



Cherrywood Elementary School

Learning for a Lifetime

A California Distinguished School

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CURRENT CHARGER EVENTS

11/22-26

THANKSGIVING BREAK

– NO SCHOOL –

11/30

HSC MEETING @ 5 PM

Meeting ID: 873 8430 7873

Passcode: HSC/SSC21

12/3

SPIRIT DAY-MULTICULTURAL DAY

12/8

MIPAC@5 PM

Meeting ID: 816 3739 9521

Passcode: MIPAC21

12/14

HSC BOARD MEETING @ 5 PM

Meeting ID: 873 8430 7873

Passcode: HSC/SSC21

12/16

PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE @ 8:30 AM

Meeting ID: 813 0954 7643

Passcode: COFFEE21

12/17

MINIMUM DAY

Dismissal at 1:00pm

VIRTUAL HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG

@ 6:30 PM

12/20-31

WINTER BREAK

– NO SCHOOL –

FLAG SALUTE

YAN XI H. & ELIJAH C.

We Are Reader WINNERS

Ellie L., Vincent H.,

Evangeline H., Emma L., Lyla H.,

Teresa T., Isabelle M., Elliot L.,

Aditri M., Richard K., Grace Z.,

Amy D., Aimee H., Yanfan W.,

Sahanashree K., Frank C.,

Aiden M., Ezekiel E.,

Matthew P., Murphy L.

BEAR HUGS WINNERS

Raymond W., Arthur K., Julia Z.,

Elsa W., Anthony G., Matthis F.,

Ethan R., Aurora G., Ava H.,

Olivia H., Benjamin Y., Eric O.,

Zoey L., Renee C., Ryland B.,

Shanzay S., Matai A.,

Caden M., Asher C., Levi F.,

Ekaterina L., Bryan L., Joseph A.,

Zoey L., Skylar T., Yanchen L.,

Lyla N., Daniel Y., Miriam K.,

Mia R., Anne A., Aditri M.,

Alyssa L., Ethan W., Diya C. B.,

Lauren D., Arianna E., Harshini

P., Theodore M., Maia M.,

Vedant D., Abby T., Aiden H.,

Angel H., Timothy X., Elayna C.,

Christopher B., Lily O., Elvin L.,

Noah Le, Tahmina R., Aiden C.,

Amber L., Allen X., Luke A.,

Kolby O., Nicole N.,

Evan J., Katelyn C.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Cherrywood Parents and Students,

Every year, I reflect upon the things that I am thankful for during this holiday season. One of the things that stands out in my mind for our school is that I am so thankful for the Cherrywood community. I appreciate the caring community that we have fostered that includes staff, students, families and the broader community. It's this community that makes Cherrywood a great place to learn. I appreciate how everyone has given so much to our learning environment through donations of time, supplies, or direct donations. Your spirit of giving is what makes Cherrywood unique.

Also, another value that makes Cherrywood a great place to learn is the way we appreciate the diversity of our students. Over 37% of our students are English Language learners and 97% of our students are part of different ethnic groups. Last Wednesday, we celebrated **Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day** by learning about the impact she had on our school experience on November, 14, 1960. Through a AAA grant and donations, students were given purple bilingual t-shirts to wear as we walked and thought about Ruby going to school for the very first time. It was a schoolwide event that was filled with excitement and hope that our school would continue to be a place where all students could thrive no matter what ethnic background they come from.

As we celebrate **Thanksgiving Break next week from November 22--26**, I hope you all have a moment to thank someone around you for the difference they make in your life.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends!

With Gratitude, Mrs. Choy



HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG



On **Friday, December 17th**, we will celebrate the holiday season at our annual Cherrywood Holiday Sing-A-Long virtually with our classes during the school day and with families at 6:30 PM. We hope you can join us for our evening performance where all class performances will be streamed to you through a webinar. The link will be sent out to parents in December.

BUSD COVID-19 VACCINATION DRIVE

1st DOSES

Saturday, November 20, 2021 - Morrill Middle School (BYC)

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM <http://www.mhealthsystem.com/MorrillMiddle>

2nd DOSES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 - Brooktree Elementary

2:30 PM - 5:30 PM <http://www.mhealthsystem.com/Brooktree>

Thursday, December 9, 2021 - Piedmont Middle School

2:30 PM - 5:30 PM <http://www.mhealthsystem.com/PiedmontMiddle>

Saturday, December 11, 2021 - Morrill Middle School (BYC)

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM <http://www.mhealthsystem.com/MorrillMiddle>



MINDFUL WALKING



What is being mindful? You start becoming aware of what you are thinking of and focusing on. It sounds strange because your thoughts happen naturally, and now you

might have to sit and think about your thoughts. There are many ways to practice being mindful, and it is different for each person. Mindfulness can be a great way to relax, not stress, and clear your mind. Being busy is a part of life, so take the time to slow down and experience what's going on around you. A great activity to practice mindfulness is walking! It is as simple as that – where you get to exercise, get fresh air, and do it whenever it works for you. On your walk, take a look at your surroundings like the trees or colorful plants or take a deep breath for some fresh air. Try to focus on what is around you at the moment and not think about other things. That way you get to live in the moment around you!

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL PARENTS VOTE FOR SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL REPS!

We are sending out a ballot through email for Cherrywood parents to vote in the parent representatives for the Cherrywood School Site Council for the 2020-2022 school years. The Cherrywood School Site Council is a group made of both community and staff members who work together to provide guidance for programming at Cherrywood. Members discuss a variety of issues that ultimately affect the entire school/community. The deadline to vote is Wednesday, December 1. Click Here for the [BALLOT](#).



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.

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.