



Oct/Nov 2011

Cauley's Communiqués

~ Principal Nancy Cauley, Ed.S.

Walk-a-thon Thank You

I want to thank **Kindle Craig** and **Sandra Chase** for organizing and implementing ZCES's first annual Walk-a-thon held on Sept. 19th. Our school raised nearly \$11,000.00 for this event!

Singular thanks, too, to **Mr. Ray Sidney** for his generosity in sponsoring our faculty members—all of whom took the walk!

The walk-a-thon was a great start to the school year, and I appreciate everyone's efforts at bringing this event together. The kids loved it, and we're already looking forward to our Second Annual Walk-a-thon next year!

Thanks

Innisbrook Thank You

Renee Snipes and **Shea Cibulsky** have also earned many thanks for coordinating the popular Innisbrook fundraiser, a labor-intensive activity for the volunteers. They jumped right in and did a spectacular job. Thank you so much!

Book Fair Thank You

The Book Fair is always extremely popular with students, and this one, our first one in Autumn, was no exception.

Ms. Michelle Gurner took over the event this year with guidance from **Ms. Kelly Higgins** who had facilitated it for several years previously. The Book Fair requires a lot of attention to detail: unpacking, setting up, running the cash register, tracking inventory, helping students find or choose items, repacking unsold inventory—everything, in short, that store owners do, except all within a very short three days!

The volunteers, listed below, did a great job:

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| ☼ Amy Hurford | ☼ Angelica Lucero |
| ☼ Dawn Stackpole | ☼ Jim Stevenson |
| ☼ Keith Abbot | ☼ Kelly Higgins |
| ☼ Martha Sanchez | ☼ Michelle Gurner |
| ☼ Michelle Hall | ☼ Sara Moretti |

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See you at . . .

THE SHARING FEAST

WED, 11/23/11

11:00 AM—12:30 PM

Look for more details about
this great event in upcoming

Fridays Folders.



New Student Council !

Duly elected by their peers, the new Student Council Members for the 2011/12 School Year are:



- President*..... Sean Harrison
Vice President Makena Snipes
Secretary..... Anna White
Treasurer..... Brianna Johns
Historian Ellie Krolicki
Artist: Faith Galli
Representatives Thomas Trombka
 & Emma Snipes

Congratulations!

*May You Serve with Honor
& Distinction*

Principal's Coffee Club—Let's Meet!

Our next Coffee Club meeting will be on Friday, November 18th at 9:00 am. All parents/guardians are welcome, and I hope to see you there!



From Mrs. A.

~ Jenay Aiksnoras, School Counselor

Student Council Projects



October was Bully Awareness Month

The student council handed out orange ribbons in honor. Students got to watch a video during lunchtime, were asked to wear orange, shared their opinions on ways to stop bullying and signed a pledge banner.



Parent volunteers are needed to help decorate the *Festival of Trees and Lights* tree for Barton's annual event. The theme this year is "Reading Wonderland." Parents and students should contact Mrs. A. in order to help out. We'll need supplies, craft-makers and decorators. The tree is to be finished before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Safe School Ambassadors



This year our school boasts a total of 28 trained Safe School Ambassadors in third-sixth grades. The ambassadors went through their official training on October 16th.

Ask your child if they can name the ambassadors in their grade!

Safe School Ambassadors are taught skills that help them to deal with bullying. They are encouraged to share those skills with their friends and to help make the school a place where we all know what to do in the case that we are bullied.

Ask an ambassador about "Putting Up a Put Down," "Supporting," "Directing," and "Reasoning."

Third Graders

- ◇ Aidan Robinson
- ◇ Ashlan Galaviz
- ◇ Giovana Cibulsky
- ◇ Jude Stackpole
- ◇ Rachelle Hernandez

Fourth Graders

- ◇ Chase Edie
- ◇ Elizabeth Krolicki
- ◇ Kate Manzano
- ◇ Logan Chapman
- ◇ MacKenzie Thielmann
- ◇ Trinity Kirvida-McGowan

Fifth Graders

- ◇ Alexis Gonzalez
- ◇ Ben Harrison
- ◇ Brianna Johns
- ◇ Emma Aynedter
- ◇ Genesis Alvarez
- ◇ Samuel Rusk
- ◇ Shaylie Rippet
- ◇ Svanna Andrada
- ◇ Sydney McGregor

Sixth Graders

- ◇ Caleb Moretti
- ◇ Connor Huber
- ◇ Corey Huber
- ◇ Dylan Kixmiller
- ◇ Jannia Castro Lucero
- ◇ Madison Duncan
- ◇ Peyton Galli
- ◇ PJ Norton

Red Ribbon Week — October 24th-27th was Red Ribbon Week.



Students were asked to make "Healthy Choices" in creative ways. Each day of the week, Student Council members handed out a different fun token as a reminder to make healthy choices..

Mr. Steve Wetterer and Crossfit Lake Tahoe joined us on Thursday for an obstacle course that included our very own climbing wall.

Eileen Huber was on hand with healthy snacks for the student body (and adults too)!

Many thanks to these volunteers.

You may contact Mrs. A at 588-4574 or jaiksnoras@dcsd.k12.nv.us.

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Counselor Comments

One of the best ways to ensure that your child doesn't become a bully is to help them to develop Self-Esteem. Yes, I know, it sounds like a corny quote from the eighties, but it works. When you feel good about who you are, you are less likely to try to make others feel bad.

Self-Esteem is all about how you feel about yourself. You can help your child raise theirs by giving them a compliment every day. Let them know what they have done well, what you like about them and what makes them special. Be specific; "You are an excellent mathematician;" "I can't believe you did that all on your own;" "You are always such a big help to me, thanks for carrying in those groceries;" etc.

Remember, the more you make others feel good, the better you feel about your self, too.

Kindergarten

Halloween Parade

Kindergarteners are invited to wear or bring their costumes to school on Halloween, Monday, Oct. 31. Their parade through the school begins at 9:30 am.



Halloween Grades 1-6

If your student's class is having a Halloween party, h/she may **bring** their costume to school to change into at party time (2-3:00 pm).

No make-up or weapons (swords, guns light-sabers, etc.) of any kind are allowed.

Check the letter from Principal Cauley in this week's Friday Folders (10/28/11) for details.

SIXTH GRADE STUDIES THE ANCIENTS

Sixth grade students have just wrapped up an exciting Social Studies unit on Ancient Egypt. As a culminating activity, we mummified chickens over a three day process, using similar techniques the ancient embalmers used on pharaohs. This is always a highlight of the unit for the kids. Thanks to our generous parents club for reimbursing cost of supplies for this!

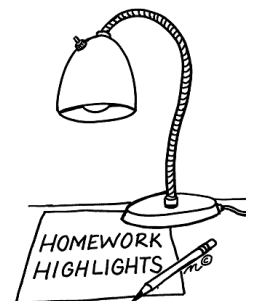
Many students also created an Ancient Egypt extra credit project of various topics we learned about including pyramids, shadufs, tombs, and dioramas of the geography along the Nile. They did a fantastic job with these. Come check out all our projects this month in the library! Next up, Ancient China!"



There is no skill on earth that doesn't require practice.

Practice is far more important than talent.

Talent points the way. Practice cements the skill.



... and that's what homework is for ...

Parent-Teacher Club Chronicles



MEETINGS / EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING

1st Tues. of the month @ 5:00 pm
ZCES Library
Tues. Nov. 1, 2011
Tues. Dec. 6, 2011

SPANISH CONNECTION MEETINGS

3rd Tues of the month @ 6:00 pm
Kahle Community Center
Tues, Nov. 15, 2011
Tues, Dec. 13, 2011
(Dec. mtg. rescheduled due to Winter Break)

READING CONNECTION CLUB

4th Mon of the month @ 3:15-4:20 pm
Mon., Nov. 28, 2011
December's meeting cancelled (winter break)
Mon., Jan. 30, 2011

WINTER FESTIVAL

Tues, Dec. 6, 2011
5:00 pm @ ZCES



CONFUSION OVER EMERGENCY LUNCH FUNDS

The Parent-Teacher Club has made lunch funds available for *emergencies*. Emergencies are when a child forgets his or her sack lunch, or a child's cafeteria account is temporarily low or out of funds.



This courtesy is considered a loan, and should be paid back, so this program can remain available for all students.

The school can't mix the Parent-Teacher Club and District accounts, so when you send reimbursement or payment please be sure to specify to which organization the lunch money goes. Thanks!

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As always, Librarian Mrs. Angela Wold was also on hand to help oversee the whole thing.
Thanks very much to all of you.

Donor Thank You

Special thanks, too, to all who either purchased products or donated funds to these events. Obviously, it wouldn't work without you, and we immensely appreciate your support!

Parent-Teacher Club Volunteers

All these events were conceived and organized by PTC members who devote countless hours organizing and working the events, and they raise many, *many* thousands of dollars for our school every year.

We value the importance they place on working with, in, and for the school on top of their personal responsibilities with jobs, businesses and family.

Please consider helping them out by volunteering for one or more of the school events on which they work so hard.



Welcome to several new faculty & staff members

- **Ms. Wendell**, *2nd Grade Teacher*. Ms. Wendell transferred from Jacks Valley Elementary where she taught 5th and 6th grades. She's enjoying the challenge of a younger group of students this year, and very happy to be living on the hill.
- **Ms. Webb**, *Speech Pathologist*. We share Ms. Webb with several other schools in the District and are lucky to have the lion's share of her time—she's here Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.
- **Ms. Harris**, *Teacher on Special Assignment*, comes down the hill from Whittell in the afternoons to help 5th & 6th graders with reading and math.
- **Mr. Axmear**, *School Psychologist*, also works at Douglas & Whittell High Schools. He's at the Lake schools each Monday.
- **Ms. Otsuka**, *Special Services Aide*, works with Mrs. Susich in the Pre-Kindergarten class and also serves as a reading tutor and playground aide.
- **Ms. Laughton**, *Nutrition Manager* (aka, the new "Cafeteria Lady") who comes to us with eighteen years experience working in school cafeterias!
Please welcome them to the MIGHTY family of Cubs!



Office Notes

ATTENDANCE — State law requires that we verify all student absences. Please notify the school whenever your child is absent for any reason, even if they're still sick from the day before.

If you notify us by email—please notify both secretaries in case one is out on any particular day: drobles@dcsd.k12.nv.us and btruman@dcsd.k12.nv.us)



“EARLY OUTS”—Although we prefer not to interrupt classes or have your child miss instruction, we understand that occasionally you'll need to pick up your child early.

Please minimize disrupting classes by:

1. Notifying the teacher ahead of time so your child may get make-up work if necessary.
2. Recognizing that only the parent/guardian or those listed on the emergency form are authorized to pick up your child.
3. Following the policy of waiting to call children out of class until you arrive at the school to sign them out.

KIDS FREQUENTLY LATE TO SCHOOL? — That's not really okay; not for the late student who so often misses the beginning of the day and not for teacher or students whom the tardy student always interrupts. So please remember: **If they take the bus they can't be late!**

Thanks for thinking ahead!

BUS NOTE REMINDER

2:30 pm deadline!

The deadline for calling in transportation changes is 2:30 pm. After that, *we can't guarantee that your child will get the message.* The chance of them going awry is too great.

The ideal bus note or phone request contains:

- ◆ teacher's name
- ◆ student's name
- ◆ the usual route home (whether bus or pick up)
- ◆ the requested route home (whether bus or pick up)
- ◆ name of person who will pick them up (Mom, Dad, Aunt Petunia....)

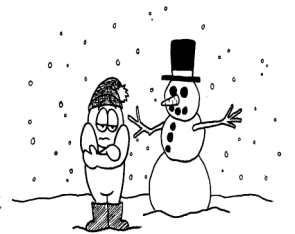


OLD MAN WINTER ON HIS WAY

Tahoe has received its “warning snowstorm,” the one that Mother Nature apparently sends so that we'll get ready for winter in time:

- ✓ lawn furniture stowed? check
- ✓ snowblowers installed? check
- ✓ snow tires put on? check
- ✓ **children's winter clothes, boots, gloves, & hats out and ready to wear and bring to school? CHECK!**

Remember, many activities, such as recess and P.E., are still held outdoors except during the most inclement weather, and we don't have much spare gear. So send your kids to school dressed & ready for any weather!



and speaking of clothes...

Emergency Clothes Closet

We could use donations of:

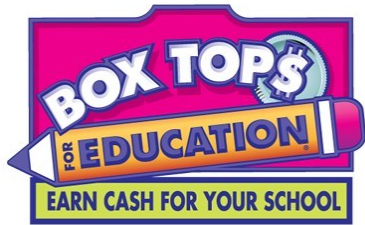
- sweat pants, all sizes
- tees, long- & short-sleeved and all sizes

Our clothes closet is for *emergencies*—spills or accidents—and therefore doesn't require a lot of variety or expense. Thank you!

Have You Moved?

If you have moved, please be sure to update your proof of residency & other contact information with the office.





Librarian Mrs. Wold will send in the current collection of Box Tops shortly, and says that it already looks like a banner year, having received perhaps *double* the number as previous years.

Wow!!! Thanks *VERY* much!

"It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."
~ Charles Darwin

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.

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Zephyr Cove Elementary School...Expecting the best!

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