



**CHERRYWOOD**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Cherrywood Elementary School

Learning for a Lifetime  
A California Distinguished School

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March 5, 2021



Happy St. Patrick's Day!  
March Vol. 1

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## CURRENT CHARGER EVENTS

3/5/21

**SPIRIT DAY/SPIRIT ASSEMBLY**  
**- BRING A BOOK DAY -**

3/10/21

**MIPAC meeting @5:00PM**  
Meeting ID: 816 3739 9521  
Passcode: MIPAC20

3/11/21

**CHERRYWOOD**  
**READ-A-THON**

3/12-19/21

**SPRING PARENT-TEACHER**  
**CONFERENCES**  
Distance Learning  
Minimum Day Schedule

3/17/21

**Principal's Coffee @4:30PM**  
Meeting ID: 813 0954 7643  
Passcode: COFFEE20

3/23/21

**HSC/SSC Meeting @5:00PM**  
Meeting ID: 873 8430 7873  
Passcode: HSC/SSC20

3/24/21

**DEADLINE FOR FILING**  
**"INTENT TO RETURN TO**  
**CHERRYWOOD" Form**

## ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN!

Please complete your enrollment via the online BUSD enrollment portal. Visit our district website to get more information about the [enrollment process](#) and requirements. Please read the [2021-2022 Enrollment Information Page](#) and the [Parent Check-off List](#) prior to starting the enrollment application. In addition, the [Mandarin Dual Immersion Program Application](#) for the 2021-2022 school year is available for new families who are interested in joining the program. The application must be submitted to the Education Services Department by **March 24th**. If you need assistance, please contact Christy Boyd at [cboyd@busd.net](mailto:cboyd@busd.net).



Click [HERE](#) to visit Ms. Chu's Library Activities Site

Bring a Book Day Posters by Student Council



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Cherrywood Parents and Students,



I am so proud to announce that we are one of five innovative, educational programs in the Santa Clara County who have been awarded the **Glenn Hoffmann Award** by the Santa Clara County Office of Education for this year!! Congratulations to our school community, students, and staff!! It has been earned through the hard work and dedication of all. I am so proud of the integrated Mandarin Immersion program

that we have built together where our entire school community benefits from the program in multiple ways. I am looking forward to continuing to grow our Mandarin Immersion program in the years to come.

In order to get an accurate enrollment count for the 2021-2022 school year, we need to know if your child will be returning to Cherrywood School in the Fall of 2021. Please complete the **"INTENT TO RETURN TO CHERRYWOOD"** form by **Wednesday, March 24TH**, so we can ensure your child is placed in a class for the 2021-22 school year.

Our **Lunar New Year Celebration** on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> was a HUGE success! Students had the opportunity to learn more about the traditions and culture that are part of the Lunar New Year celebration through informational videos and student created videos. Again, a BIG thank you goes to Sunny Liu, MIPAC Chairperson, and **MIPAC parents** for sponsoring the event. Please share your pictures with us at <https://www.facebook.com/CherrywoodHSC/>



Partners in Learning,  
Mrs. Choy

## OUR FIRST CHERRYWOOD READ-A-THON IS ON MARCH 11.

*Memo from HSC President, Ann Chu*

Hello Parents/Guardians,  
We are excited to kick off our Read-A-Thon! Your student received a complimentary book from us at the last pick up which they can choose to read at the Read-A-Thon.

### How will the event be hosted?

Students will be reading in class with their teacher on Thursday, 3/11. This will not require any reading time outside of school hours.

### How can you help?

Set up your student(s) **Read-A-Thon pledge page**. Once ready, email/text/call family and friends asking them to pledge for *each minute read* or a *one-time donation*. Visit [Cherrywood Read-A-Thon](#) page to set up your pledge page. Check out our tutorial video and other related questions on [our website](#).

**What will this fund?** Money raised will go towards purchasing a new iPad cart for our new FIS space, update of appliances in our Kid's kitchen in the MPR, and subscriptions that have assisted the teachers and students during distance learning and more.



We are finalizing prizes and incentives for students individually and collectively as a school - stay tuned. Thank you for your support to continue to provide our students with the best educational opportunities!



## Sora/Overdrive App is LIVE!

We are happy to share that **Berryessa Union School District students NOW can have access to 3 different libraries of books**. This means there are **A LOT** of books to read!! Students have access to Berryessa Union School District, San Jose Public Library, and Santa Clara County Library. **No library card is required**. This is linked to all students' Clever accounts.

### What is Sora by Overdrive?

It's the kid-friendly e-reader app with access to books through our local public libraries.



### How to access it?

Students will login to Clever and click on the Sora by Overdrive app. The first time you login, it will ask which library to connect you to. Choose 'Berryessa Union School District.' Once you are logged in you can add additional libraries that our students' accounts are connected to. They are 'San Jose Public Library' and 'Santa Clara County Library.'

[Click Here for a step by step video to help students access from Clever for the first time.](#)

### How to check out a book?

Once you have found a book you are interested in, click on it and if it's available you will see a BORROW button under the book. If it's currently not available it will say 'Place a hold' and there is an estimation of when you will be able to borrow it.

**HAPPY READING!**

## NO COST COVID TESTING - Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month

As we continue to scale our safety measures, we are pleased to announce our new partnership with Bay Area Community Health. **Beginning March 3, 2021**, we will be offering free, drive-up Covid-19 testing to staff, students and parents.

**Sierramont Middle School**  
3155 Kimlee Drive, San Jose, CA 95132.

Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**No appointment will be necessary.**

More information: [in English](#) [en español](#) [中文](#) [Tiếng Việt](#)

## K-8 VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR, Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Santa Clara County Office of Education is proud to host our **K-8 Virtual Career Fair, Thursday, March 11th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** Our theme is Connecting Passions to Careers and the event will feature guest speakers from many different careers, encouraging our students to dream big, follow their passions, and explore the amazing career opportunities ahead as a component of the Silicon Valley Reads community engagement initiative.

More information [in English](#) [en español](#)



Thursday, March 11, 2021 • 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

## DISTRICT HOTLINE

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.