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Kyrene de los Cerritos Elementary School

Important Dates

Aug 23 - Sept 3

Fall Fundraiser

Sept 2

Picture Day!

Sept 6

Labor Day; No School

Sept 16 - 24

Fall Book Fair

Oct 11 - 18

Fall Break; No School

Oct 29

Pumpkin Walk

Nov 11-12

Veteran's Day; No School

Nov 24

Turkey Trot

Nov 25 - 26

Thanksgiving; No School

Dec 4 - 10

Holiday Boutique

Dec 14

PTO General Meeting

Dec 16

Gift of Time

Dec 20 - 31

Winter Break; No School

Jan 17

MLK Day; No School

Feb 4

Sock Hop

Feb 21

President's Day; No School

To Cerritos Parents,

On behalf of the PTO, I would like to welcome all new and returning families to Cerritos; A Leadership Academy School! Teachers spent much of their summer painting the school hallways and creating a wonderful atmosphere for our students. I hope you get a chance to see our beautiful new artwork if you haven't already.

I'd like to start by letting you know the purpose of the Cerritos PTO or Parent/Teacher Organization. The PTO is designed to promote an excellent education for all children attending Cerritos Leadership Academy. We do that by fostering an active partnership between Cerritos parents, teachers, students and staff. We strive to understand mutual expectations and goals and jointly identify areas for continued improvement.

The PTO also facilitates and encourages active involvement of parents in Cerritos school activities. Over the summer I worked closely with the PTO Board to ensure our main goal: to support our teachers so they can better support our children.

The PTO just had its first General meeting of the year where the board passed its budget for the 2010-2011 school year. Please take a moment to review the "PTO News Flash" to see what areas we have chosen to focus on this year.

As always, we have fundraisers and activities scheduled throughout the year to help ensure that we reach our goals! On August 23, 2010 we kicked off our new Fiesta fall fundraiser. We hope that you will peruse the catalog your child brings home for items you might enjoy. Please note that with each fundraiser, there is an option to make a straight donation to the Cerritos PTO, which guarantees 100% towards our efforts to support our school!

Please look over the "Calendar of Events" as well to see when all fundraisers and activities are scheduled. Fundraisers and activities are optional so please pick and choose those that best fit your family.

Finally, I want to extend my sincere thanks for your continued support! Whether it's a donation or volunteering for a committee or in the classroom, I know I speak for the entire Executive Board when I say we appreciate your time and commitment to our phenomenal teachers, students and school!

Sincerely,
Erica Riordan; PTO President



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FALL FUNDRAISER!!

A Fall Fundraising packet has been sent home with your child. There are lots of new items available so please check your child's backpack and review the materials. We appreciate your help in making this event a success!

Important Dates:

- Monday, Aug 23:** School Kick Off
- Thursday, Aug 26:** "Quick Start" Coupons due
- Tuesday, Sept 7:** Orders & Money due
- Tuesday, Oct 5:** Delivery Day

Don't Forget... Out of state friends & family can order through the online store. Work place orders can be made using a credit card through EZ Pay (for more details, see order form).

Questions? Please feel free to contact
LeeAnn Schneider: leeannschneider@msn.com
Rosemarie Traxler: rtraxler@cox.net

As Always...Thank you for your support!

Want to get involved?

Visit www.cerritospto.org for more information about upcoming events and ways to get involved in our school! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Board members.

Otter Pop Fridays!

The PTO is selling JUMBO OTTER POPS for 50¢ after school every Friday (until it cools off)! Look for the sales table by the parent pick up area near the front office. We are sorry we will not be able to sell to children taking the bus as it is against district policy to have food items on school buses.



DON'T FORGET YOUR 50 CENTS ON FRIDAYS!

Calling All Shutter Bugs!!

We need your photos for the Cerritos Yearbook!! You can put them in an envelope marked "yearbook committee" with your name, your child's name and your child's teacher. Hand them in at the front office (or through your children) and they will be placed in the PTO mailbox. Hi-Res jpgs are preferred!



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NO COST Fundraising!!

Earn cash for your school at no extra cost to you. These programs are designed to raise money for Cerritos with minimal time, effort and no additional expense. Participate today and help earn free money for our school!

EScrip

Did you know that each year, our school earns approximately \$9,000 in "FREE MONEY" from Safeway's EScrip program? It's true and it's a tremendous source of income for our school!

In order to get as many Cerritos families to sign up for this program, the PTO sent home yellow EScrip renewal forms with your students. Students who return their EScrip forms by this Friday, August 27th, 2010 will win a prize from the school store!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Erica Riordan (ejbriordan@cox.net) or Stephanie Hayden (Steph27064@aol.com). You can either complete the yellow form that came home with your child or register online at www.escrip.com.

REMEMBER - You must renew your registration each year & you can register your card for up to 3 schools!!

BoxTops

Clip BoxTops & earn FREE MONEY for Cerritos! It's AS EASY AS 1,2,3...

1. CLIP OUT YOUR BOX TOPS
2. PUT THEM IN A ZIP LOCK BAG
3. TURN THEM INTO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER



Each quarter, the class that collects the most BOX TOPS wins a prize!! Last year, we received more than \$2300 from BoxTops - let's earn even more this year!

Fry's has "COOL CASH" for Cerritos!!!

Present this barcode to the cashier & a portion of your purchase will automatically be deposited in our school's account. Once the school reaches \$50,000 in spending, Fry's will send the school a \$500 check! We have until April 24, 2011 to earn up to \$2,000.





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We Need Your Help!!

We have several positions to fill. Please take a look at the committees. Whatever your preference, whatever your level of commitment, we need & appreciate your help! Contact Volunteer Coordinator Lorinda Thompson at matthewandlorinda@cox.net.

We need a chairperson (or co-chairs) for the following committees:

Art Masterpiece: Volunteers give presentations of painting styles and artists in the classroom. The co-chairs organize the volunteers, order supplies, and keep up the art masterpiece closet. The co-chairs for this committee are busier during the fall.

Publishing House: This project types and binds book that are written by the students. The chairperson organizes the project and the volunteers. This committee is busier in the spring.

Spring Family Appreciation: In the past this event has been an ice cream social. The co-chairs organize the event along with their committee.

We need volunteers and committee members for the following committees:

Publishing House: This project types and binds books that are written by the students. We need committee members to help organize and carry out this project.

Spring Family Appreciation: We need volunteers and committee members to plan and help carry out this spring event.

Health Office: Volunteers are needed August 31st and September 1st for hearing and vision screenings.

Otter Pop Sales: Volunteers are needed to help sell Otter Pops after school on Fridays (during September, October, March, April and May). You will not need to be available all of the Fridays.

Fall Fundraiser: The fall fundraiser is the major money making event of the year. Volunteers are needed to help compile orders and distribute merchandise.

School Store: The school store is open to students at lunch time on Wednesdays. Volunteers are needed to help organize and sell items during this time.

Spring Carnival: This is a great school event that takes lots of volunteers. Committee members are needed to help plan the event and volunteers are needed for the night of the event.

Sock Hop/Decades Dance: This event is February 4th this year. Committee members are needed to help plan the event and volunteers are needed for the night of the event.





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PTO NEWS FLASH...

Here are just some of the ways the Cerritos PTO plans to spend your fund raising contributions this year:

Teacher grants: \$7,200. Each full time teacher will receive \$100 in the fall and \$100 in the spring to purchase additional education-related items for their classrooms. Part-time teachers will receive \$50.00 in the fall and \$50.00 in the spring.

Classroom subscriptions: \$3,000. The PTO pays for subscriptions to various educational magazines & on-line publications for each grade level.

Staff Special Request: \$5,000. More than half of this money is divided equally between grade levels to enhance specific areas of learning. For example, science experts or geologists may be brought in to teach our students hands-on experiments. The rest of the money is made available to teachers to purchase items they need to enhance student learning.

Agendas: \$3,000. The PTO purchases all of the agendas for 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade students. The agendas help students keep track of their homework assignments and obligations.

"Specials": \$1,500. This year the PTO will make up for depleted funds in Physical Education, Music & Art by giving each "special" a \$500.00 grant. This money will be used to purchase materials our teachers do not receive from the school district.

Teacher Development: \$2,500. This money will be used to pay for certifications & educational classes for teachers.

The PTO's annual budget is posted on our website: www.CerritosPTO.org. Additionally, all Cerritos parents are welcome to attend our monthly PTO Board meetings. Please check our web site for meeting dates, times and locations. As always, the PTO is deeply grateful for the tremendous support we receive from our parents. Your monetary contributions and volunteer time allow our school, students and teachers to thrive!

THANK YOU!!!

A BIG THANK YOU...

*to everyone who made MEET
YOUR TEACHER NIGHT a success!*

Frances Brakebill, Janet Mooneyham,
Maria Riggs, Joan Sample, Monica
Hedeby, Sydney Sterling, Kim
Goldberg, Nona Velasco & Alexa Alben

And THANKS to

Our Meeters / Greeters:

Kelly Brunner, Rebecca Skidmore

You all did a fabulous job!!

Thank you, Erica Riordan



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2010/2011 Cerritos Spiritwear Order Form

Date: _____ Your Name _____ Phone _____

Student's Name _____ Teacher's Name & Grade _____

****Please circle your choice****

Item Description	Price	Sizes
Cerritos Water Bottles	\$5	n/a
Cerritos Windshield Decal	\$5	n/a
Cerritos Car Magnet	\$5	n/a
Short Sleeve Gray T-shirt	\$10	Youth S, M, L, Adult S, M, L, XL
Girls turquoise fitted shirt w/bling	\$12	Youth S, M, L
Women's black tank w/bling	\$12	Adult M, L, XL
Girls Cheer Shorts, (Black)	\$10	Youth S, M, L, Adult S
Mesh basketball shorts (Black)	\$12	Youth S, M, L, Adult S
Special Order- All Bling-Any size, color & style	\$20	Any size
Spirit Wear Flip Flops	\$17	11/12, 12, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6
Embroidered Hoodies (Black or Gray) **Special order	\$24	Any size
“ (personalized)	\$26	“

Cash or Check (made payable to Cerritos PTO) are welcome!

Please note that we NO LONGER accept credit card payment.

If you have any questions, please call Monica Hedeby (480) 636-9057 or Sydney Sterling (602) 751-7118.



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2010/2011 Cerritos Yearbook Order Form

Pre-orders for the 2010 - 2011 Yearbook are now being taken at a price of \$24.00 each. Be aware that the cost will increase to \$27 each beginning in January 2011, so be sure and take advantage of the special pre-order price now!

Please complete this form below in its entirety and return it to school in an envelope marked "Yearbook Order" to your child's teacher along with a check (payable to CERRITOS PTO). Please note that we NO LONGER accept credit card payment.

Order confirmation/receipts are being sent via email. Please be assured that your email address will be used solely for this purpose and will not be distributed for any other reason. If you do not wish to receive an email, a paper receipt will be sent home via your child.

If you have any questions, please contact Frances Brakebill at cerritosyearbook@msn.com or at 480-460-4220.

PLEASE PRINT AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER OR THE CERRITOS OFFICE

Please reserve _____ yearbooks @ \$27 ea

Student _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Student _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Student _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Parent Name _____ Email address _____ (for an email receipt)

Cash, Check (made payable to Cerritos PTO)

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK OR CASH: _____