



Carmeleter

September 15, 2006

Issue 2

President's Letter

Another school year has been successfully launched. We have made it through the rush of the first couple of weeks of school and hopefully everyone has settled into the routine of the new school year.

Back-to-School Night had a new format this year. Not only did the Back-to-School Nights span two evenings, but we also created an area by the MP room to gather information and chat with Program Chairs about various events and opportunities to help out. Our impression was that these changes made Back-to-School Night flow more smoothly for parents and teachers. It seemed also that the community appreciated the opportunity to come up to speed on school happenings. Feedback on how you liked this new format is always welcome.

A few reminders for the next couple of weeks.

- Photo Day is September 21
- Carmeleter Survey—tell us how you would like to get the Carmeleter using the survey that went home last week. Return your survey to the PTA box in the school office.

Enjoy your last week of the summer season!

Eric Schuur
President

Ana-Maria Dias
Executive Vice President

**REMINDER**

- PHOTO DAY – SEPT 21
- PTA REIMBURSEMENT FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Thanks for Your Help at Back-to-School Night!

Back-to-School Nights (yes, two of them!) went smoothly thanks to the efforts of our parent volunteers. Thanks to Chris Sanchez for organizing the effort and setting up; thanks to Megan Fogarty for arranging for refreshments; and thanks to Jennifer Mutz, Barbara Sonner, Lesley Kalmin, and Miriam Rotman for staffing the PTA table.

Thanks also to the considerable list of parents who helped introduce PTA and PiE, and collected both Directory update forms and Carmeleter surveys in each class: Elizabeth Doi, Leslyn Leong, Megan Fogarty, Allison Colgin, Faith Brigel, Lesley Kalmin, Linda Jensen, Eric Jensen, Miriam Rotman, Penny Livingston, Jane Garvey, and Maggi Smeal.



The Back to School Coffee-Thanks

Margie Cain, margiecain@earthlink.net

The Back to School Coffee was well attended again this year. It was wonderful to see everyone relaxed and refreshed for the start of the school year. Thank you so much to all the parents that helped make it a success. A special thanks to: Jennifer Donat, Lisa Kucik, Elisa Schmit, Elizabeth Elliot-Maulick, Ana-Maria Dias, Rebecca Davis, Liz Cowie, Lisa Hartwell, Maggi Smeal, Yvette Bovee, Penny Livingston and our wonderful custodian, De Dean.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September

- 15 Start of InnisBrook fundraiser
- 21 Photo Day
- 21 Carmeleter Deadline-3 p.m.
- 26-27 ERB Test Grades 4 and 5
- 26 Board of Education 7 p.m. 25 Churchill

October

- 2 Local Holiday-No School
- 3 Staff Development Day—No School
- 5 Carmeleter Deadline 3 p.m.
- 8 Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m.
- 8 Innisbrook Orders Due
- 10 Board of Education 7 p.m. 25 Churchill
- 16-20 Book Fair
- 19 Carmeleter Deadline 3 p.m.



Wanted: Clean, Used Clothes

Please check your closets for clean, outgrown sweat pants, underwear and socks that would fit children in kindergarten through fifth grade. We're collecting them in the office so we'll be prepared for those rainy days when kids slip in the mud and need a change of clothes.



Thanks,

Jennifer and Ginny (in the Main Office)

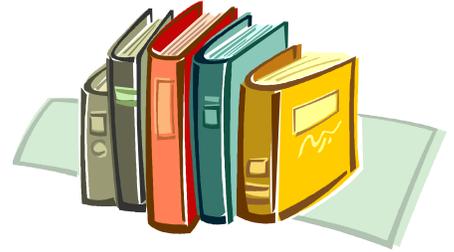
Library News

We have many wonderful new books in the library and the students are enjoying checking them out.

Please remind your children to return their books on time. Kindergarten and 1st grade check out for one week and 2nd-5th grade check out for two weeks.

In the last Carmeletter, we somehow missed Friday on the library schedule. These classes have library on Friday, rooms 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20 and 22.

Thank you, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. D (Leslie and Rose)



ADOPT A BOOK

Elisa Schmit, elisaschmit@hotmail.com

Do you love to read with your child? Would you like to support the El Carmelo School Library while acknowledging your child or someone special?

Simply ADOPT A BOOK!!

WHAT IS ADOPT A BOOK?

ADOPT A BOOK is the opportunity to donate books to the El Carmelo School Library while honoring a child, teacher, class or anyone special. Once a book is adopted it is inscribed with a dedication bookplate. Your child then becomes the first student able to check out the book to read. The book then becomes a part of the El Carmelo Library collection so others may enjoy reading it!



WHAT BOOKS CAN I ADOPT?

The librarians have set aside a cart full of books ready for adoption. You or your child may select a book from this cart which will be at various El Carmelo events, or daily in the Library (behind the library desk).

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The average price of a hardcover book is \$15 but any donation is greatly appreciated. All money goes back to the El Carmelo School librarians to purchase new books.

WHY SHOULD I ADOPT A BOOK?

*This is a great way to honor or remember a loved one, celebrate a birthday, acknowledge a wonderful teacher or classroom.

*It is a fun, simple way to show support for your school.

*Your child benefits from a wonderful, diverse, up-to-date reading collection.

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SIMPLY:

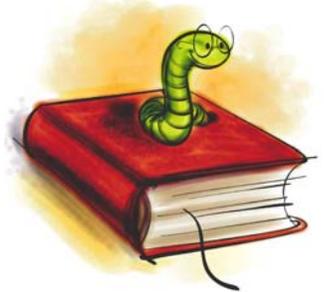
1. Select a book from the ADOPT A BOOK cart...located during special El Carmelo events. The cart will be located behind the library desk. Stop by before or after school. Elisa Schmit will be at the school on Tuesday, September 19th from 8:20-9:20am and again from 2:00-3:15 p.m. to help you through the process.
2. Fill out the ADOPT A BOOK form.
3. Attach your check made out to the "El Carmelo PTA" with Adopt a Book in the memo line.
4. Place your completed check and form in the book you wish to donate. Place the book in the "To be Shelved" box or give it to the librarian.

ONCE PROCESSED, YOU WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS. YOUR CHILD THEN CAN BORROW THE BOOK FROM THE LIBRARY.
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES FOR ALREADY ADOPTING BOOKS:

Houlm-Kass, Cain, Kalmin, Lewis, Gonzales, Viola, Salmon, Lee, Schmit, Pasternak-Levitan, Napaa, McDermott, Matthews, Rains- Beesley, DuBois, Thekkath, Saunders, Wang, Kerhin, Li, Wing, Rose, Chu, Schuur, Liu, Kennedy, Grout, Smith, Thieme, Kim and Tian-Wen.

Your donations are greatly appreciated. Enjoy reading!



Join us for Dinner, Activities and Entertainment at the El Carmelo Spaghetti Dinner!

New this year, there is something for everyone! Mom and Dad can enjoy a candlelit dinner and listen to live violin music, while the kids get involved in activities, including making mini-rockets!



We will be having spaghetti, garlic bread, and fresh fruit. And, a new option of Caesar salad with or without grilled chicken.

The dinner is Sunday, October 8, from 5 to 7 pm in El Carmelo's MP room. \$5.00/adult, \$15.00/family.

If you can volunteer to help set-up, serve food, clean-up or bring a dessert please contact Ana-Maria Dias at 326-5854, anamaria_am99@yahoo.com.

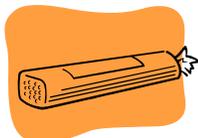


Photo Day
Thursday
Sept. 21

"Bringing Up Bicyclists"

The El Carmelo and Palo Verde PTAs are sponsoring this FREE class for parents called:

"Bringing Up Bicyclists"
Wednesday, October 11th 7:00-9:00 pm.
In the El Carmelo multipurpose room

The course covers:

- the differences between children and adults when cycling
- the basic requirements for parents to help their children ride safely
- the mistakes children make when bicycling
- the basic skills that need to be taught
- how to evaluate a child's skills and encourage proper development

The presentation will also cover helmet selection and fit, bicycle selection and fit, and will include viewing of the video "A Kid's Eye View".

The class will be taught by Richard Swent, a League of American Bicyclists Certified Instructor.

Learn how to prepare your child to be a safe bicyclist.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Youngquist (yoyo2000@pacbell.net or 327-4284) or Richard Swent (bikeclass@swent.net.)



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