



Jan/Feb 2012

Cauley's Communiqués

~ Principal Nancy Cauley, Ed.S.

Well, it looks like we have been able to scoot through the first month of the New Year with relative ease! We've finally enjoyed a couple of snow storms and perhaps we will get more snow in the forecasts soon.

We have some lively school events coming up that should keep all of us on our toes.



TIME FOR SCIENCE

After the Science Fair kickoff assembly on Jan. 31st at 2:00pm, students will begin their projects using the Scientific Method. Teachers have handed out to each student their own packet about the Scientific Method. The handout is black and gold and explains everything students need to know about following this time-tested method of research and experimentation. If your child did not get a copy, you can find it on our school's website www.dcsd.k12.nv.us/zces.

Every student in the 4th-6th grades is expected to perform a science experiment. Project standards and judging will be far more rigorous this year than in the past, so be sure your student understands what's required! Projects must follow guidelines and include all the steps to avoid being disqualified.

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ZCES has already been registered for the Regional Science Fair thanks to Millie Oleson. Miss Wendell, our second grade teacher, is co-coordinating the Science Fair with Ms. Oleson this year.

OMSI RETURNS!

During the week of March 5-8th, 2012, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) will be on campus with daily, hands-on lessons for all grades.

OMSI staff will also host an after-school Science Club for 3rd-6th grade students who are interested. Look for a permission letter closer to the end of February.

GET IN THE ACT IS BACK!

Ms. Diane Handzel returns this trimester with the "Get in the Act! Arts in Action!" science residencies. This innovative program

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SCIENCE PROJECTS & INVENTIONS INFORMATION YOU NEED!

~ Miss Wendell, 2nd Grade Teacher

We are very excited about the ZCES Science Fair this year and invite all our parents to attend and celebrate the wide variety of student projects that will be on display. We've posted information on the school web site, so you may browse any information that will be helpful to you. I encourage you to take a look.

First, second and third place medals will be awarded for each grade level. From those candidates we will select the top 13 projects based on

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**Focus
on Science**

See you at . . .

THE SCIENCE FAIR

TUES, 6 MAR 2012

5:00-7:00 PM

THE TALENT SHOW

24 FEB. 2012

5:00 -7:00 PM

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



From Mrs. A.

~ Jenay Aiksnoras, School Counselor

Student Council



December

Our tree for **The Festival of Trees and Lights** was a hit. Due to our use of marshmallows, however, the fireman called our tree a hazard, so we had the only truly "green" tree at the event!

The Giving Tree was also highly successful this year. Over thirty students received gifts from many generous families within our school community. Thank you to everyone who participated in this very important event.

We raised \$175.00 for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital during our spirit days. Thank you to 5th Grader **Kristen Oleson** for the idea.

Our **Candy Cane sales** were also a gigantic success. Over 900 canes were distributed throughout our school to students and staff!



January

Isabella Cibulsky, 5th Grade, offered a hand this month to support a fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Northern Nevada. Thank you Isabella!

Valentine's Day Cards will be distributed on Feb. 14th (of course!) along with a box of holiday NERDS.

Door Decorating Contest: January 23rd-27th, classrooms are invited to decorate their doors with the theme "Winter at the Beach." The winning classroom will receive a hot cocoa party.



February

Write a School Song Contest!

During the 1st through the 10th, we will be holding a contest to create a school song. Write about what ZCES is all about and put it to a tune. The top 10 songs will be posted for a vote by the entire school. The winner will be honored as "Principal for a Day."



Talent Show!

We're planning to hold a talent show on Friday, February 24th, 5:00 pm. Parent volunteers are needed! Without sufficient parent support, we won't be able to have a show, so please step up!

Sign-ups ended on Jan 27th. Auditions will be held after school Tues, Wed, & Thurs Jan 31 and Feb. 1st & 2nd, 3-4:00 pm.

Counselor Comments

From "able" to "dis"abled all students should be treated as equals. It's important as parents and teachers that we recognize what our children are able to do rather than drawing attention to what they find challenging. Over the years I have spent much time working with children who have abilities that range from highly limited to incredibly skilled. I have worked with 23 year-old students who could not feed themselves and 8 year-olds who could read Shakespeare and act it out for you. Each child is an individual who deserves to be recognized for their "can do's."

Take the time to honor the strengths in your child. Notice them when they progress beyond their limitations and encourage them to grow. If your child or student does have a disability or limitation, take the time to think outside of the box and help him or her overcome that challenge. Help your child develop an internal feeling of success. As a community, if we bring attention to one another's strengths, we may find that we all feel more powerful.

Contact Mrs. A at 588-4574 or jaiksnoras@dcsd.k12.nv.us. She's here Tues, Wed & Thurs.

"... most important meal of the day..."

Breakfast on Trial

Starts Monday, Feb. 13

The School Nutrition Program (SNP) has agreed to bring breakfast back to ZCES for a two-month trial. Breakfast can only continue if it's able to break even financially (The SNP is not funded with District funds and therefore must be financially self-supporting.)



Breakfast starts at 8:25 am, and students need to arrive with enough time to finish their meals and get to class at the 8:45 am bell. No dawdling allowed!

February's menu (attached) includes breakfast offerings and prices.

School Lunch Survey

Visit the school website and take the survey to give your opinion on our school lunches. The data will be collected and shared with school and district staff.



Yearbook Photos Wanted

The Second Annual Yearbook is in progress and we're looking for photos of our students from this school year. Send in pictures of your child(ren) and their friends living it up at school and around town. All photos can be emailed to Mrs. A. at jaiksnoras@dcsd.k12.nv.us.

Cubby Capers



Remember that dusting of snow we got back in November? It sent Cubby toward hibernation



. . . but, he emerged to ham it up with some students on Multi-Cultural Day.



Kids are excited, excited, excited! about the Talent Show.

It can happen if we have enough parent volunteers!

Call or email Mrs. A to sign-up: 588-4574; jaiksnoras@dcsd.k12.nv.us

Thank you!

Reminder!



Students are not allowed to use cell phones or other electronic devices at school at any time.

- ◇ 1st infraction: Confiscated and student may pick up in office at day's end
- ◇ 2nd: Confiscated & parent must pick up in office
- ◇ 3rd: Confiscated & returned at end of school year

Parent-Teacher Club

MEETINGS / EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING

1st Tues. of the month @ 5:00 pm
ZCES Library

- Feb. 7th • Mar. 6th • Apr. 10th

SPANISH CONNECTION MEETINGS

3rd Tues of the month @ 6:00 pm
Kahle Community Center

- Feb. 21st • Mar. 20th • Apr. 17th

READING CONNECTION CLUB

4th Mon of the month @ 3:15-4:20 pm
ZCES Library
for students & parents

- Feb. 27th • Mar. 26th • Apr. 30th

All parents are welcome!

Parent Portal

Did you know you can access your child's school information online?

From the District website,

www.dcsd.k12.nv.us:

- ◇ click on "Parents" tab . . .
- ◇ click on "PowerSchool Parent Portal"
- ◇ enter user name and password.

If you don't know or have misplaced your parent log in information, please call the office at (775) 588-4574.



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"combines energizing theater techniques with guided-inquiry to engage students in key science concepts. In each lesson students explore an intriguing science concept through the use of upbeat performing arts techniques. Consequently, they develop the ability to ask questions, investigate aspects of the world around them and use their observations to construct reasonable explanations for the questions posed."

The students love these weekly sessions with Ms. Handzel!

Winter residencies include our 2nd through 5th grades. The Kindergarten and 6th grades will participate in the spring.

Both OMSI and Get in the Act! are possible because of ZCES's very generous Parent-Teacher Club. We immensely appreciate these valuable enhancements to our curriculum. Many thanks, PTC!



MIGHTY CUBS

Congratulations to 5th Grader, **Trent Dingman**, winner of our Geography Bee.

Congratulations, also, to **Lacey Robinson, Josh Sayer, and Sean Harrison** who represented our school at the 6th-Grade District-wide Spelling Bee.

You made us MIGHTY proud!



THE COFFEE CLUB

Don't forget the Principal's Coffee Club on the second Friday of most months at 9:00 am. Every parent/guardian is invited to attend, share your ideas, talk about what's new at ZCES and in the District, and voice what's on your mind. Next meeting is Feb. 10th.



Welcome New Staff

- ◇ **Mr. McDonagh**, Computer Tech
- ◇ **Ms. Ruby**, Kitchen/Nutrition Manager

Thanks

A MIGHTY thank you to the Parent-Teacher Club for our for beautiful new school camera!!!

and also for the Science Programs OMSI and Get in the Act residencies

and *also* for helping with school lunches, pitching in for the science project display boards, and all the other willing, generous, and good-natured help and support we all to frequently fail to mention!

SCIENCE PROJECT INFO.

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scores to send on to the Western Regional Science and Inventor's Fair to represent our school.

View the Judging Criteria on the school web site to gain insight for helping your child with their project.

All projects ***MUST*** be turned in on or before Friday, March 2, 2012 by 3:30 pm. ***No late projects will be accepted.*** During the following week, each student will present his/her project to their class in order to share the wealth of knowledge learned by each individual.

Another exciting addition to the Fair this year is the opportunity to **create an invention**. While science projects are required, extra credit is awarded to those who also complete an invention. The top 13 inventions will receive a school trophy and all inventions entered are eligible to enter the Western Regional Science and Inventor's Fair to represent our school. The top winner at the Regional Fair Inventor's Fair will be awarded \$10,000 to help patent and produce their invention if they choose.

It's going to be an exciting year for science. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Wendell at cwendell@dcsd.k12.nv.us or 588-4574.

Good luck to everyone! We'll see you at the Science Fair!



Science Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date/Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Kick-off Assembly.....	Jan 31, Tu.....	2:00 pm
Projects Due.....	Mar 2, Fr.....	3:30 pm
OMSI in Classrooms.....	Mar 5-8, M-Th	all day
OMSI after school.....	TBA	
ZCES Science Fair.....	Mar 6, Tu	5-7:00 pm
Western Regional Science & Inventor's Fair	Mar 29-31, Reno	

Ongoing Fundraisers

support your school just by shopping!



Raley's
Quality of Life Cards

www.SchoolStore.com: Your kids can earn some cool prizes and the school earns money when you shop online at many popular stores.



They really add up! Thanks for your support!

You want to master it? Practice it!



ZCES MISSION STATEMENT



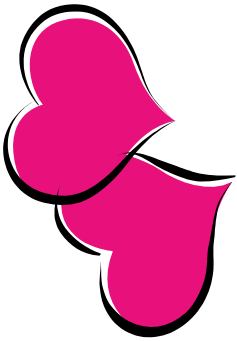
We are committed to each student at ZCES and believe that our children are our hope for the future. We believe that all students are capable of becoming competent, responsible citizens. In partnership with parents, faculty and staff, we will ensure a safe, healthy, positive and motivating environment to help all students achieve their academic goals.

MOTTO

Zephyr Cove Elementary School...Expecting the best!

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February 2012



Zephyr Cove Elementary School
 (775) 588-4574
 Mighty Cubs, Mighty Excellent!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Jan 30	Jan 31	1	2	3	4
	3:15 pm: Reading Connection, ZCES Library	2:00 pm: Science Fair Assembly 	Talent Show Auditions, 3-4:00 pm			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
 Talent Show 6-11th Feb 6-11th Arrange 11th Teacher	5:00 pm: Parent-Teacher Club Mtg. 	5:00 pm: Parent-Teacher Club Mtg.			9:00 am: Principal's Coffee Club 	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:XX am Trial Breakfast Program Begins	Valentine's Day 					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	HOLIDAY ~ NO SCHOOL ~  United States Presidents	Collaboration Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS 		3-4:30 pm: Talent Show Dress Rehearsal	5:00 pm: Talent Show	
26	27	28	29			
3:15 pm: Reading Connection—ZCES Library		6:00 pm: Spanish Connection Mtg; Kahle Community Center				