



Carmeletter

September 30, 2005

Issue 3

President's Letter

For many new families, this school year seems to be taking off at lightning speed. Many have felt somewhat barraged by the numerous pieces of (somewhat crumpled) paper that keep coming home in their child's backpack. Some folks have asked me questions about all the fundraising activities, social events, and volunteer requests that are being asked of them. I would like to address a couple of these issues.

"I thought this was a public school, why is the PTA raising money for the school?"

Public schools provide 'free' education to all children, adhering to the state's basic requirements. Palo Alto schools are among the best in the country because we strive to go way beyond the basic standards, and this requires additional funds. Only contribute what you can.

Due to the success of our fundraising efforts, last year we were able to:

- Provide \$15,000 worth of new computers
- Homework club for grades 3-5 (This club, led by one teacher and an aid, meets after school for children that may need a little extra help with their homework)
- Fund field trips
- Enhance our children's learning experience by bringing the Junior Museum on campus on a regular basis. The Junior Museum brings hands-on, interactive activities that are experienced by students in the classroom.

These are just a few examples of the types of support the PTA fundraisers provide. The PTA budget is posted outside of the school office. Please take a look to see what the PTA is doing with these funds at El Carmelo.

"I work during the school day, how else can I be involved with the school?"

There are many ways to get involved and volunteer. Many teachers have little 'jobs' that can be done at home, please feel free to ask them.

Quite a few of our PTA social and fundraising events are held during the weekends, too. Donating a little bit of your time makes a significant positive difference (and it's a lot of fun). Remember, our PTA is solely comprised of parent volunteers! And if you find that your schedule is just way too hectic to be able to fit in any volunteer time – we hope that you are able to attend the social events to meet other families. This is yet another way to help enhance and make your child's school experience a great one.

To find out what events are coming up, check the Carmeletter and the PTA board outside of the office. If you would like to contact the person organizing the event to find out what help they need (and find out what fits with your schedule), the list of chair persons are listed in the School Directory.

Many of you filled out the volunteer form and checked off that you may be able to occasionally help out. Someone will be contacting you shortly! Thank you.

Please read Ana-Maria Dias' summary of the fundraising activities planned for the school year that describes these activities in more detail, in this issue of the Carmeletter.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Eric, if you ever have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. We are always glad to hear from you.

Erina DuBois Eric Schuur
 President Executive Vice-President

DATES TO REMEMBER

October

3-6	Book Fair	14	Holiday No School
5	Book Fair: Family Night 6-8:30 p.m.	17	Staff Dev. No School
9	Spaghetti Dinner 5-9 p.m.	25	PTA Meeting 8:30 a.m.
12	Carmeletter Deadline 8:30 a.m.	26	Noon Art
12	Noon Art	27	Photo Make-ups
13	Holiday No School	28	Carmeletter Deadline 8:30 a.m.



Fundraising at El Carmelo

Ana-Maria Dias, anamaria_am99@yahoo.com

There are several fundraisers held throughout the year that benefit El Carmelo. The following list is provided to help you plan your participation. Please donate only what you can afford.

PTA Fundraisers:

- Innisbrook Wrapping Paper – in September/October – We get great wrapping paper and other items. El Carmelo gets 50% of the proceeds.
- Original Works – in October – Your child creates a work of art during school that can be turned into a wonderful holiday gift (see article in this Carmeletter). El Carmelo gets 30% of the proceeds.
- 5th Grade Fundraiser – in the first half of the year – 5th graders raise money for a special overnight trip and party to celebrate the end of the year. More details will be provided soon.
- Book Fairs – in the fall and spring - Choose from a variety of books you may either keep or donate to the school. A percentage of the proceeds go to El Carmelo.
- The Auction – in the spring – A fun party and an opportunity to bid on many wonderful trips, items and services. It provides the majority of funding for the PTA budget. In the near future each classroom will be asked to donate or help underwrite something for the auction.
- Box Tops for Education – all year long – Box tops collected by parents can be turned in to the office or certain classrooms. El Carmelo receives money in exchange for these.
- Adopt-a-Book – all year long – View a selection of books at the El Carmelo library and choose one to donate. There is a bookplate on the inside cover for the donor's name.
- eScrip – all year long – This costs you nothing! Once you join, just keep shopping at participating merchants and El Carmelo automatically gets a percentage of what you spend. Last year eScrip brought in \$8,000.
- Partners In Education (PIE) Fundraiser: PIE is a non-profit foundation dedicated to providing support to Palo Alto schools. PIE asks each family to donate \$500 per child or any amount they can afford. The money is distributed to all Palo Alto District Schools.

El Carmelo Fall Book Fair

Enter the Kingdom of Reading,

Where Books Rule!

October 3 - October 6

Join us for the Family Event,
Wednesday, October 5, 6:00 -
8:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Happy Reading,
Jill M. Spain/Scholastic Fall Book Fair



Student Directories Are Now Available

Erina DuBois

The student directories have the names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of all the families here at El Carmelo (except for those who opted out of being listed).

This is a wonderful way of being able to quickly contact other families for play dates, volunteering for events, etc!

If you joined the PTA, your directory should have already arrived. If not, please send an email to erinad@yahoo.com.

If you would like to purchase a directory, they are available for \$10 each (\$3 each additional). You may leave a check, payable to "El Carmelo PTA" with your child's name and room number. Please drop it off in the PTA box in the office. A directory will be delivered shortly after the check is received.



Adopt A Book

Elisa Schmidt, elisaschmit@hotmail.com

Our Library continues to build a wonderful collection with your help. By adopting a book, you can acknowledge a student or friend while supporting our school.

Simply:

1. Visit the Adopt a Bookshelf in the library.
2. Select a book you'd like to adopt and complete the Adopt a Book form.

Be sure to include your name and contact information, the inscription you'd like to appear on the inside of the book and the Title of the book selected.

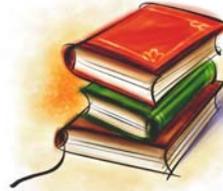
3. Write a check payable to "El Carmelo PTA" for the suggested \$15 per book. Write Adopt a Book in the memo line.
4. Leave the book you selected, the completed form and the check with the librarian.

After the form is processed you will receive a copy as a receipt of your donation. Then the student can be the first to check the book out of the library.

All donations are tax deductible.

In addition to those listed in the last newsletter, thanks to the Schuur, King, Mutz and Liu families.

Thanks to all the families who have already adopted books. Don't forget to visit the library and select your books. There is already a form partially completed waiting for the title of your selection and your inscription.



A BIG THANK YOU

Erina DuBois

A big thank you to Jeff Harrison and Wendy Thirtle for taking every single directory form that was turned in, and completing our School Directory! This was a huge data effort and they completed it in record time.

The printing of the directory was made possible by the great folks at PIP Printing (Mike Maystead and Jennifer Allen).

The school is very thankful.



URGENT: Volunteers Needed for El Carmelo Student Council Elections

Each year, El Carmelo holds an all-school campaign for our 4th/5th grade student council. We need volunteers to help on:

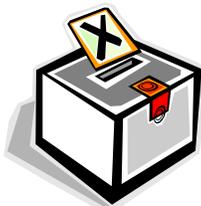
Monday, October 3 - Election Day

We will help collect ballots.

8:45-10:10

10:30-11:45

12:45-1:30



Please email meganfogarty@sbcglobal.net to let me know which shift you can take! Thanks for helping democracy thrive at El Carmelo School.

Special Education Liaison

Welcome to the new school year! As a person new to the PTA Special Education Liaison position, I wanted to pass on the following information regarding Parents Helping Parents, a nonprofit organization that serves as a resource center that benefits children with special needs from attention deficit hyperactivity disorder to those with learning or physical disabilities. Based in Santa Clara this organization can help you find lecture series, iep trainings, parent support and child support groups in the area. Visit them at www.php.com or call 408-727-5775.

As your liaison, I will be passing on relevant district and community information that I receive. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions regarding your child. I will help you locate the answers or resources as best I can.

Thank you. Elisa Schmit elisaschmit@hotmail.com

Innisbrook Wrapping Products

Ana-Maria Dias

Please don't forget to get your orders in by October 18!



Partners in Education (PiE Update)

Unfortunately public funding for education does not cover the K-12 program we have come to expect in PAUSD schools. Since the passage of Proposition 13, public education in Palo Alto has increasingly become a public/private enterprise. PiE, a district-wide, nonprofit fundraising foundation, raises money for unfunded parts of the K-12 instructional program in PAUSD.

By now you have received a letter asking you to support the 2005-06 PiE Campaign...The continuation of El Carmelo's classroom aids, reading specialist support, spectra art and hands-on science experiences requires 100% participation. Please make a gift of any amount!

Questions? Call Megan Swezey Fogarty
(473-0428 or meganfogarty@sbcglobal.net)

CONFUSED ABOUT MEASURE A?

Partners in Education?

Here's how your money's being spent this year, and why we need them both!

Partners in Education donated over \$1.27 million dollars to elementary schools. This money went directly to the principals who then decide where your school needs it the most; classroom aides, supplemental science or Spectra Art, reading or math specialists, and more...El Carmelo received \$94,381 from PiE for this school year which makes up 40% of our supplemental staffing budget.

Measure A funds are not being used for new programs at your school. The money raised is being used to either partially or fully restore past cuts. The increased enrollment over the past few years (for which the district DOES NOT receive any additional revenue) along with district wide program cuts, were the prime reasons we needed to renew the parcel tax. There is no surplus of Measure A funds. Here's how the \$9.3 million will be spent this year:

1. To maintain the commitment of the 2001 Measure D Parcel Tax for class size reduction grades 4-10, the ongoing expense of the 2001 salary increase, and the hiring of more teachers due to enrollment growth. \$6,900,000
2. To reinstate 34 teaching periods (17 each) at the high schools. \$595,143
3. For partial reinstatement of one half time Dean at each high school. \$121,500
4. For partial reinstatement of teaching periods at the middle schools based on enrollment (20 total). \$350,084
 - JLS 7.0 periods
 - Jordan 7.5 periods
 - Terman 5.5 periods
5. To reinstate 2 counselors, restoring the 360:1 counseling ratio at the secondary schools (from 400:1). \$175,042
6. To reinstate 3 of 4 full time teachers for the elementary schools for literacy and math support. \$262,563
7. To restore a half-time psychologist for the elementary schools. \$50,000
8. To restore Spectra Art program back to the previous level of \$65,000 at the elementary schools. \$20,000
9. To restore 2 full time elementary librarians. \$175,042
10. For partial restoration of 8 classified positions for instructional and student support. \$352,000
 - 2 positions at each high school
 - 3 positions at the middle schools based on enrollment
 - 1 position at the elementary schools based on enrollment
11. For partial reinstatement of instructional support (\$25 per student) at each school. \$260,000
12. For partial restoration of staff development funds at the school sites. \$50,000

Total: \$9,311,374

A Few Words About Enews

Enews has three sections: a volunteers wanted section, a calendar section with school and district news, and a community links section. It is published about once a week.

To submit to enews, you email me (bl.yates@sbcglobal.net) or reply to one of the past enews with the information (ideally 3-5 lines) that you wish

to have printed. Include your contact information. Send me the item a week in advance of when you would like it published. Our principal then reviews it before it is sent out.

We have an email listing for each grade. This means that we can send

a notice to just one grade about an event. However, it also means, as I am sure you have observed, that if you have more than one child at El Carmelo you get the same number of copies.

You can opt out of one of those lists, but then you will miss any announcements that might go just to one grade level. I recommend you just delete the duplicates when you get them.

The guidelines for the community section is:

- *Must be related to the immediate community
- *Must be child or family related content
- *Copy ready (editor does not need to seek out further info)
- *Items will be one or two lines, possibly with a link to further information about the event.
- *Events should have a timeline or date, and be timely for the issue
- *Non-profits only, with fundraiser exceptions (announcements of fundraising events by commercial organizations are accepted only if they benefit the school)
- *No events by religious organizations
- *The editor's discretion in choosing articles must be respected.

Barbara Sonner

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Original Works

Your child's artwork can be turned into a variety of products that make wonderful holiday gifts such as pot holders, mouse pads, mugs, note cards, t-shirts, etc.

The artwork will be created at school over the next few weeks and sent home in the October 7 Friday Folders along with an order form and more details.

Your order must be returned to the classroom or office no later than Tuesday October 11. You will receive the finished product in early December.

If you would like siblings who do not attend El Carmelo to participate please contact me.

You can visit their website at www.originalworks.com 30% of the proceeds go to El Carmelo.

Ana-Maria Dias

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Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, October 9, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun evening and wonderful food from The Fish Market, Olive Garden and Il Fornaio!



See the sign-up sheet outside your classroom if you want to help with the dinner. We can always use your help!

Ana-Maria Dias and Stephanie Yoshikawa

California Theatre Center's Drama Classes

Faith W. Brigel

Exciting news! The fourth and fifth grade classes are being offered drama classes at El Carmelo. The focus will be on the skills that are needed to be a successful actor. A minimum enrollment of 15 is required. The dates are Mondays October 10, 24, 31 and November 7, 14 and 21 at 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. The deadline is today so please register right away. The website is at www.ctcinc.org, or for more information call Rebecca Davis at 650-325-1580, or email Rebecca at rebecca@davis-fam.net.

Annual Walk/Bike to School Oct. 6

Erina DuBois/Faith Brigel

We know that not everyone can bike or walk to school, so try to do something else for the environment and your health by walking to a friend's home instead of driving. Maybe for those parents who HAVE to drive; they could park 2 blocks from school and walk the rest of the way.



For those students who take the bus, their parents could mention to them that they ARE doing something good for the environment, as they are carpooling in a big bus instead of driving individually.



Parent Education Events – Fall 2005

PAUSD Board Candidates Forum — Two Evening Opportunities

Thur Oct 6 7-9 p.m.

Presented by the League of Women Voters and Palo Alto Council of PTAs

PAUSD District Office Board Room

25 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto

Wednesday, October 19, 2005 7:30-9 p.m.

Presented by the Terman PTA

Terman Middle School Cafetorium

655 Arastradero Rd, Palo Alto

This is a first hand opportunity to meet and ask questions of the candidates for the PAUSD Board of Education. All candidates for the two open board seats will be present. Board members serve a four-year term. The Board of Education is an arm of the state government. It is held responsible for the direction of public schools and for the acquisition and expenditure of funds. Within the limits set by the Education Code, the control of the district resides with the Board, which establishes policy and delegates administrative responsibility to the Superintendent of Schools. All parents and neighbors are encouraged to come and get to know the candidates.

Hold On To Your Kids: Why Parents Matter

Tue Oct 11 7-9 p.m.

J.L.S.Middle School Café

480 E. Meadow Drive, Palo Alto

The Palo Alto PTAs are excited to welcome Canadian psychologist Dr. Gordon Neufeld to an evening program for all parents and community. Dr. Neufeld will speak on how modern cultural pressures are straining the parent /child attachment and creating an unhealthy level of peer identification. Parents will hear about satisfying a child's need for direction by turning towards care giving adults for authority, contact and warmth. Dr. Neufeld opens up new ways of thinking about youth culture, teacher and parent frustration, and underlying dynamics of schoolyard bullying and youth violence. Questions? Contact carolyn@videotransform.com

Parent Education: Safe Relationships

Thur Oct 26 7 p.m.

PAUSD District Office Board Room

25 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto

Sexual abuse, harassment and assault are important topics to discuss with your children. Having these conversations can help children protect themselves if they are ever in a situation that makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable. This program will provide advice to help parents talk to their kids about relationships and sexual abuse in developmentally appropriate ways, and an overview of PAUSD district guidelines regarding staff/coach relationships with students.

Questions? Contact carolyn@videotransform.com

College Unranked: Calming the Admissions Frenzy

Thur Nov 3 7-9 p.m.

Spangenberg Theatre

\$5 Admission - Students Free!

An event for anyone – students, parents – thinking about college admissions. Speaker Lloyd Thacker presents information about how to go through the applications/admissions process without undo anxiety regarding magazine rankings, commercial guidebooks and private consultants. (www.educationconservancy.com).

Carpools suggested. Advance registration encouraged – tickets will not be issued, names will be on registration lists at the door. Send check by Oct 31, payable to 'PTA Council of Palo Alto', to 25 Churchill Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306. Include name, address and phone. Admission also available at the door. Questions? Contact louisecs@aol.com
Sponsored by SHARE

El Carmelo Ice Skating Party Saturday, November 5th

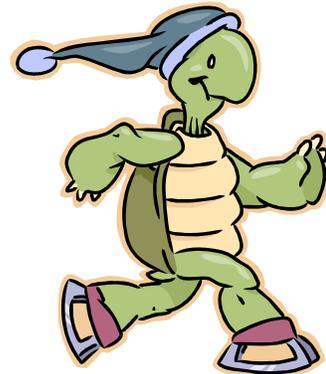
Come and enjoy the fun at El Carmelo's annual Ice Skating Party at Winter Lodge on Saturday, November 5th from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Winter Lodge will be reserved exclusively for El Carmelo School. Bring your whole family!

Pizza and drinks will be available for purchase. Hot chocolate and tea will also be served to warm up your cold fingers. You are welcome to bring a dessert to share.

The cost is \$12.00 per person and includes skate rental. Each child who skates must have a waiver form signed by his/her parent. Please fill out the sign-up form and the attached waiver form. Return the forms with your payment to the office by Friday, October 21st. Attendance is limited so sign up now. Extra forms will be available at the office.

Winter Lodge is an outdoor skating rink located at 3009 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Be sure to dress warmly and bring your gloves.

If you have any questions please contact Yi-Mei Chang at (650) 324-2785 or yimei_chang1@yahoo.com.



El Carmelo Ice Skating Party Sign-Up Form

Parent's name (Please print): _____

Number of skaters (\$12 per person): _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Please pay by check made out to "El Carmelo PTA"

We'd like to estimate how many pizzas to order. Approximately how many slices of pizza do you think your group will have? _____



PARENT'S APPROVAL AND STUDENT WAIVER

_____ has my (our) permission to participate in the El Carmelo Ice Skating party on November 5, 2005 at Winter Lodge Ice Skating Rink from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. I (we) as parent(s) or guardian(s) of the minor do hereby, for my (our)

_____, myself, my (our) heirs, executors and administrators, remise,
Son or Daughter

release and forever discharge PTA Unit 8475/1035CA, Palo Alto Council, 6th PTA District and the California State PTA, and all PTA officers, employees and agents of each of the foregoing, acting officially otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action on

account of referred. I hereby certify the minor is my (our) _____
and that his/her _____ Son or Daughter

date of birth is _____, and I (we) do hereby certify. That to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief said minor is in good health. In case of illness or accident, permission is granted for emergency treatment to be administrated. It is further understood that the undersigned will assume full responsibility for any such action, including payment of costs. I (we) hereby advise that the above named minor has had the following allergies, medicine reactions or unusual physical condition which should be made known to a treating physician. (If none, please write the word "none").

1. Signature _____ Print Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

2. Signature _____ Print Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

Alternative Adult

Signature _____ Print Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

Way2Go!

Annual Walk/Bike to School Event Is Scheduled for October 6

-by Penny Ellson, by PTA Traffic Safety Representative

El Carmelo's PTA's Annual Bike/Walk to School event is coming up on October 6. This event promotes use of alternative transportation for our daily school commutes.

During this event, please take the time to walk or bike to school with your child. Experience the quiet connection that happens in the morning when you are both fresh with the whole day in front of you. It is a great opportunity to talk while you get some exercise together. Children who exercise and spend time talking with their parents do better in school. What a great way to start and end your day!

Remember that one of the most important advantages of walking or bicycling to school is the opportunity it gives you to teach and practice safe walking and bicycling skills WITH your child. Practicing these skills with your child will help you feel the confidence you will need when they become older and want to navigate the streets independently. Farther down the line, children who regularly practice safe walking and biking are likely to become safer drivers as teenagers because they have a better appreciation of the dangers their cars present to pedestrians and cyclists.

These are important life skills. Let's teach our children the skills they need to be safe, responsible and independent. Remember too, that we do our environment a favor by getting out of our cars.

THINK OUTSIDE THE CAR

walk

bike

skate

scooter

bus



carpool

hop, skip or jump on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Thanks,

Rosemary Gill

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Carta de La Presidente de la PTA

Para algunas nuevas familias de El Carmelo ha de parecerles que el nuevo año escolar ha empezado de la velocidad de la luz. Muchos se sentirán casi ahogados por la numerosa cantidad de papeles que reciben en los fólderes de sus hijos. Otros nos hacen preguntas acerca de las actividades para recolectar fondos, eventos, sociales y solicitudes de ser voluntarios. A continuación, nos complace dar respuesta a algunas preguntas.

“Pensamos que El Carmelo es una escuela pública. ¿Por qué la PTA necesita recolectar fondos para la escuela?”

Las escuelas públicas proveen educación “gratis” a toda la niñez de acuerdo a los requisitos básicos del Estado. Las escuelas de Palo Alto están consideradas entre las mejores en el país, debido a que nosotros procuramos tener un nivel más alto en la educación y para lograrlo es necesario un mayor ingreso de fondos. Usted puede contribuir únicamente con lo que pueda.

Gracias al éxito que hemos tenido en la recolección de fondos, el año pasado pudimos lograr:

Proveer \$15.000 para computadoras nuevas

Club de Tareas para los cursos 3, 4 y 5

(Este club es dirigido por un maestro y un ayudante. Se lleva a cabo después de la escuela y es proporcionado a los estudiantes que necesiten alguna ayuda extra en sus tareas.)

Proveer fondos para los paseos escolares

Pago de actividades del Junior Museum en el campo escolar regularmente.

Estas actividades brindan a cada estudiante experiencias de una interacción reciproca en cada salón de clase.

Estos son algunos ejemplos del patrocinio de la PTA.

El presupuesto de la PTA está disponible en la vitrina afuera de la oficina de la escuela. Por favor notar como la PTA usa los fondos en El Carmelo.

“Yo trabajo durante las horas escolares, ¿Cómo puedo tener más involucramiento en la escuela?”

Hay muchas formas de hacerlo y ser voluntario. Muchos maestros tienen pequeños trabajos para hacerlos en la casa. Favor pregúnteles.

Algunos de los eventos sociales de la PTA y de recolección de fondos se celebran también los fines de semana. Donando un poquito de su tiempo contribuye de una manera significativa y positiva. (¡También es muy divertido!). Recuerde que nuestra PTA está compuesta de los padres de familia voluntarios. Si usted ve que su horario es muy ocupado y no se le facilita ser voluntario, simplemente atienda los eventos sociales y reúname con otras familias. Esta también es otra manera de ayudar y de tener una experiencia extraordinaria en la escuela de sus hijos.

Para informarse de las actividades y de todos los eventos que están programados, lea la Carmeletter y el tablero afuera de la oficina de la escuela. Si desea ayudar en algún evento, o saber en que forma podría colaborar, lo puede hacer dirigiéndose a la persona que lo organiza. La lista la encuentra en el directorio de la escuela.

Favor leer el resumen de las actividades para recolectar fondos, en la lista que describe Ana Maria Dias en este número de Carmeletter.

Como siempre, no dude en hablar conmigo o con Eric y hacernos saber sus preguntas o inquietudes. Nos complace saber de ustedes.

Atentamente,

Erina Dubios
Presidente

Eric Schuur
Vice-Presidente

Calendario de Eventos

		13	Festivo – No hay clases
		14	Festivo – No hay clases
		17	Staff Dev. – No hay clases
		25	Reunion de la PTA – 8:30 A.M.
		26	Arte al mediodía
		27	Re-toma de fotografías
		28	Plazo para Carmeletter
Octubre			
3-6	Feria del libro		
4	Noche de Familia para la Feria del Libro 6-8:30 P.M.		
9	Cena con Espagueti – 5-9 P.M.		
12	Plazo para Carmeletter		
12	Arte al mediodía		

Campañas de Recolección de Fondos en el Carmelo

Por Ana-Maria Dias, anamaria_am99@yahoo.com

Hay muchas maneras de recolectar fondos para El Carmelo durante el año escolar. La siguiente lista le puede facilitar su plan de participación. Por favor colabore únicamente con lo que pueda.

PAPEL DE REGALO INNISBROOK – en Septiembre y Octubre. Tener variedad y buena calidad de papel de regalo y otros detallitos. El Carmelo recibe un 50% de las ganancias.

ORIGINAL WORKS – en Octubre. Los trabajos de arte de sus hijos pueden convertirse en maravillosos objetos de regalo durante las festividades. (Vea el artículo sobre el particular en este numero de Carmeletter) El Carmelo recibe un 30% de las ganancias.

FONDOS PARA EL GRADO 5º - Los alumnos del grado 5º recolectan dinero para un viaje y fiesta al fin del año. Mayores detalles más adelante.

FERIA DEL LIBRO – Durante el otoño y la primavera. El Carmelo recibe un porcentaje de las ventas.

LA SUBASTA – En la Primavera - ¡La fiesta del año! Una magnífica oportunidad de hacer ofertas a la diversidad de viajes, objetos y servicios. Este evento proporciona la mayor parte de recolección de fondos para el presupuesto de la PTA. En el futuro, a cada salón de clase se le pedirá que done o respalde algo para la subasta.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – todo el año. Recolecte las etiquetas de las cajas de cereal. Estas pueden ser cambiadas directamente por la escuela. Colecciónelas y envíelas a su salón de clase.

ADOPTE UN LIBRO – todo el año. Seleccione un libro en la biblioteca de El Carmelo y dónelo.

eSCRIP – todo el año. Esto no le cuesta nada. Una vez usted se una, de todo lo que compre el Carmelo recibirá automáticamente un porcentaje. El año pasado se recibieron \$8,000.

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Directorio Estudiantil

Por Erina DuBois

El directorio estudiantil contiene toda la información de las familias de El Carmelo, como nombres, direcciones, números de teléfonos (con excepción de aquellos que pidieron no incluirlas.) Es una buena vía de poder comunicarse con otras familias.



Su usted es miembro de la PTA, es posible que su directorio ya lo haya recibido. De lo contrario favor enviarme un e-mail a erinad@yahoo.com.

Si desea comprar el directorio, su costo es de \$10.00 cada uno (\$3.00 por cada adicional). Haga su cheque a "El Carmelo PTA" con el nombre de su hijo y el numero de su respectivo salón de clase. Favor dejarlo en la oficina de la escuela. Usted recibirá su directorio (s) pronto.

Agradecimiento Especial

Erina Dubios

Un agradecimiento muy especial a Jeff Harrison y Wendy Thirtle por tan eficiente trabajo organizando la información para los directorios estudiantiles de El Carmelo y completarlos en un corto tiempo. ¡Extraordinario trabajo! La impresión de los mismos se hizo gracias a PIP Printing (Mike Maystead y Jennifer Allen). La escuela en general está muy agradecida.



URGENTE: Se necesitan voluntarios para las elecciones de El Consejo Estudiantil de El Carmelo

Cada año, El Carmelo lleva a cabo la campaña de elecciones de nuestros alumnos de 4º y 5º grado. Necesitamos voluntarios par ayudar en:

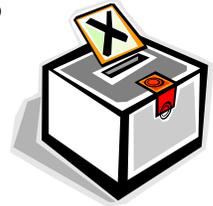
Lunes, Octubre 3 - Día de las elecciones

Recogeremos las balotas a:

8:45 – 10:10 A.M.

10:30 – 11:45 A.M.

12:45 – 1:30 P.M.



Por favor escriba por e-mail a meganfogarty@sbcglobal.net y manifestar su interés de ayudar en cualquiera de las horas especificadas anteriormente.

Gracias por su cooperación.

Camine O Venga En Bicicleta A La Escuela

OCTUBRE 6

Erina Dubios/Faith Brigel

Sabemos que no todos pueden venir en bicicleta o caminando a la escuela, pero por favor traten de hacer algo por el ambiente y por su salud caminando con un amigo(a) en vez de manejar. Tal vez por aquellos que tienen que manejar, ¿por qué no estacionar a una distancia de dos cuadras y caminar hasta la escuela? Para los estudiantes que vienen en bus es bueno decirles que están haciendo algo bien por el ambiente.

WAY2GO

Día de caminar o venir en bicicleta – Octubre 6

Por Penny Ellson – Representante de PTA, Seguridad de Tráfico

La fecha anual del evento de la PTA : Venga caminando o en bicicleta a la escuela, es el día jueves 6 de Octubre. En este día promovemos el uso de una alternativa más en el transporte.



Durante este evento, dedique su tiempo a caminar y manejar su bicicleta en compañía de su hijo/hija. Experimente el placer de compartir juntos una mañana vía a la escuela. Los niños que hacen ejercicio y comparten más tiempo con sus padres tienen más éxito en la escuela. ¡Qué manera más linda de empezar y disfrutar el día!

Recuerde que una de las ventajas de caminar o montar en bicicleta a la escuela, es la oportunidad de enseñar a practicar con sus hijos la seguridad que deben tener en las calles. Esto les ayuda a ser más confidentes y en el futuro cuando sean adolescentes y personas mayores sean responsables al manejar un vehículo, ya que podrán apreciar mejor los peligros para los peatones y ciclistas en las calles.



Cena Con Espaguetti

Domingo, Octubre 9, de 5:00 a 7:00 P.M.

Venga y cene con nosotros esta noche especial con una comida de espaguetti del Olive Garden, Fish Market y el Il Fornaio!

Si desea ser voluntario en este evento, favor firmar las listas que aparecen afuera de cada salón de clase. Su ayuda es muy apreciada.

Ana-Maria Dias y Stephanie Yoshikawa

