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President's Letter

With standardized testing behind us, we hope that you will take the time to really enjoy the last 2 1/2 weeks of school.

We hope you enjoyed the International Pot Luck Dinner on the 12th! You helped to make it a fantastic community event – over 450 people came to this evening event that was full of great homemade food, beautiful cultural artwork and artifacts, and a wonderful musical tribute to our very own Barbara and Judy.

Please take note of the following efforts that are just getting started in preparation for the next school year:

- **Buddy Program:** This is an easy way to make a new family feel welcome at our school and it doesn't take much of your time. Please contact Yvette Mitchell (yvetteemitchell@yahoo.com) and volunteer to reach out to someone new. We really need you!
- **School Supplies for Next Year:** Megan Fisher has offered to get another bulk order together for the school supplies for the 2006-2007 academic year. This saves parents some time so you don't have to run around to 4 different office supply stores this summer in order to find the exact school supply item that teachers need for the school year.

Hope you and your family have a relaxing and fun 3-day weekend!

Erina DuBois
President

Eric Schuur
Co-President



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The PTA wants you to relax more this summer! How? We will be purchasing next year's school supplies for all students in bulk. This saves some money AND especially saves you the time running around!!

Also, purchasing the supplies all at once will allow teachers to have uniform sets of class supplies. There are still a FEW items that you will need to purchase at the beginning of the year, but the PTA is going to get the vast majority of stuff for you. At the beginning of the next school year, we will ask you to please reimburse us \$20 for supplies (which is less than what you would be paying if you purchased them yourself!).

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Megan Fisher. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and contributions.

DATES TO REMEMBER



June

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| 7 | Volunteer Coffee | 8:00 a.m. MP room |
| 8 | Parents music concert | 8:45- 9:30 a.m. |
| 15 | Last Day of School: | |
| | - Kinder Promotion | 8:30 a.m. |
| | - 5 th Grade Promotion | 10:00 a.m. |

TO DO

- Sign up to become a buddy family
- Return library books
- Check lost and found



If you attended the International Pot Luck Dinner on the 12th, you would have seen the amount of effort that Margarita Perreault put into the evening. All the hours organizing the celebration and decorating the school and MP room really paid off. Thank you to her for pulling our community together for a wonderful event.

Thank you to Lisa Kucik for organizing Teacher Appreciation week and the luncheon on Thursday. It is wonderful to have an opportunity to show the teachers at El Carmelo just how much we truly appreciate all they do for our children.



Margarita Perreault

I am taking this opportunity to thank the El Carmelo community for such a wonderful response to our International Potluck Dinner, held last Friday, May 12. All of you have made this event something unique and unforgettable. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to share your treasures from around the world. What a truly remarkable community!

Special thanks to Erina DuBois and Ana-Maria Dias for their efficient and tireless work, as well as Hilda Espinosa and Mona Napaa for adding such a sophisticated touch to the MP room. To Holly Liberatore, Sripriya Kannan, Jennifer Espinosa, Miriam Rotman, Greta Tan, Yvette Mitchell, Mirna Aguilera, Wilfredo Gonzalez, Carmelo and Luz Molina for their extraordinary help and cooperation; and Colleen Dunn Hall for providing the delicious cotton candy.

Thanks to El Carmelo's artists: Alyssa and Natalie Perreault, David and Rubi Alcazar, Emily and Kelly Swanson and Hayley Haussler for such outstanding artwork. To Sue Hermsen for working together with the students during Noon Art, creating a beautiful international banner and to our Custodian De Dean-Day for his constant support.

We greatly appreciate all the art work from all the classes and particularly the hard work of Robin Dosskey, and Karen Lemoine. We want to thank all of the teachers who came. Also a special thanks to our principal Lupe Garcia, for his presence and continuous support.

Thank you all and to everyone who made this event possible and a successful International Potluck!

Chinese- Mandarin Immersion Program

Mandy Lowell, charlowell@aol.com

Tuesday May 30, 7 pm 25 Churchill board room

Please come to a Town Hall meeting with the school board to discuss the Mandarin Immersion Proposal evaluation. The school board recently approved a second stage evaluation of this Choice Program which will return for school board decision in January or February 2007. PAUSD Choice programs are required to be similar to the cost to other school programs, meaning that any costs beyond those of an ordinary classroom would not be funded with PAUSD dollars. Come to learn about and express your views on next steps, potential funding sources, procedures for exploring location and more. All views, suggestions and questions are welcome.

LIBRARY NEWS

Leslie Bell and Rose Desposito

As we come to the end of the school year we are asking that all library books are turned in by Wednesday, May 31. No library books will be checked out after Friday, May 26. Classes will not have library time during the last week of school. If a book is lost or missing we will give your child a notice. Try to pay book fines by Friday, June 9. Please contact the library if you have any questions. FYI the 5th graders library record follows them to middle school. It is prudent to have their record cleared here. Thank you again to all who have adopted or donated books to our wonderful library. It has been happy year!

