

News from Grover Cleveland PTA

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PTA President's Message



Happy New Year Everyone!!! 2007 is upon us and we have a lot of activities coming up. I want to say thank you to Lisa Yarak and all her helpers for manning the Santa Gift Shop. We had almost \$3,000.00 worth of merchandise go through! We made no profit from the shop, but used this opportunity to help our students shop for their loved ones. A big thank you also goes to Alberta Justessen and her helpers for selling the Spirit Grams. With the money we raised, we helped 2 families celebrate with gifts for their families. Thank you to all who helped make it possible by supporting the 'Grams'.

Another big thank you goes out to Laura DeJong for putting together 15 big red buckets (earning our school 75,000 points) and helping bring food to Project Shepherd. Thank you to all those who contributed food to our school. We have very generous students and families here at Cleveland. It makes me very proud to call Cleveland mine!

We have a PTA Meeting coming up on Thursday, January 11th at 2:30pm in the Cafeteria. Please come and find out what is going on at your school, and how you can help. T-shirts are always available at the PTA Meetings, so if you are interested, come see us.

We have our Skate Night on Wednesday, January 17th at Skate Depot in Cerritos. Tickets will be \$5.00 and \$2.00 for skate rental. Tickets will be available for pre-sale on Monday-Wednesday (January 15, 16, 17th) in the front office lobby before and after school.

There is a science workshop on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30pm. Our meeting in February will be a FAMILY

FUN NIGHT and FREE CHILI/HOT DOGS will be served.

Joan Weisenstein
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Message From The Principal



Happy New Year! The Cleveland Staff and I agree that it's great to be back with such a fine group of students and parents. We look forward to a very successful and safe year.

As most of you know, our students are currently engaged in goal setting and have been for the past year. You may have heard your child refer to his/her "Baldrige goals" and "data portfolios". At least once every two weeks, students graph their progress toward a previously set personal or class goal.

Become goal setters at home, too! Make a New Year's resolution to set goals with your child(ren). According to the *Parent Institute*, "Goals keep kids focused on the future and these goals are the foundation of responsible behavior and success in school."

"To help your child, ask these questions:

1. How much improvement would you like to see on this week's test?
2. How would you like to improve your grades this marking period?
3. What are two things you would like to accomplish this school year?
4. What do you need to meet these goals?"

"Goals help students focus on what's important and what's not. If they have a vision of where they want to go, they're more likely to get there. And students with goals find it easier to say "no" to irresponsible behaviors

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because they are saying "yes" to their vision of the future."

I frequently receive *Quick Tips* brochures from the *Parent Institute*. What do you think about these hints I've listed above from the *PI*'s most recent publication? If you find these tips to be helpful, come by the office and I'll share more with you. I'd like to subscribe to *PI* if there is enough interest from parents.

Again Happy New Year and remember that if you have successes, concerns and/or suggestions give me a call. Goals help!

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Julie Drysdale

Science Fair Update



Are you planning to participate in the Science Fair this year? There's still time! Fun will be had by all participants.

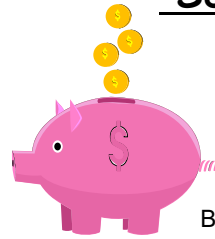
Sign up forms were sent home with your students in November, and our first workshop was a great success. Workshop #2 for advanced level participants (4th and 5th grades) will take place on Tuesday, January 16th. We will focus on data collection, graphing and electronic report creation, not hands on experimenting like in workshop #1.

The Science Fair is just around the corner! Projects will be due on Friday, February 26th, and will be displayed on the following Monday, March 1st at the PTA Meeting/Family Fun Night. This is a great opportunity to get your child interested in a career in science. An investment in the Science Fair today will foster interest in the worlds of engineering, health and medicine, environment, teaching, space technology, criminology, psychology, computer and media technology... in almost any career imaginable - tomorrow.

Parents and teachers are welcome to join us! Contact Jerry Rothery for more information at:

jerryrothery@yahoo.com or 562.425.4306 before 10pm.

School Cents and Project Shepherd Update



Wow!! Cleveland families did a super job bringing in donations to support both Project Shepherd and Big Red Bucket. The food items were abundant and continued to come in steadily for a whole month. Thank you to all who pitched in. A special thanks goes out to Leeanna Ruddell and the company she works for, PQ Corporation. Leeanna was able to convince her employers to donate \$100.00 to Project Shepherd.

I also want to mention how wonderfully generous all of our Cleveland kids where. Your cash donations where astonishing and therefore helped provide several turkeys for our Big Red Buckets.

Everyone really did pull together this Holiday Season. As a result, Cleveland Elementary families donated a total of 14 Big Red Buckets to the Project Shepherd program. Thank you for the bottom of my heart.

The month of January provides more opportunity for Cleveland to earn money from the Lakewood, Stonewood and Cerritos Malls. **Bring in your receipts in January, and our school will earn double points for every dollar amount spent.** Purchases made in the month of December qualify as long as the receipt hasn't already been counted.

Bring your receipts to the Guest Services kiosk at any of the three malls listed during the month of January to have your purchases counted, or hand them in to me, and I will make the mall run. If you want your receipts back, make sure that you include your student's name and room number on the back of each receipt.

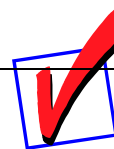
Thanks again!

Laura DeJong, School Cents coordinator

PTA Calendar of Events - January/February

“post them on your ‘fridge”

Thursday, January 11th - **PTA MEETING** at 2:30 pm



Friday, January 12th - Wednesday, January 17th - **SKATE NIGHT TICKETS!**

On Sale! - \$5.00 each



Monday, January 15th - Martin Luther King Day - **NO SCHOOL**

Tuesday, January 16th - **SCIENCE FAIR WORKSHOP** at 6:30 pm

This workshop is designed for 4th and 5th grade students, and the more experienced science fair participant. To be held in the new ATM lab.



Thursday, January 18th - **SKATE NIGHT**- 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

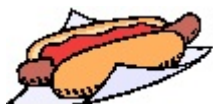
Held at the Skate Depot in Cerritos

Wednesday, January 24th - **PLANNING MEETING - 5th Grade Activity Committee** - 6:30 pm

This meeting will be held in the library. If you have a 5th grade student, and would like to be an active part in planning the remaining events of the year, including yearbook and graduation, come join us!



Thursday, February 1st - **PTA MEETING and FAMILY FUN NIGHT** at 6:30 pm



FREE CHILI and HOT DOGS will be served on this night where we mix business with pleasure. We will also be celebrating Founder's Day by taking a moment to recognize the history of the PTA and applauding its list of achievements.

Monday, February 12th - President Lincoln's Birthday - **NO SCHOOL**

Friday, February 16th - **Special Friends/Grandparents Day**

Students, invite a grandparent or special friend to spend the day with you at school! This will be a day to celebrate the special bond that students share with an adult family member or someone they feel is important in their lives. Look for more information about this event throughout the month.



Monday, February 19th - President Washington's Birthday **NO SCHOOL**

Monday, February 26th - **Cleveland Science Fair Projects Due**

Science Fair Participants - this is the big day! Bring in your science fair projects first thing in the morning, to the school cafeteria, where it will be checked in and set up for display for all Cleveland students to see. Projects will be displayed at the **next PTA meeting and Family Fun Night on Monday, March 1st.**

