

櫻桃木小学

# Cherrywood Elementary School

Learning for a Lifetime

A Glenn Hoffman Award School

A California Distinguished School

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Cherrywood Parents and Students,  
Holiday cheer has filled our classrooms and playground over the past couple of weeks. I want to thank our parent volunteers for all the time they spent decorating our MPR during the holidays with festive grade level trees, a kindergarten gingerbread house, paper snowflakes, snowmen, balloon art and lights. It added so much cheer to our learning spaces.

Also, it was great to see so many parents at our HSC Holiday Parent Volunteer tea last week. There was lots of yummy food, games, crafts for kids, and time to just celebrate the season with one another. We definitely had a lot to celebrate as the first trimester was quite a busy one for Cherrywood overall. Our vibrant learning community continues to grow as more and more parents have gotten involved. I want to encourage more parents to get involved in our upcoming schoolwide events. We have a lot planned for our next trimester and none of these activities would be possible without parent help.

During the Winter Break, I encourage you to spend time reading with your child and going outside to explore the Berryessa community that we are all a part of. Whether it be a visit to a local park, a visit to the library, trying new food at a new restaurant, or taking a hike on a local trail, there's so much for students to learn about in the heart of Silicon Valley that we are all so fortunate to live in. I can't wait to hear the stories from students about the learning that went on during Winter Break this year when we get back from Winter Break on Monday, January 8th.

Wishing All Cherrywood Families a Joyous Holiday Season, Mrs. Choy

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**12/22 - 1/5**

No School - Winter Break

**1/12**

Spirit Assembly

**1/17**

Band Concert @ 6 pm

**1/18**

Principal's Coffee @ 8:30 am

**1/22 - 1/26**

5th Grade Science Camp

**1/23**

3rd Grade Field Trip Tech Museum

## HOME AND SCHOOL CLUB NEWS

Happy holidays! Thank you for an amazing year. We could not have done it without you sharing your precious time in the classroom, events, programming and much more!

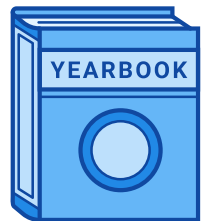
Relax and recharge, see you next year!

### Join a Committee!

We are planning Black History Month with activities that celebrate the rich history of African Americans and Lunar New Years to welcome in the Year of the Dragon!

**FLAG SALUTERS**

Narayan A.



Yearbook 2023-2024 Pre-order

Preorder your yearbook by 12/31 before prices go up in 2024!

\$25 for softcopy and \$35 for hardcopy.

Yearbook 2023-2024 Cover Contest

Calling all artist - get your creative juices flowing and help Cherrywood design the front and back cover of our yearbook. Artwork due January 12, 2024.

*Happy Holidays*

## COME TO SCHOOL ON TIME DAILY!

"Chronic lateness eventually takes its toll on a child's overall educational experience. According to the national initiative Attendance Works, missing just 10 percent of the school year in the early grades causes many students to struggle in elementary school, and lateness in later grades is associated with increased failure and dropout rates." (Effects of Tardiness on Your Child's Education by Rachel Pancare, StudioD) What does this all mean? The Cherrywood staff wants our students to come to school **ON TIME EVERY DAY** ready to learn, succeed and achieve. We need your help in getting your child here on time. Parents with students with excessive tardies will be notified. If your child is sick and unable to attend school, please make sure to call the school Office (408) 923-1915. When parents don't call, students will be marked unexcused. Too many unexcused absences and tardies will result in a truancy note. Let's reduce the number of **UNEXCUSED** absences and tardies. Also, students are rewarded with music on the playground when there are 0 tardies for the day. Let's make this the goal for the new trimester. So far, we have not had a tardy free day yet.



## QUICK LINKS

- [Enrollment Online Portal](#)
- [Student Nutrition Services](#)
- [When to keep ill students home](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidelines](#)
- [BUSD Is Hiring!](#)
- [Cherrywood HSC](#)
- [Right At School](#)

If you need additional assistance to understand a document that was sent home, please call the District Office.

(408) 923-1901 (Chinese)

(408) 923-1902 (Spanish)

(408) 923-1903 (Vietnamese)

\*A translator will contact you to help you understand the document.

## LOST & FOUND

Please Check Often and Take What is Yours.



**DROP-OFF TIP MOVE FORWARD**

There is ample room in drop-off zone -- **pull forward, park, and let your student hop out safely.** Blocking traffic will not earn you any medals.