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## CURRENT CHARGER

### EVENTS:

10/1/17

#### **YSI WILDLIFE FESTIVAL**

**@ 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**@ Alum Rock Park**

10/3/17

#### **HOME & SCHOOL CLUB**

**MEETING @ 4:45 PM**

**@ Office**

10/4/17

#### **INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY**

10/4/17 & 10/11/17

#### **TENNIS ROOTS CLASSES**

**@ 2:45 pm @ Blacktop**

10/5/17 & 10/12/17

#### **CHESS CLUB**

**@ 1:05 pm**

**@ Cafeteria**

10/6/17

#### **SPIRIT ASSEMBLY**

**@ 11:05 am**

**@ Multipurpose Room**

10/6/17 & 10/13/17

#### **TENNIS ROOTS CLASSES**

**@ 2:45 pm @ Blacktop**

10/14/17

#### **FAMILY LEARNING**

**TOGETHER**

**@ 8:30 AM-3:00 PM @ SCCOE**

### FLAG SALUTE LEADER

**S. DHILLON, GR 5**

**F. CHHUM-DAQUINA, GR 3**

### BEAR HUG WINNERS

9-28-17

H. He, B. Sessions, J. Tumakay,

S. Reich, U. Dasalla, H. Pascale,

O. Villanueva

# Cherrywood Elementary School

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## September 29, 2017

Dear Cherrywood Parents and Students,

We are so excited about some new activities and programs that are coming to Cherrywood this year. Most recently, we have kicked off our new **We ARe Readers** program. This is a blend of the established We Love Reading program and the newly implemented Accelerated Reader (AR) program. As we blend the two programs, we are encouraging students to take computer based quizzes to check their understanding of what they have read, to read more, and, most importantly, to develop a lifelong love for reading. Soon, you will be able to access your students AR Reading Accounts and see their reading progress. An AR parent note will be sent home soon with your child's username and password as well as directions on how to log into your child's AR account. Students still will only be able to take their AR quizzes at school.

Parents, your job is to get your student to **READ, READ, READ**. However, it's not only important that students are putting in 20 or more minutes a day reading, but also that they are understanding what they are reading. This is where AR gives students immediate feedback. After they have taken a quiz, they get a score. If they score 85% or better on an AR quiz, we know that they are comprehending what they have read. Another part of the AR program is that students will earn points for AR quizzes that they have passed. They will then receive prizes for AR milestones that they achieve that are grade level specific. From the feedback that I have received, AR has been a great quick check in for students, teachers, and parents to see that students are understanding what they have read. We are looking forward to seeing our students grow as readers this year with our new **We ARe Readers** program.

One more reminder. . .we are wrapping up our Home and School Club Membership Contest. **Please make sure you have joined our Home and School Club for just \$10 for the year by Monday, October 2nd.** Thanks to those families who have joined already. Your donation gives you a voice in how our Home and School Club budget is allocated and provides funding so we can continue to enjoy fun family activities at our school such as Family Picnics, Movie Nights, Craft Nights, Reading Nights, etc. Our next upcoming Home and School Club event will be our **Harvest Pumpkin Decorating/Movie Night on Friday, October 20th at 6:30 PM.** Save the date!

Partners in Education,  
Tina Tong Choy, Principal



### **INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY**

International Walk to School Day is this coming **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**. Let's all walk to school even if it means just parking at least a block away, dropping your child off a block away from school, or dropping your child off at a walking school bus stop. Our first walking school bus will be operating from Cataldi Park. Meet our walking school bus school volunteers at 7:45 AM. They will have vests on to identify themselves. Our goal is that 100% of our students will walk to school that day. In addition, our new Superintendent, Dr. Roxanne Fuentes who will be walking with our students from the Sierrabrook complex at 7:45 AM. Come join the fun!!

International Walk to School Day is an annual event that promotes:

- Increasing physical activity for parents and children
- Improving our local community by making it safer to walk and ride a bike
- Reduction of traffic congestion, harmful pollutants and speeding near schools
- Sharing time with other parents and children while creating a sense of community with neighbors

**Join in the fun with other Cherrywood families, the City of San Jose, and families around the world as we walk to school on October 4th!**

### **FAMILY LEARNING TOGETHER**

Please plan to attend the Literacy Focus event on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The event will be held at the Santa Clara County Office of Education (1290 Ridder Park Dr. near Brokaw & Old Oakland Rd.) for families with Kinders – Grade 12 students. There will be FREE parent led workshops on literacy, reading, writing, listening, speaking and language. In addition, there will be games, food and fun! Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/literacyenglish>

### **32nd ANNUAL WILDLIFE FESTIVAL**

YSI is proud to present its 32nd Annual Wildlife Festival. Meet and touch live animals, make crafts, play games, watch animal presentations on stage, and discover other local organizations that relate to the natural world around us. This event is appropriate for people of all ages.

**Event Location:** YSI Alum Rock Park

[16260 Penitencia Creek Road, San Jose, CA 95127](http://16260.PenitenciaCreekRoad.SanJose.CA.95127)

**Date:** October 1, 2017

**Time:** 11:00am - 4:00pm

**Cost:** FREE with Park Admission – Donations Appreciated





### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Interested in an easy way to help out our school? It's as simple as clipping the Box Top Coupons from participating packages and bringing them to the Office or your child's teacher. Our coordinator, Jeevana Brungi, will do the rest. Box Top Coupons can be found on the packaging of many common household items from cereals to storage bags. For a complete list of products, please visit [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com).

### CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS

To avoid classroom interruptions, please help your child remember their musical instrument, lunch, homework, afterschool ride arrangements, etc. **before school**. This helps the Office minimize classroom interruptions to important and emergency situations only. Thank you for your cooperation. **If you do need to bring your child something, please bring the item to the Office and the student may pick it up during recess or lunch.**

### FORGOTTEN HOMEWORK

Students who forget their homework will not be allowed to pick up their homework after school unless their teacher is present in the classroom. Our Office closes at 4 PM. Unfortunately, our Office and custodial staff are not available to open classrooms up after school. It's a student's responsibility to make sure he/she has his/her homework before they leave his/her classroom.

### CHERRYWOOD HEALTHY SNACKS



In an effort to stay in accordance with our Board Policy on Nutrition and Health, we are implementing the following policy with regards to student's daily snacks and class celebrations.

**Celebrations:** Please check with your teacher for classroom specifics. You **MUST inform** the classroom teacher at least one week in advance. Consult with your child's teacher as to what healthy food items would be appropriate and follow district guidelines (i.e. Go-gurt, popcorn, etc.) Sugar treats (i.e. popsicles, cupcakes, cookies, candy, etc) do not meet district nutritional guidelines. In an effort to ensure safety at Cherrywood School, all treats that are brought in by parents for their child's parties (birthday, holidays, etc.) need to be store bought. In the case of a student allergy or question of whether a child can eat something, we will then have the ingredients on the package. Be sure to bring treats and food items to the Office.

**It is best to bring non-food items such as pencils, bubbles, stickers, etc. to celebrate your child's birthday. We want to be fit for learning!**

#### **Suggested Snacks for Recess (10:45 – 11:00):**

Baby Carrots, Cherry Tomatoes, Dried Cranberries, Yogurt or Go-gurt, String Cheese, Popcorn Triscuits, Pretzels, Goldfish Crackers, Granola Bars, Apple Juice, Rice Cakes, Bottled Water, etc.

### PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering in your child's class or at the school is a great way to show your child how much you value their education. If you would like to help, a current Tuberculosis test is required BEFORE you can work in the classroom or go on field trips. It is good for 4 years. Please bring your immunization card to the Office. We will keep a copy on file. In addition, an annual district volunteer form for ALL volunteers will need to be completed PRIOR to volunteering. It is available in the Office. Thanks for your help, in advance!



### CHERRYWOOD HOME & SCHOOL

One of the best and most enjoyable ways to make sure that your child is successful and happy at school is to become involved in school activities. Cherrywood's Home and School Club sponsors many student programs and activities, and helps to raise funds that enhance your child's total learning experience here at Cherrywood. The HSC Officers, Principal, and Staff Representatives meet monthly to plan the various activities. **Our first Home & School Planning Meeting is October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:45 PM in the Office.** ALL parents are invited to attend the monthly meetings and get involved in planning activities and supporting Cherrywood in any way that best fits your schedule. Be sure to check our website for information about activities and calendars at <http://cherrywoodhsc.weebly.com>. Parents, if you would like to support your school in a monetary way, please check out the Home & School Club website funding page at <http://cherrywoodhsc.weebly/fundraising.html> to make a donation and <http://cherrywoodhsc.weebly/membership.html> to join the Home & School Club.

### TRANSLATION ASSISTANCE

Please call the district hotline: 1-408-923-1901 (Chinese) 1-408-923-1902 (Spanish) 1-408-923-1903 (Vietnamese)

An office assistant will contact you to deliver the translation of the document.

請利用校區熱線電話1-408-923-1901 會有人與您聯繫,為您翻譯資料上的重要內容

Por favor llame al teléfono de asistencia al 1-408-923-1902 y alguien se pondrá en contacto para darle la información esencial del documento.

Xin gọi số hotline của khu học tại 1-408-923-1903 và sẽ có người giúp quý vị để hiểu những điều cốt yếu của văn kiện..