearbooks is \$12.00 prior to 10/31/08 and \$15.00 from 11/1/08 until March 2009. Order forms have been sent home. Additional order forms are available in the office. Please return order forms **with payment** to school. Checks should be made payable to LCC.

Second Step Solutions from Miss Jill:

At LCC we're practicing **ACTIVE LISTENING:**

- LISTEN with your EARS
- LOOK at the person who is talking with your EYES.
- Your BRAIN is THINKING and PAYING ATTENTION.

This is the **ACTIVE** part of **ACTIVE LISTENING**



Parents: Have your children tell you about **ACTIVE LISTENING.** Practice **ACTIVE LISTENING** at home. Good **ACTIVE LISTENERS** are more successful at school and with their friendships.

Due to budget cuts in CUSD, beginning 10-27-08 we will no longer have a night custodian on campus. **All but the main gate will be locked at 2:45** when our day custodian leaves. You will still have access to the MPR to pick up students from CARD, but there will be **no classroom access after school.** Please help us keep our campus secure by closing gates behind you if you leave the campus after 2:45.

If your child has food allergies, please alert us by picking up and filling out a form from the Health Room, or printing it from the Nutrition Services website. Nutrition Services records this information for each student, and is then careful to avoid serving anything that might cause an allergic reaction. Please help us keep your child safe!

INDEPENDENT STUDY

If your student will be missing at least 5 days of school for a reason other than illness, please consider setting up an Independent Study Plan with your child's teacher.

1. **At least** two days prior to the absence, pick up forms in the office and ask the teacher to create an Independent Study Plan.
2. Student, Parent, and Teacher must sign the ISP Contract prior to the absence.
3. Take whatever materials you need with you and complete the work while the student is out.
4. When the student returns to class, turn in all the ISP assignments. The teacher will then sign the Assignment Report and assign the number of days credit earned. If it is 5 or more, your student, and the school, receives credit for attending school on those days. We all win!

LCC will be having a student **Halloween costume parade** at 1:00 on Thursday, October 30th. Students may wear a costume in the parade if they desire. An alternate activity will be available for those students who do not want to participate in the festivities. We ask that your children follow the following guidelines so that our parade is safe and fun for everyone.

1. All costumes must be transported to school in a sack/bag. Costumes will not be worn during school hours, before 1:00PM... this includes face makeup.
2. Students are NOT to bring aerosol cans, sprays of any kind, hair dyes or spray string to school.
3. All costumes must be safe and in good taste. No weapons, simulated weapons or violent costumes will be allowed. Questionable costumes will be reviewed by Mrs. Michelony.
4. Students will "dress" at 12:30, just prior to the parade.
5. Following the parade, students will remove their costumes and carry them home.

The parade is simple, but is always enjoyed by students and parents alike. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher or call the school at 891-3285.

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The end of the first trimester and **Parent Conference Day** is right around the corner. Your child's teacher will be contacting you soon for an appointment on **Parent Conference Day, October 31st**, or an alternate date, since not all conferences are able to fit into one day. Your child's first trimester report card will be given to you at the conference.

To get the most out of the conference, please come on time and be prepared. Ask your child how he/she feels about school. Look over your child's papers and projects so that you are familiar with what your child is learning at school and the quality of his/her work. Also bring a list of specific questions you'd like to ask the teacher. These might include:

- ° Is my child performing at, below or above grade level in basic skills? Math? Reading?
- ° Does my child turn in homework regularly?
- ° What are my child's strengths and weaknesses?
- ° Does my child get along well with classmates?
- ° Does my child need special help in academics or social adjustment?
- ° What help is available?
- ° What can I do to support my child's learning at home and school?

Parent Conference time is such an important time to establish the home-school connection and to find out how your child is performing at school. We are looking forward to parent conferences and sharing your child's accomplishments with you.

**From the start of school until the middle of October, there were 199 students who did not have any absences or tardies. That is 33% of our students, which is pretty good, but let's all try to do even better. Perfect attendance pencils have been ordered, so starting at the end of October, students who have perfect attendance will be getting a pencil. We're hoping that so many of you have perfect attendance that we run out of pencils and have to order more!**

*A kindergarten faire is being held at CSUC on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Parents of 2009-10 kindergarteners can get information about the different kindergarten programs in Chico and the different schooling options available to them. CUSD will be participating in the faire with all alternative programs and our regular kindergarten program being highlighted. Charter schools and private schools will be at the faire also.*

**The CAVE Tutorial Program is currently holding free tutoring for all grade levels and all subjects on the Chico State campus. CAVE has a large number of volunteers who are happy and willing to tutor any child who wants a fun learning environment. The program runs from 5:00-6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in BMU Room 309 (Second and Normal St.) Drop-ins are welcome. If you have a student who you feel needs a little extra help, please take advantage of this wonderful FREE tutoring program! Questions should be directed to the CAVE Office at 898-5817.**

#### **FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE:**

Your child may catch one or more of the usual childhood diseases during the school year. If you think your child has one of these diseases and/or has a fever, keep him or her home. You have a responsibility to other children to protect them from unnecessary exposure. As soon as possible, NOTIFY THE SCHOOL if your doctor has told you your child has a contagious disease. Children should be fever-free, vomit-free and/or diarrhea-free for 24 hours before returning to school. Additional symptoms for which a child should be kept or sent home from school include skin rash or head lice