

## News from Grover Cleveland PTA

# Rockin' Reporter

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## PTA Presidents Message



Welcome back, parents and students. Our first PTA meetings and events were huge successes. Thank you to all who participated. I want to especially thank all of the volunteers who scooped ice cream, sold t-shirts and stepped up to the plate. I have seen a lot of new friendly faces, and we have some great new volunteers - Thank you!

An exciting new year lies ahead of us with plenty of fun activities planned. The money that we earn from fund raisers throughout the year will help us pay for fun student field trips. It will help give our science and computer labs newer and better equipment. It will help foster a better learning environment for our brilliant young minds in each classroom.

We welcome all of the help we can get our hands on. So come to a meeting! Find out how you can be a player on the Cleveland PTA team. And thanks for your support!

**Joan Weisenstein**

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## Message from the Principal

Congratulations to all our students, their parents and our fabulous Cleveland team for earning a significant increase in our Academic Performance Index (API): 15 points! Our API is now 778 points, just 22 points from California's state target of 800! Keep up the great work.



Congratulations too, to Cleveland's new staff members, Alexandra Anderson, Debbie Byrne and Mark Howell. Ms. Anderson teaches our Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH) fifth grade students, and Ms. Byrne will soon be a reading recovery program for Cleveland's first grade students. As our new RSP instructor, Mr. Howell will teach small groups in the students' classroom and in his RSP lab.

**New ATLAS (Applied Technology Labs and Science) Program**

The Cleveland Team is pleased to announce its new ATLAS Program. We have redesigned our ATM (Applied Technology Magnet) to include more students and an added science lab to this academic program. This exciting program will include:

\* **Instructional Technology Lab** (Room 42) - Formerly known as the ATM Computer Lab, our computer teachers Nancy Valenti and Cathy Bates will continue to provide instruction, according to State Technology Content Standards, to our second through fifth graders. Students will use simulation software and access the internet to generate multi-media projects which are aligned with classroom instruction.

\* **Publishing Lab** (Formerly the Primary Computer Lab) - Our K-1 students will learn software for primary students which will reinforce regular classroom instruction. They will be introduced to simple word processing. Grades 3-5 will utilize the lab to print materials and access the internet.

\* **Science Lab** (Room 19) - We're very excited to open a science lab where all students will enjoy hands on experiments. Thanks to our supportive PTA for the \$3,000 start up funds!

\* **Research Lab** (Library) - We are purchasing new computers for the Library where students may access the Library's catalog and the internet.

\* **Deaf/Hard of Hearing Lab** (Room 15) - We are purchasing three computers to support our DHH students with intense vocabulary acquisition via enhanced video software.

Thank you for your continued and consistent support. If you have any questions, successes or concerns, please call me at 420-7552, or email me at [jdrysdale@lbusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:jdrysdale@lbusd.k12.ca.us).

*Julie Drysdale, Principal*

## HEARTFELT THANKS

...To all the volunteers who helped at the Ice Cream Social and Back to School Night in September. In particular, we want to thank **Lydia Cosio, Josette Taylor, Maci B's grandma Anita, Donna Fox, and Sandy Weisenstein**. Special thanks goes out to **Cathy Seldine** of the **George Nye Library** for taking the time to present story time for our kids. Thank you, **Rosa Talag** for coordinating the membership drive, and **Beth Geier** for coordinating the Camp Hi Hill T-shirt sales. And finally, thank you to **Albertsons, Vons** and **Target** for their generous donation programs that benefit our school.





## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who have stepped up to help with any events scheduled for the school year. We need extra help with the following events:

### **Jog-a-thon - October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Help track kids on the track! Hand out water to quench their thirst! This event helps kids understand the importance of fitness.

### **PTA Book Fair - week of November 13<sup>th</sup>**

Help keep book shelves stocked, point of sale transactions, or just help kids form an orderly checkout line. Any help is appreciated.

### **Talent Show Coordinator - March 2007**

This is an annual event designed to showcase the emerging talent of any student who wants to participate. Emphasis is on fun! If you have the talent to run the show, we need your help!

For more information on how you can volunteer for these or other events, **contact Joan Weisenstein**, at **(562)421-0871**.

**UPromise** now gives donations to schools. If you are interested in what this national program has to offer, check out their website at [UPromise.com](http://UPromise.com).

## Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 134 would like to invite all boys and their families, grades 1-5, to check out our pack. Our meetings are held at 6:30pm, on one Wednesday night a month. We will have lots of fun activities planned throughout the year.

Please check us out on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> in the Cleveland School Auditorium. Or, contact cubmaster **Tim Smith** for more details at **(562) 421-7519**.

## SCHOOL CENTS: SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS!!!!



We have been chosen to participate in the School Cents program again this year. It's an easy way to earn money for our school. Last year we earned a whopping \$1,059.00 for Cleveland!!

For every dollar you spend at Lakewood Mall, Cerritos Mall or Stonewood Mall we earn points. In May, we will earn a percentage of a \$50,000 prize pool, depending on how many receipts we log in for Cleveland. **Just show your receipts to Guest Services in the mall and they will log them in.**

You can also **put your receipts into the School Cents box located inside the school office and I will have them logged in for you.** If you would like your receipts returned to you, write your child's name and room # on the back of the receipt.

**All mall purchases are eligible:** including both sides of Candlewood Street "Restaurant Row", Home Depot, Best Buy, Albertsons, Jo Ann's, movie theaters, Parent Teacher Connection, Target, Starbuck's, Jamba Juice, Circuit City, etc....

**No purchase is too small....they all add up! Ask friends, family and co-workers** to save their mall receipts too!

**There is a monthly School Cents flyer with updates** when and how we can earn double, triple or even 5,000+ extra points towards the prize pool. Please be on the look out for it. Thank you for your support.

**Laura DeJong, School Cents Coordinator**

## GIRL SCOUTS

### *Where Girls Grow Strong*

An established Girl Scout troop is looking for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls to join their troop. Past activities have included horseback riding, cooking, sewing, amusement parks, family outings, camping. Meetings are held twice a month on Sunday at Mae Boyer Park.

Leader: **Rita Allan**

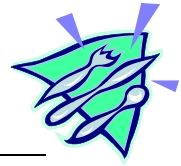
Please contact **Audrey Jones** (Ashley's Mom) at **(562) 920-9415**.

# PTA Calendar of Events - "post them on your 'fridge" October/November

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## Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> - CLEVELAND EATS OUT !

Come to Chick-fil-A, at 7861 Carson Blvd, in the Long Beach Town Center between 5pm and 9pm. Mention that you are dining out as part of the Cleveland Elementary School Fundraiser, and a portion of meal total will be donated to help our school! Call 425-4CFA for more details.



## Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - PTA MEETING

2:30 PM in the Cleveland Cafeteria

## Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> - PICTURE DAY

This will be a free dress day so that the kids can look their best to compliment their little smiles!



## Monday - Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> - CAMP HI HILL

(5<sup>th</sup> grade classes only)

## Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - RED RIBBON WEEK begins

## Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> - JOG-A-THON

## Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> - PTA MEETING and ATLAS OPEN HOUSE

6:30 pm



## Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> - CLEVELAND EATS OUT!

Come to Fuddruckers, at 5229 North Clark Street, behind the Lakewood Mall main theaters for dinner. Mention that you are part of the Cleveland Elementary Fundraiser, and a portion of your meal total will be donated to help our school! Call 408-1555 for more details.



## Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> - VETERAN'S DAY - NO SCHOOL

## Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> - PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK and PTA BOOK FAIR

Minimum day schedule. Book fair held in the library during teacher conference week.



## Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> - SCIENCE FAIR WORKSHOP

6:30 pm - Designed to help our students learn that science fair ideas are easy to find. Come learn what experiments are all about.



## Thursday/Friday, November 23/24- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

Visit our website at [www.clevelandpta.org](http://www.clevelandpta.org). Check out our message board:  
<http://clevelandpta.proboards58.com/> .