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**Weekly Message from the Principal,**

**Mary Ann McQueen**

**October 2, 2015**

**SCHOOL PARISH PICNIC ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015 AT 12:00 AT CHEVRON PARK IN EL SEGUNDO. PLAN TO ATTEND! GAMES, FOOD AND FUN!**

*Resuable water bottles with student names are almost universal – parents, thanks! We understand the interest in plastic or rubberized holders with glass bottles but they are breaking and causing problems at school. So, we would recommend stainless steel if your preference is to avoid plastic entirely! We really appreciate your responsiveness!*

**REMINDER:** PAC Meeting on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 7:45 AM in the school library! All are welcome!

**LION OLYMPICS:**

*Lion Olympics was a huge success thanks to the mastermind of Steve Lemon, Coach Paul's assistance, the participation and leadership of our student committee, faculty, staff and amazing volunteer parents. The students had such a great time. And, Leo the Lion, our mascot, returned to campus! Thanks to Andrew Jackson for making that happen!*

*Having a real live Olympian – Connor Dwyer – was really amazing and Connor shared some of his experiences relative to the hard work that it takes to achieve at that level – Olympic swimming. "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." That was one of the messages that Connor shared. Thanks to Steve Lemon and the Dowdle family (Connor is Mr. Dowdle's cousin!)*

**TREE FEST 2015:**

**TREE CAPTAIN MEETING AT 6:00 PM on Monday, October 5, 2015.**

**Thanks to all who have volunteered.**

**Saturday, October 17, 2015 – we are getting so close. We heard yesterday that Councilman Bonin will be here to share in the planting late morning – mid day.**

**This is a community event to celebrate the completion of phase 1 of our greening and water reclamation project. Please visit our school website to purchase tickets if you have done so yet! Ticket prices go up after October 1, 2015 so don't delay – purchase your tickets today!**

**If you have questions do not hesitate to contact the Tree Fest chairs: Liz Wright, Tammy Zucker and Tara Walden. This committee has been hard at work for weeks already!**

**Invite friends and family to join in on the fun October 17, 2015!**

**Ticket sales have been brisk for Tree Fest! To date the first grade has the highest percentage of tickets sold – 83 and they are the winning class! FREE DRESS AND JAMBA JUICE AT RECESS FOR THE FIRST GRADE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015**

#### **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:**

**We have added some additional after school programs this year including a performance choir that meets on Wednesdays after school (grades 4-8). Orchestera began on Monday, September 28. We have over 30 students involved in this program. This program is offered to students in grades 1-8.**

**If your child is registered for orchestra and you plan to have them attend Homework Club either before or after orchestra please be sure to enroll them each month. Students have to be supervised at all times!**

**We will be offering Mandarin classes for beginners starting next Friday, October 9, 2015. An information flier will be going out early next week. Intermediate Mandarin will also be offered on Fridays. The final schedule will be devised this week.**

#### **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:**

Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up on the following days.

Tuesday, October 13th starting at 3:15 PM

Wednesday, October 14th school ends at 12:30 conferences begin at 1:00 PM

Thursday, October 15th school ends at 12:30 conferences begin at 1:00 PM

Sign-ups are on a first come, first served basis. We are trying to implement systems that make these types of sign-ups easier and more efficient for parents. Look for a sign-up genius email to be sent out next week for conferences date and time.

Conferences are fifteen minutes in length and it is important that the schedule be maintained once it is set. Please make every effort to be on time for your conference and to plan for questions, etc. as needed.

**There is Homework Club** on the days of parent-teacher conferences. However, there are NO DROP-INS! You must sign up in advance so that we know who will be in Homework Club and when. That way we can adequately plan for staffing. When you sign up for October and realize now that you will need to use Homework Club for some portion of those days, please indicate that when you sign up for your conference(s). If you plan to use Homework Club for any portion of Tuesday, October 13, Wednesday, October 14 or Thursday, October 15 you need to indicate that when you sign up for your conferences on sign up genius and by completing the registration for Homework Club for the month of October. NO DROP-INS will be allowed! Please plan ahead and avoid putting the teachers in Homework Club in a difficult situation. We ask for your consideration in this regard.

Please note: Students will not be allowed to be left unattended in the hallways and will need to go to homework club for a small fee. This is a matter of Safety and Security for our students. Thank you for your understanding.

Link to Parent Teacher Conferences: Please Note if you are using homework club, please check off both conference time and homework club buttons.

TK: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aacad29a1fd0-20159>

Kinder: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aacad29a1fd0-201510>

1st: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aacad29a1fd0-20151>

2nd: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aacad29a1fd0-201511>

3rd: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aacad29a1fd0-20153>

4th: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aacad29a1fd0-20152>

5th: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aacad29a1fd0-20154>

6th: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aacad29a1fd0-20155>

7th: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aacad29a1fd0-20156>

8th: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aacad29a1fd0-20157>

#### **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

October 4th - Parish Picnic at Chevron Park –

October 5th - PAC Meeting in the Library at 7:45am

October 13th - 3:00 pm dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences begin

October 14th & 15th – 12:30 pm dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences

October 17th - Tree Fest

October 23rd – No School

October 27th – Admissions Outreach 8-10 am

October 30th – Halloween Parade & Recess Snacks

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