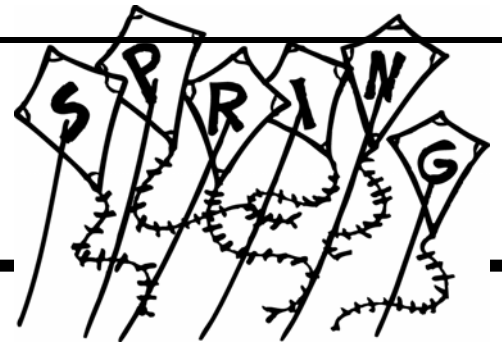


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In this Week's E-packet

Please be sure to read the Parent Board report. An advisory budget committee is being formed to provide the Board with input on the upcoming budget. The report describes the purpose of the committee and the two meeting dates that have been scheduled. Also, included in the report is information about the upcoming strategic plan meeting.

Mrs. Funke and the agriculture program's annual plant sale is scheduled for April 1st. Be sure to read the flyer for details.

Cheetah Cheers

The middle school winter sport season has come to an end and the Cheetahs have proven both their athletic abilities and positive sportsmanship.

The 8th grade boy's basketball team was 9-1 and tied for 1st place in the league. These boys have played together for three years and have been coached by Mike Miller and Cindy Gion. They are a very talented group and we look forward to hearing about their future high school contributions.

The 7th grade boy's basketball team was 8-2 and 2nd place in the league. They were coached by Martha Baughman and Marc Northcott. The 6th grade boys ended the season 9-1 and also captured 2nd place in the league. They were coached by Chris Schilling, Chris Valenzuela and Bill Gardner.

The middle school girl's soccer team was composed of girls from 6th, 7th and 8th grades. These girls gelled together as a team under the leadership of coaches Christine Swanbeck and Jenny Seah. They ended the season with a 5-3 record.

Congratulations to all the players and coaches on a great season. We are proud of you all!!

Spring is in the Air

Conferences are over and we are into our last trimester of school. We want to make sure that the students continue to improve upon their school performance and strive for success. Keeping children focused on learning when the sun is shining can be difficult. Here are some simple things you can do to help keep school a top priority – these ideas are actually useful at any time of the year.

Make attendance

job #1 – Let your children know that unless they are sick, they must come to school. Try to schedule dentist and doctor appointments after school hours. Make sure your children are on time to school. Promptness is not only a necessary courtesy to the teacher and other students, but more importantly, it assures that the child will begin his/her day on a positive note. Students who arrive late are an interruption to the classroom. They lose valuable class time in the office waiting for a tardy pass and miss out on the schedule and assignments for the day. Helping students realize the importance of being on time is part of building good habits for life.

Show you care – Let your children know that you are interested in their learning. Talk about their school activities and projects. Attend as many of the school Spring events as you can. Be sure that you support your child with homework. Set aside a time and place each night for homework. Go over your child's homework, making sure he/she has completed it and has done it correctly. If your child has misunderstood a concept, take the opportunity to reteach it and to straighten out any misconceptions. Remember, as parents, you are truly your child's primary teacher.

Keep it upbeat – Try to set a positive example for your child, even when your own day has been difficult. Modeling a positive, stick to it attitude is important. Encourage your child to talk about the good things that happened in his/her day and not dwell and/or over exaggerate the negative. Ask your child specific questions such as – “what game did you play at recess”, “what was the funniest thing that happened today”, “tell me about the story you read in class.” By reading your child's teacher's weekly newsletter, you will know what is going on in class and be able to ask more meaningful questions.

**Be sure to post the
Upcoming Dates!!**

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March 23 rd	Academic Chess
March 24 th	Golf Club after school from 3:00-3:45
March 25 th	Order hot lunches for the following week by 5:00 pm 4 th grade Sacramento information night at 6:00 pm
March 27 th	Student Council Spirit Day - Sports Day Instrumental music program for 5 th -8 th grade
March 30 th	Academic Chess
March 31 st	Golf Club after school from 3:00-3:45 Town Hall meeting at 6:30 pm at CSMH
April 1 st	CSMH Chevy's Day!! Minimum Day - Staff Development Ag Plant Sale from 12:00-4:00 Lottery for 2009-2010 in multipurpose room at 3:00
April 3 rd	Student Council Spirit Day - Crazy Hair Day 2 nd graders on field trip 4 th graders on field trip 8 th graders leave for Washington D.C.
April 6 th	Academic Chess
April 7 th	Golf Club after school from 3:00-3:45
April 8 th	Order hot lunches for the following week by 5:00 pm
April 9 th	6 th graders on field trip 8 th graders return from Washington D.C.
April 10 th	No School - Staff Development
April 13 th -17 th	No School - Spring Break