

Cherrywood Elementary School

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Cherrywood Parents and Students,

October has been a month of celebration, schoolwide events, and coming together as a community. It's been great to see so many of you in person. Last week, we celebrated Fall with our schoolwide Trunk R Treat event , which was the most well attended Trunk R Treat that we have ever hosted. The creativity displayed by our Cherrywood families was impressive!

This week, we were able to celebrate Diwali as an entire Cherrywood community for the first time. There were rangolis drawn around campus for students to color in, festive clothing, a Diwali photo wall, book readings, as well as art and craft projects for each grade level, and more. Thank you to Divya Krishnan, mother of a K and a 3rd grade student, for heading up these festivities.

We were also able to celebrate Red Ribbon Week and focus on making healthy, drug free choices for ourselves this week. Students participated in daily spirit days with enthusiasm and excitement. They will be displaying their Red Ribbon Week class poster at our Halloween Parade on Monday, 10/31, at 10:30 AM on the blacktop. If you are planning on attending the parade, please make sure you sign in at the black gates by portable 19.

Finally, we also held our Great Shake Out Drill on 10/20 in conjunction with the statewide Earthquake Drill. It was great practice and preparation for this past week's real earthquake during our lunch time. We all safely evacuated to our designated safe spots on the black top. It was great to see how all the practice that we do around earthquake, fire, and lockdown drills paid off. We will continue to evaluate our evacuation procedures. Also, please remember to send an emergency packet to school with your child. Your teacher has sent more information about it to you. These packets are what we depend on to meet the needs of your student during a real emergency.

Looking forward to celebrating more on Monday, 10/31, at our first Halloween Parade in quite awhile.

Partners in Learning, Mrs. Choy

THANK YOU TRUNKERS!

Cherrywood is very grateful to all of you for helping to make this year's Trunk or Treat event a huge success! We are so impressed by the incredible turnout, amazing



decorations, costumes, activites, and generous treats. Congratulations to Rushan Zhang's family for winning Best Activity with their Lightning McQueen theme and Victoria Paz's family for the Best Dressed Trunk with the Addams Family theme. We are excited to see what everyone comes up with next year!

EMERGENCY PACKETS

Because of the possibility of an emergency or a natural disaster during the school day, emergency preparedness is a focus for the students, staff and community. Our preparations include having emergency supplies on hand. Each student will need to have adequate nourishment until released from school. Please provide an emergency food pack for your child. Click HERE for a list of suggested food items and additional instructions. The packet will be returned to your child at the end of the school year.



FALL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences are just around the corner as they start Wednesday, November 9TH – Friday, November 18TH. During the Parent-Teacher Conference period, school will be on a MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE. This means Kindergarten-3rd graders will be dismissed at 1 PM and Fourth-Fifth graders will be dismissed at 1:05 PM. Please make sure you have scheduled a conference time with your student's teacher on Bloomz. This



year we would like all parents to meet in person with their child's Parent-Teacher teachers. Our schoolwide goal is that 100% of our parents will meet with their child's teacher. Let's meet our goal and let's be lifelong learners side by side with our students!

Tina Tong Choy, Principal tchoy@busd.net

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School website: cherrywood.berryessa.k12.ca.us

CURRENT CHARGER EVENTS:

10/31/22 HALLOWEEN PARADE @10:30AM **ON THE BLACKTOP**

> 11/4/22 **SPIRIT ASSEMBLY**

11/5/22 Vaccination Clinic @ Piedmont Middle School

11/9/22 **MIPAC MEETING @5PM** Meeting ID: 883 0680 8139 Passcode: MIPAC23

11/9-18/22 **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES MINIMUM DAYS**

11/10/22 **STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

11/11/22 VETERANS DAY – NO SCHOOL

11/11/22 SSC MEETING @5PM Meeting ID: 847 6478 5823 Passcode: SSCHSC23

11/17/22 **PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE** Meeting ID: 813 0954 7643

Passcode: COFFEE22 11/21-25/22 **THANKSGIVING BREAK**

- NO SCHOOL 11/29/22 **HSC MEETING @6PM**

Meeting ID: 847 6478 5823 Passcode: SSCHSC23

FLAG SALUTERS:

Tyson J., Yuxuan (Murphy) L.

FREE COVID-19 HOME TEST KITS Pick up at the front office and upload your results to My Primary Health:



COMMUNITY COVID-19 TESTING BUSD is excited to be partnering with Campus Clinic to provide COVID-19 testing for our community at our District Office, Mondays-

Fridays from 7:00 am - 4:00 pm. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information.

OTHER RESOURCES FOR YOU:

- <u>Halloween Booktacular Giveaway</u>
- SJSU Spartan Football Game Nov. 26th
- Updates from Student Nutrition Services
- FREE San Jose Public Library Hotspots During the School Year

QUICK LINKS:

Cherrywood HSC

When to keep ill students home **COVID-19 Guidelines** 2022-2023 School Year Calendar 2022-2023 Bell Schedule Common Dress Policy

Volunteer Application Form

Cherrywood Library

Classroom Wish Lists

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.

MATH KANGOROO COMPETITION

Cherrywood Elementary will be registered as a school site this year! Please complete a Math Kangaroo Interest Survey as we form our parent-led Math Kangaroo Committee to help our kids prepare and excel in this Math competition! This Math competition is open to all Cherrywood students.

MESSAGE FROM HOME & SCHOOL CLUB

Thank you Cherrywood families! Because of your generous support for our programs, HSC was able to purchase a bulk supply of copy paper for all teachers and staff. The cartons of paper were delivered by parent volunteers to each classroom on October 27 and teachers were so excited and thankful! We look forward to supporting more programs and resources like this and are still in need of many volunteers to help in many ways: traffic patrol, updating website, room parent coordination, organizing school wide events etc. Please fill out a volunteer interest survey form and consider how you can be part of our thriving community! Don't forget to check out our website to find out more about what HSC does!

DINING FOR DOLLAR - RUBIO'S FUNDRAISER - NOV. 17TH

HSC is hosting our 3rd Dine Together Fundraiser! Join us for a good cause with a side of tacos! Thursday, November 17 at Rubio's 1078 E. Brokaw Road, San Jose between 2-8PM. Order online and enter the coupon code "DONATE" or bring the flyer in store and scan the <u>QR code</u>. 30% of proceeds will go towards ru **DIOS** COASTAL GRILL subsidizing field trips.

LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost & Found rack is overflowing! There are numerous jackets, sweaters, water bottles, lunch boxes, etc. that have been accumulating. Please remind LOST & FOUND your child(ren) to go through the rack in search of missing items. The rack will be at the front of the school by the front gate every Friday. Write your child's name on all their belongings. Any leftover items will be donated at the end of the year.