



Carrillo Chronicle

CARRILLO'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT

By: Fran Pistone

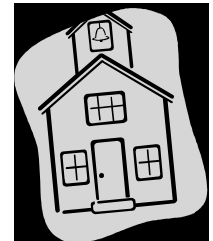


Carrillo Elementary

Third Trimester
April 2009

Research shows that students are more likely to do well on standardized tests when they have eaten a nutritional breakfast, slept soundly for at least 8 or more hours, and left the house happy in the morning. STAR testing is just around the corner (May 11th -22nd) and these are a few simple things we can do to help our children be as successful as possible.

(There have also been studies which indicate abstinence from chocolate improves test taking ability. Who Knew?)



STUDENT COUNCIL

We are well into our second semester and proud to welcome and recognize our new officers, class representatives and alternates. These students regularly volunteer their free time to serve the needs of all Carrillo students. Council meetings are held about every two weeks under the guidance of faculty advisors, Don Hurlbert, Lisa Lancon and Fran Pistone.



Recently, council members chose dates and themes for the School Spirit Days to be celebrated through the end of this school year. March 20th will be Twin/Triplet/Quad Day, April 24th will be Teacher/Student/Student/Teacher Day (students dress as teachers and teachers dress as students, May 22nd reserved for Patriotic Day, and June 5th will be Hawaiian Luau Day. Student Council has also added buddy classes this year. Representatives and alternates from grades 3, 4, and 5 are paired with primary classes, so Kindergarten and grades 1 and 2 will stay informed and be given the chance to offer opinions regarding Council sponsored events.

Congratulations to the following students who serve Carrillo as Student Council officers and members for the 08-09 second semester.

President: Karston Kelly Vice President: Po Aguilar Historian: Megan DeYoung
Secretary: Maya Saulino Treasurer: Kendall Andrews

(See page 8 for list of Student Council Representatives)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Projecting through the end of the year is always a bit difficult, in that so many things come up that we have not planned for, but here is the basic calendar for now, and updates will of course be sent out as time moves along. April through June are certainly some of our busiest months of the year, to be sure!

APRIL 2009

- 1 Kindergarten Registration Begins, 3rd Grade GATE Testing
- 3 Expert Fair Permission Slips Due, Spring Family Night!
- 8 Wednesday Flag Salute: Goal Setter Awards
- 9 Spring Break Begins (No School)
- 20 Carrillo Reopens (End of Spring Break)
- 20 TV Turn Off Week (through the 24th)
- 23 5:30 Kindergarten Readiness Night (in Kdgn. Classrooms)
- 23 Progress Reports Out, DEPENDABLE STAR Testing (Gr. 2-5) Letter Home
- 24 Student Council Spirit Day: Kids Dress Like Teachers
- 24 1:45 PTO Meeting
- 26 (Sunday) Ladies' Tea at Carrillo Ranch
- 29 Dine Out Night (Location DBA)
- 29 DEPENDABLE STAR Test Letter Due (Gr. 2-5)
- 30 Imagination Machine Assemblies (9:00 & 10:15)
- 30 Kindergarten Registration Due (for lottery participation)

MAY 2009

- 1 Kindergarten Lottery (for AM slots)
- 8 Flag Salute: "Be A Risk Taker" Awards
- 18 STAR Testing (Gr. 2-5) is May 18-22!**
- 20 Dine Out Night (location DBA)
- 22 End of STAR Testing, Patriotic Day (Wear Red, White, Blue!)
- 25 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
- 27 Track Meet After School at SMHS (Gr. 3-5)
- 29 Peace Patrol Recognition, "Vybrations" Assemblies (9:00 & 10:15)
- 29 PTO Meeting at 1:45, "Charlie Brown" Evening Performance

JUNE 2009

- 1 Expert Fair Practice Day with Coaching
- 1 Book Collection Week Before School on Play ground (Luau Lunch on Friday!)
- 3 5th Grade Dana Point Oceanography Trip
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- 4 California Play (Gr. 4, Time TBA)
- 5 Flag Salute: "Be Confident" Awards; 5th Gr. "Fifty Nifty" Performance
- 5 Last Day Reading Awards, Luau Lunch (at lunch times), Hawaiian Day!
- 8 Monday Flag Salute: Trimester Awards; 5th Grade Family Life Week
- 9 6 PM, 5th Grade "Cantata" Performance
- 10 "Cantata" for Grades 3 & 4
- 11 Expert Fair (8:30-12:30), Reading Cards Due
- 12 Flag Salute: "Be Responsible" Awards, Volunteer Recognition
- 12 Carrillo Spirit Day, End of Year Party (after school), Yearbooks Out
- 15 DEPENDABLE Pool Trip (Gr. 1 & 2, Las Posas Pool)
- 16 Tuesday Flag Salute: Academic Awards, Running Awards
- 17 DEPENDABLE Pool Trip (Gr. 3-5, Woodland Park Pool)
- 18 Flag Salute: 5th Grade Promotion, 5th Gr. Softball Game
- 18 Last Day of School, MINIMUM DAY. No Summer School This Summer.

SCHOOL STARTS ON AUGUST 31 (Monday)
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY IS
SEPTEMBER 7



DOING THE RIGHT THING . . . IT'S NOT NECESSARILY "INSTINCT"

By: Principal Fred Wise

We all worry about children's ability to make good choices, and the world of 2009 is not exactly full of role models that inspire correct choice by our young people! As parents, the job of educating our kids in this area is a challenge, one which we as a school share with you.

As you no doubt are aware, at Carrillo we teach both the RESPONSIBILITY SKILLS program, as well as the STEPS TO RESPECT program, both of which focus on good decision making for children. Your children may have received an award in one of the Responsibility Program areas, such as "Be Polite", "Be Honest", or "Be Prepared" (there are 13 character skill areas in all), which is one way we recognize good choices at school. The purpose of this article is to give you information that you can also use at home with your family, to work on similar skills.

Michele Borba, author of the book entitled *Building Moral Intelligence: The Seven Essential Virtues that Teach Kids to Do the Right Thing*, says the best way to help kids overcome pressures and act right is to boost their moral IQ. Her book provides a number of research-based strategies to do just that.

This book contains seven vital character traits or virtues that make up the core of moral intelligence: EMPATHY, CONSCIENCE, SELF-CONTROL, RESPECT, KINDNESS, TOLERANCE, AND FAIRNESS.

Listed below are some simple examples of how this author suggests we build moral IQ in our children:

IDENTIFY FOUR TO EIGHT VIRTUES OR CHARACTER TRAITS YOU WANT MOST FOR YOUR CHILDREN. Write them down and make them a part of your belief system as a family. It is like a saying, a slogan, or a mission for the family. Maybe it is a family philosophy statement: "In our family we believe . . ."

EXPECT, EVEN DEMAND, THAT CHILDREN BEHAVE MORALLY, WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF CHARACTER STRENGTH. Once your expectations are identified and set, stick to them. It is just "standard operating procedure" in the family.

FOCUS ON A CHARACTER TRAIT EACH MONTH. Write it on the family calendar, or on the mirror in the bathroom. Put it on the refrigerator. Take a few minutes at dinner to talk about the behaviors that exemplify this particular virtue.

TUNE UP YOUR OWN BEHAVIOR. Ask yourself at the end of the day, "If I were my child's only example to learn right from wrong, what would she/he have learned from me today?"

HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF AN UPRIGHT CHARACTER. Rent a movie that has an example and take time to talk about it. Read books together that have morals or lessons (fables are good for this). Point out examples of moral behavior on the street, on TV, etc.

DOING THE RIGHT THING . . .Cont'd

Teach children specific behavior that goes with certain virtues. "What do people act like if they are empathetic?"

6. **REINFORCE YOUR OWN CHILD'S CHARACTER-RELATED BEHAVIOR.** Catch them doing the right thing, and tell them about it. Use examples, be specific, not just, "Good job" but rather, "When you allowed your brother to go ahead of you, that showed a lot of self-control." "Taking some of your own money to donate like that is a perfect example of empathy. 'Empathy' is when you truly understand others' feelings, and act like it is important to you."

7. **FIND OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS TO PRACTICE CHARACTER.** Maybe there aren't any old ladies waiting to cross the street (!), but does a neighbor need help bringing in the trash cans? How about opportunities to do a beach clean up, recycle, or going through the closet to donate used clothing to Goodwill?

Parents, the value of the example you set cannot be overstated. You know it's true; how many times have you thought, "What would my (mom or dad) do in this circumstance?" And if your parent was not the best role model, hopefully you knew another influential adult as you were growing up, and you can substitute that name. Some persons turn to a religious figure to ask what that person would do . . . whoever it is, the value of YOUR role modeling for your children is just as important as it gets. It truly is an awesome responsibility.

The more children practice "CHARACTER-POSITIVE" behavior when they are young, the more they will feel the wonderful feedback that comes with it. Chances are better that when decisions need to be made later, your time spent working on moral choices will pay off!

STATE TESTING BEGINS MAY 11 FOR GRADES 2-5

This has become one of the very important events in the school year. Each child's test score is reported to parents, and then all are compiled to create a school profile. We are looking to continue our outstanding achievement by our students and school, and each child's best work counts! As you know, this past year we were one of the very few "10-10" schools in the county of San Diego, an honor which reflects our students' high level of achievement as well as giving us a point for continued growth in coming years.

As you know, we have an outstanding teaching staff, and they are working with the greatest kids - YOURS! We want nothing more than for our kids to do their best on this STAR test, because after all, our students are STARS! so why shouldn't they achieve at that level?

DO YOUR PART AS A PARENT by giving your child the most confidence possible going into this testing situation. Your positive outlook will have an effect on your student, and time spent helping your child to mentally prepare will pay off. Please let your child know:

STATE TESTING . . .Cont'd

- This test is important.
- You believe she/he will do the best she/he can.
- You know that the test will have some hard parts, but just "think smart", even though some of it is above grade level.
- We will be going to bed at a good time and eating a "power" breakfast to get brains fired up!

Parents are allowed to request that your child not participate in this testing program. If your child tends to create stress under this type of pressure situation, please send a note to the teacher requesting your child be excused. This is a standard procedure. You may also call the office to speak to Mrs. McQueen or Mr. Wise at 290-2900.

State testing begins the week of May 11, and finishes May 22. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS HERE EVERY DAY OF THE TEST, READY TO GO AND ON TIME!** We cannot allow students who arrive late to enter the classroom once testing has begun.

PROCTORS NEEDED! If you can give about an hour of time any morning during the period of May 11-22, please let your child's teacher know by returning the form at the end of this newsletter. Proctors will be trained, and will simply help out in each classroom during testing time. We especially need parents who can come each day, so the kids get used to seeing you in the room.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP WITH TESTING.

CALENDARS FOR 2009-2010, AND 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEARS

Although it is a bit far off, the district has settled the calendars for the next two years, and they are almost identical to the year we are in now. There was a substantial savings due to less use of electricity this past year (less air conditioning in the hot months), and of course, saving money is certainly the mode in which we currently find ourselves, so this is the reason for the very similar calendars.

Due to the late date of Labor Day, we will be beginning a bit before that holiday this next year. The first day of school is August 31st, and Labor Day is September 7th. There are no holidays in either the rest of September, and none in October, then in November, we have Veterans' Day on the 11th, and conference day on the 16th. Thanksgiving week is off on November 23-27, and winter break is December 22 through January 1, back to school January 4th. Seems a long way off, but for those of you making long range plans, that should help you know what is coming next year. The year after is very similar, and middle/high school calendars are very close to this elementary calendar, as they are this year.

Speaking of calendars, don't forget spring break, 2009, is coming up soon this year, April 9th through 17th, back to school on April 20th.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL by: Fran Pistone

As you know our School Site Council (SSC) is comprised of ten parents and staff members. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Melissa Aremtrout, Jennifer Curran, Robin Henigman, Kelley Keatly, Sue McQueen, Fran Pistone, Martha Rotramel, Gilda Shutz, Sjana Wick, and Fred Wise, for their dedication and service to the Carrillo SSC this year.

One of the most important responsibilities of this dedicated team is to develop, distribute and analyze the **Carrillo Year End Survey**. Since the purpose of this survey is communication and improvement, it is disbursed to every parent and student and returned anonymously. The SSC spends hours reviewing opinions and suggestions during the summer months and at the beginning of each school year. SSC notes positive affirmations and works with all staff members to reinforce these areas. They also focus on suggestions for improvement and align our yearly goals to address and refine areas of concern. After analyzing last May's survey, some team members reviewed survey results from previous years. We were quite pleased with a huge decrease in concerns expressed by parents and students over the years. We attribute this to increased communication between home and school, the implementation of new programs to address concerns, and staff efforts to implement suggestions made by the SSC. Keep an eye open for this year's survey coming out in May! Your input matters!!

The **parking lot** situation at Carrillo has also been an ongoing topic of discussion at SSC meetings. After contacting the Carlsbad Police Department, officers observing our lot and traffic flow agree wholeheartedly with our 'set up.' The officers specifically noted that we can achieve THE BEST parking lot in the district if parents and guests adhere to the following:

1. follow common rules of the road
2. heed yellow lines dividing lanes of traffic
3. stop turning left from right hand lanes
4. stay off cell phones

remain polite and patient

Another SSC topic which often arises from parent and student concerns is related to **cafeteria items and menus**. Opinions and concerns are always forwarded to the Food Services department at the district office and you probably noticed an increase in varieties and new menu items added this year. Within the next couple of weeks some of our Student Council members will be involved in a food sampling, sponsored by Food Services. Student preferences noted at the sampling, will be considered by this department when they develop future menus and include specific items. Thank you to Food Services for giving us a chance to try new foods and share our opinions.

Over the years we've addressed and frequently revisited **topics such as:** playground equipment, character education, disaster preparedness, Peace Patrol, playground supervision, bullying, school Single Plan, after school activities, music, science, and the School Safety Plan (to name just a few.) When you consider these tough economic times, your SSC members are a great deal! They address all these issues and they do it for free!! You can't beat that for a bargain!!!!

LEARNING DOESN'T STOP DURING THE SUMMER

Our last day of school will be June 18th and we'll all enjoy a nice, long break until Sept. 1st when school begins again. Although rest periods are always a good idea, we certainly don't want our brains to wither from lack of use.

- Ask your parents to help set up a summer schedule for you to follow.
- Read, write and practice math facts (+, -, x) every day.
- Public libraries are an excellent source for children of all ages. They have a numerous programs which are free and engaging on a daily or weekly basis.
- Google Balboa Park museums. I'm sure you can get updates on free days for all the museums in San Diego.
- Read, write and practice math facts (+, -, x) every day.
- No transportation? Stay home and bake cookies using the measurements to review fractions, invent something or create a new game.
- Watch educational programs on TV and limit the amount of time spent watching cartoons.
- Hopefully putting a limit on video games is already a part of your daily routines.
- Read, write and practice math facts (+, -, x) every day.
- Take a walk, ride a bike or pack a lunch and spend the day at the beach.
- Challenge yourself to write in a journal every day about what you did or plan to do.
- Set a math goal and work towards achieving that goal 5 days per week.



There are a multitude of websites which make learning fun and encourage children to refine previously learned skills in a positive way. Here are just a few.

www.starfall.com

www.funbrain.com

www.carlscorner.us.com

www.eduplace.com

www.kids.msfc.nasa.gov/Puzzles/

www.pbskids.org/lions/games

www.nationalgeographic.com/ngkids/games/games

www.brainpop.com

www.iknowthat.com

www.hotmath.com

www.kidsites.com

www.aamath.com

www.eduplace.com/kids

www.novelguide.comwww.thinks.com

www.internet4classrooms.com

www.scholastic.com

www.kidsspell.com

www.storyplace.org/storyplace.asp

www.learningplanet.com/act/fl/aact

It really doesn't matter what you choose to do but remember... keeping some sort of **routine** will keep your brain sharp and your body healthy. Have a wonderful summer and don't forget... a weakened brain pays the price in September and the rest of your life!

CARRILLO SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2009-20010

Listed is information about Kindergarten registration for 2009-2010.

Remember that your child must be 5 years on or before December 2, 2009 to qualify for Kindergarten registration.

March 11th - Kindergarten packets will be available starting on this date at all schools from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

April 1st - Kindergarten registration will begin and will continue until April 30th from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. each day. (*Hours for April 1st will be 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.*)

April 30th - 4:00 p.m. Deadline for **completed** kindergarten packets for those families that would like to be included in the lottery for morning Kindergarten. Carrillo will continue to register students after this date for afternoon session or morning waiting list.

May 1st - Kindergarten lottery at all schools - 3:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room

May 4th - Results of the lottery will be made available by 4:00 p.m. The lists of those students who will be enrolled in the morning sessions will be on the front office doors.

If you have any questions, please call Sue or Jennifer in the school office at 290-2900.

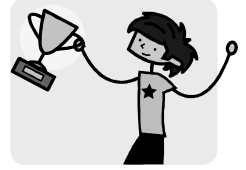
STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Sinoeh Esparza	Jake Selstad	Maddie Farella
McKenna Kelly	Grace Haroldson	Jack Knowles
Kaitlyn Swartout	Isabelle Curran	Kaitlin Shawhan
Kaitlyn Boyer	William Schwend	Alex Miller
Michael Olavide	Rebekah Garcia	Tatum Shirrel-Kenley
Autumn Hankla	Lianna Sanchez	Shawn Ruderman
Jay Twigg	Zoe Lipman	Caroline Mahoney
Jessica Hsia	Sami Elfus	Kayla Tchorz
Justin Nwanagu	Tepanka Van Ryn	Sean Ginzler
Nick Viani	Collin Berman	Laura Esbensen
Amy Keith	Trevor Lerma	Ajay Van Ryn
Tyler Mitchell	Daniel Bautista	Jillian Burchard
Claire Sargeant	Cassidy Crivello	Celine Truons
Dan Smalley	Lauren Lipman	Gavin Conway

SPECIAL AWARDS

ACADEMIC HONOR & MERIT AWARDS

In grades 4 & 5 we recognize student awards in these two categories. Merit Awards are for students who achieve at the 3.0 - 3.49 grade point average, and then the Honor Roll comes in for those who are at the 3.5 - 4.0 level. The standards demanded on our progress report are quite significant, and hard work always precedes high achievement! We are proud of the following students for their hard work which led to their high grades (students names in Honor Roll that are in bold have a straight 4.0):



4TH GRADE HONOR ROLL: **Paige Carter, Matthew Chronis, Evelyn Kang, Zoe Lipman, Tuheen Manika, Oliver McClymonds, Nathan Navida, Kaitlin Shawhan, and Kayla Tchorz;** Adam Bagwell, Grace Bennett, Nikki Bennett, Jacob Blas, Andrew Breihan, Mckenna Burke, Michael Casinelli, Matthew Chronis, Maria Conteras, Isabelle Curran, Jessica Guerrero, Jack Hamparyan, Grace Haroldson, Camryn Henigman, Justin Jepsen, Ellie Kebow, Chris Lunde, Caroline Majoney, Nicole Mariano, Caleb Mathews, Oliver McClymonds, Cecilia Nguyen, Tyler Rogers, Shawn Ruderman, Lianna Sanchez, Alyssa Schulte, Wiliam Schwend, Jake Selstad, Safaa Skander, and Tait Steinberenner

4TH GRADE MERIT AWARD: Po Aguilar, Colin Armstrong, Kyle Beach, Camden Benavente, Claire Boyce, Kailani Bruster, Kaitlyn Chiros, Aleah Crump, Rylie Donato, Cheyenne Escanlar, Rebekah Garcia, Isabela Grott, Austin Hicks, Brian Kim, Nick Kleiser, Christian Lindsey, Myles Liss, Emily May, James McClean, Alex Miller, Coby Morrison, Shane Muldowney, Ethan Patten, Garret Rado, Jose Rosas, Gabriella Sanchez, Noey Sarte, Alexander Say, Dara Schapouri, Chloe Spencer, Violet Stewart, Andrew Tidler, Gabriel Torres, Erin Ulm, Drew Van Voorhis, and Valerie Welker

5TH GRADE HONOR ROLL: **Sergiy Chemodanov, Garrett Conway, Kyle Enriquez, Laura Esbensen, Hope Golden, Stephanie Gorzynski, Grace Hanselman, Amy Keith, Jenna Keith, Karston Kelly, Robert Moore, Danny Murphy, Andre Rubidoux-Long, Alexandra Sasich, Zoe Shadan, Kelly Soria, Jordan Steffan, Michelle Taylor, Sophia Vivier, Kalea Woods, and Kai Zamora;** Keyan Abou-Nasseri, Kendall Andrews, Collin Berman, Michaela Cato, Max Christiansen, Kim Clermont, Cassidy Crivello, Maylie Delph, Mikayla Donelson, Sami Elfus, Chloe Evering, Sydney Furman, Amy Gload, Brenden Greger, Matthew Hamparyan, Eli Jasmer, Jeremy Lamson, Trevor Lerma, Lauren Lipman, Andres Lozano, Richard Meza, Sierra Miller, Alyssa Murry, Jared Nwanagu, Olivia Padilla, Brittney Rosillo, Claire Sarjeant, Shea Saulino, Grant Simmonds, Dan Smalley, Jadhya Stewart, Mitch Sugii, Zach Testa, Tepanka Van Ryn, Nyssa Williams, and Dante Wright

5TH GRADE MERIT AWARD: Daniel Bautista, Jason Bennett, Edwin Cantoran, Jennie Castiglione, Ania Chocholawska, Hannah Courtenay, Kellen Dorsey, Darby Fields, Antonia Grillo, Brennan Guerrero, Braedon Holmes, Jenna Morejon, Tanner Muirhead, Brooke Orozco, Maya Saulino, Hanna Smith, Neil Talwar, Piper Tomkins, Nick Viani, and Noah Wilfert

STUDENT STANDOUTS

Yes, they are the few, the proud, they are the STUDENT STANDOUTS! We are very proud of the following students for being nominated by their teachers for these awards. Never giving up, the special students put their heads down and just keep going, getting their work done correctly and on time, no matter how hard, and we are delighted to present them to you:

BE POLITE AWARDS

Grades K-2: Kendall Armstrong, Keith Biltz, Abigail Blackman, Kailey Calcetas, Davis Chapman, Faith Dalton, Kyle Edejer, Megan Fennessy, Myla Fleming, Trevor Hansen, Jadyn Heit, Tate Homes, Quinn Irvine, Evert Johnson, Olivia Marcotte, Alex Rice, Samantha Ruderman, Jackee Squier, Nicola Templeton, and Ian Tully



Grades 3-5: Jacob Blas, Paige Carter, Max Christiansen, Anasia Cuevas, Kellen Dorsey, Tyler Duong, Darby Fields, Cole Foster, Jaden Gray, Aimee Jameson, Eli Jasmer, Brian Kim, Liam Lendvai, Libni Lopez, Emily May, Sierra Miller, Alyssa Platera, Collin Rotzinger, Gabrielle Rubbo, Tessie Sahota, Jesse Sandoval, Noey Sarte, Maya Saulino, Deven Sestina, Mitchell Torres, Nick Viani, Valerie Welker, and Lucas Wengronowitz

TRIMESTER AWARDS BY SUBJECT

Trimesters are given to students in grades 3-5 for outstanding effort and achievement in specific academic areas. Teachers submit the names of students who deserve recognition based both on grades as well as special growth in the subject areas of math, language arts, science, social studies, fine arts, PE, citizenship, and overall achievement. We are proud of the following students :

3RD GRADE:

LANGUAGE ARTS: Kaitlyn Boyer, Shane Finney, Nicholas Hamparyan, Kenzie Malasek, Michaela Pistone, Aarti Rahavendron, Dilyn Senalik, Sydney Sestina, Ian Stewart, and Tera Testa

MATH : Jeremy Berman, Michael Eades, Joshua Golden, Patrick Hong, Jessica Hsia, Michael Maddy, Connor Nasseraddin, Chris Picco, Marcella Preciado, and Demitri Washington

SCIENCE : Aleksander Bejarano and Jonathon Tran

SOCIAL STUDIES: Alex Brant, Sergio Chavez, Julia Koss, Ethan Lawrie, and Arisa Zamora

FINE ARTS: Kylee Anderson, Delara Bahandori, Jessica Dominguez, Chloe Gallo, Mckenna Kelly, Eduardo Sanchez, Caitlynn Stringer, Kaitlyn Swartout, and Celine Truong

CITIZENSHIP: Anasia Cuevas, Mark Donelson, Sinoeh Esparza, Annie Keatly, Allyson Steffan, Cassidy Stroh, Fridha Torres, and Hanna Venier

ACHIEVEMENT: Tony Beaz, Seth Delfiorentino, Jack Estrin, Autumn Hankla, Marc Hutchinson Mauri Phillips, Ben Schroeder



TRIMESTER AWARDS...cont'd

4TH GRADE:

LANGUAGE ARTS: Jacob Blas, Mckenna Burke, Isabelle Curran, Grace Haroldson, Camryn Henigman, Caleb Mathews, Emily May, Alexander Say, and Kaitlin Shawhan

MATH: Andrew Breihan, Jessica Guerrero, Brian Kim, Caroline Majoney, Oliver McClynmonds, Kyle Phillips, Tatum Shirrel-Kenley, and Safaa Skander

SCIENCE: Camden Benavente, Claire Boyce, Isabela Grott, Tuheen Manika, and Noelle Sarte

SOCIAL STUDIES: Maria Conteras, Esai Delgado, Evelyn Kang, and Gabriella Sanchez

FINE ARTS: John Hosea, Analiza Rocha, Jose Rosas, Lianna Sanchez, and Tait Steinberenner

CITIZENSHIP: Michel Casinelli, Aleah Crump, Jaden Gray, Nicole Mariano, and Ethan Patten

ACHIEVEMENT: Colin Armstrong, Andrew Liu, Alex McCune, Mateo Serrano, Luke Smith, and Kalyla Tchorz



5TH GRADE:

LANGUAGE ARTS: Maylie Deph, Sydney Furman, Amy Keith, Trevor Lerma, Elijah Meza, Tanner Muirhead, Brooke Orozco, Olivia Padilla, Alexandra Sasich, Sarah Ulm, Nyssa Williams, and Kai Zamora

MATH: Collin Berman, Max Christiansen, Hannah Courtenay, Kyle Enriquez, Darby Fields, Vincent Ho, Jenna Keith, Robert Moore, Alyssa Murry, Jacob Reiss, Brittney Rosillo, Andre Rubidoux-Long, Neil Talwar, Nick Viani, and Michael Wort

SCIENCE: Kendall Andrews, Sergiy Chemodanov, Cassidy Crivello, Andres Lozano, and Kelly Soria

SOCIAL STUDIES: Sami Elfus, Yoel Sanchez, Jordan Steffan, and Michelle Taylor

FINE ARTS: Chloe Evering, Toni Gonzalez, and Grace Hanselman

CITIZENSHIP: Ania Chocholawska, Brandon Connors, Lilly Crolus, Mikayla Donelson, Calvin Goodson, Tyler Mitchell, Jenna Morejon, Cameron Nasseraddin, Angie Sanchez, Maya Saulino, and Dante Wright

ACHIEVEMENT: Daniel Bautista, Garrett Conway, Laura Esbensen, Amy Gload, Hope Golden, Faith Mason, Richard Meza, Jared Nwanagu, and Isaac Santana



A NOTE FROM THE PTO PRESIDENT

Thank you to all the wonderful parents and teachers that have been so active in the recent proposed budget cuts. Are these budget cuts real? I have heard several parents comment that last year there was a big fuss about budget cuts, but nothing ever happened. Well, actually, a few things did happen. The district cut transportation for many Carrillo families, and if you don't think that had an impact at Carrillo, just remember your daily afternoon pick-up from school. Additionally, there were several cuts at the district level, that we, as a PTO pick-up the costs in order to continue the great programs Carrillo had in place and wanted to continue. This resulted in an additional \$15,000 in salaries paid for the 2008-2009 paid by the PTO for several positions in the area of PE, Library, and Reading intervention. The budget cuts were real last year, and they are real this year. The school district estimates a shortfall for the 2009-2010 school year of over \$4.1 million dollars.



The solution to the proposed budget cuts is twofold, one we need to secure more funding from the state, but as we all know, the financial status of the State of California is precarious at best. Until we can solve the underfunding problem at the state level, we need to focus on what the San Marcos school board decides to cut in order to balance the district budget. Currently, the proposed cuts range from elimination of Assistant Principals to class size increases for grades 1 and 2. Carrillo parents have been very active in confronting the budget issues on both fronts. A letter writing campaign headed by the wonderful Lori Gorzynski resulted in over 150 letters sent to each of our state Governor, state senators, and our local legislators.

We have also been very vocal with the San Marcos school board on the proposed budget cuts to our school. We had many, many parents and teachers attend the two recent board meetings where proposed cuts were discussed. We had parents, teachers and even a couple of Carrillo students speak up and voice their opinions on the proposed cuts. The participation from Carrillo is amazing and I hope to have good news for you in the coming months about the school board's final decisions regarding these proposed cuts. Thank you to all of the parents that attended a meeting, sent an e-mail or signed a letter. It really does make a difference and hopefully our voices were heard!

The PTO is currently working with school staff and administrators on what our options are for the 2009-2010 school year if the proposed class size increases is adopted. We hope to have a "Plan B" in place, just in case. If you have any suggestions or would like to be involved with a Steering Committee regarding class size issues for next school year, please e-mail me at CarrilloPTO@gmail.com or leave a message at the PTO desk (760)290-2919. I know our school community can do wonderful things when we work as a team. We always find solutions, let's continue in that spirit!

Janet McClean
PTO President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report as of Mar. 16, 2009

Income

Fundraising Events	\$72,670
Passive Fundraising	10,790
Other Income	<u>10,660</u>
Total Income	\$94,120



Expenses

Program Salaries	\$67,000
Program Supplies	6,335
School Supplies	5,875
Assemblies	3,670
PTO Expenses	4,675
Other Expenses	<u>1,020</u>
Total Expenses	\$88,575
<i>Net Income / (Loss)</i>	<i>\$ 5,545</i>

Projected budgeted expenses for the remainder of the school year are \$36,825.

Parking Space Raffle and Silent Bid

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the 2 coveted reserved parking spaces for the second half of the year. Congratulations to the Buffini family and the Davis family who will be the proud owners of these spaces from 2/5/09 through 6/12/09.

Two parking spaces went to the highest bidders of the silent auction. The silent bids were placed and the winners of these parking spaces for the second half of the year (2/5/09 through 6/12/09) are the Creamer family and the Armentrout family.



FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

-Our first annual Father/Daughter Dance was held on Feb 6th and was a HUGE success! The dads and daughters danced the night away and had a great time. We received so much positive feedback for this SOLD OUT event, that it will definitely be back next year! It would have never been possible without our awesome bakers and volunteers. Thank you all SO much for making the night so special. We never could have done it without you!

UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS-

Dine Outs

Dine Out- April 29th- El Torito Restaurant

Dine Out-May 20th-Rubio's/Coldstone

Events

Family Night-April 1st 6:30pm "Razzle Bam Boom"

Mother/Son Kickball Game- May 8th



YEARBOOK

We are looking for volunteers to head up next year's yearbook. If you LOVE pictures and/or can work on a computer...you're set! We are looking to form a committee to help with this starting next fall. It's a great way to be involved but on your own time! Please contact Stephanie Leach or Sjana Wick on the PTO line if you're interested.

Carrillo Kids Love to Run!

Our 5th Annual Shamrock & Run Jog-a-thon on March 13th was a huge success and as always a favorite with the kids.

A huge thank you to Nanette Muirhead for once again chairing this event. Thank you also to the many volunteers who worked before and on the day of the event. We really appreciate your involvement and could not do this without all of you.

This year we were fortunate to once again have amazing prizes for the kids. Many thanks to all of the families who generously donated gift cards and other items for the raffle. The event raised over \$12,000!!!

CARRILLO FAMILIES ROCK!!!

CARRILLO SPIRITWEAR

Our very own and very talented Jordan Armstrong won the T-Shirt Design contest and her design is fantastic! If you haven't had a chance to check them out, we will be selling shirts at all Flag Salutes throughout the month of April. Boys shirts are \$10.00 and girls shirts are \$12.00. Pick one up and show your Carrillo Spirit!

**DON'T FORGET!!
THE END OF YEAR
PARTY
Is Friday, June 12th**



SAVE THE DATE!!

The annual Carrillo End of Year Party will be Friday evening, June 12th. Save the date on the calendar, because this is a favorite for every member of your family as we celebrate the end of another school year and the beginning of Summer! There will be live music, games and just good old-fashioned fun for all! Look for more details to follow on new changes for this year's Event!



A HUGE "THANK YOU!" to Niki Furman, Sharon Marcotte and their elves for transforming the cafeteria into a virtual museum on Open House night! The students' artwork looked terrific and we all appreciate Niki and her team's hard work!!

Do you have great ideas to share? Do you have a little more time to give to the school? Do you want to have more of a say in what goes on at Carrillo?

Then **JOIN THE PTO!!!**

The PTO has a number of two-year Board positions that are ending this June. We are actively seeking those want to jump in and work alongside a great team all trying to make Carrillo the best elementary school possible. We need you! Please email CarrilloPTO@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more about the available positions and what their duties entail.

SCHOOL SAVINGS BANK

Washington Mutual Student Savings - Banking is held every Friday before school from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. There are two locations; the first in the Computer Lab and the second location by the track. Opening an account is free to Carrillo students. Come pick up an application or make a deposit on Fridays. Deposits can be as little as a quarter. Every other deposit earns you free prizes. Prizes are given to us according to the number of participants Carrillo has. This is a valuable way to teach students to save money.

Carrillo Elementary's
Third Annual Ladies Spring Tea at the Ranch
Sunday April 26, 2009

Bring your Girlfriends, Moms, Sisters and Aunts for an enjoyable champagne reception, lunch, tea, fashion show and auction to support school programs and extracurricular activities provided for our children. This is a wonderful event to relax and enjoy fellow women of Carrillo Elementary. *Look for ticket sales starting on April 2, 2009.*

A big part of the day is the Silent Auction and Raffle. We are in need of Gift Certificates or items from:

- *Spas
- *Nail Salons
- *Boutiques
- *Hotels
- *Restaurants
- *Anything a lady would love!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We need help with the solicitation of donations for the silent auction and raffle. **If you know someone who would be willing to donate goods or services, please ask them.** A letter and form are available to carry with you while you shop, so that you can ask the stores you frequent for donations. Please call Lisa Sanchez or Holly Ruderman at the PTO desk at 290-2919 for the letter and form. We are still looking for committee members to help with donations. **If you would like to join the Donations Committee, we would be happy to meet with you and give you some donation letters to hand out.**

Any donations for this event can be submitted to the school office labeled "Ladies Tea" and marked "Attention PTO". Please call the PTO desk at 290-2919 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for making this event such a great success for our school.

For any additional details, please contact Jae Martin at 295-9982.

SAVE THE DATE!

Ladies Spring Tea
April 26th, 2009
Leo Carrillo Ranch

MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL



----Let your Von's and Macy's shopping trips support our school without costing you a cent! Also, you'll find many merchants on the Esrip On-Line Mall. Merchants like Shutterfly who will donate 10.8% of your purchases to Carrillo, Snapfish (12%), Nordstrom (6%), Oriental Trading Co. (3%), Amazon (2.4%). Many more other merchants are participating. To date we have 550 families participating. Thank you! We still have about 290 families that we hope will sign up. PLEASE sign up on-line. It's quick, easy and FREE!

Go to www.escrip.com

Click on "sign-up"

Follow the instructions

Group Name: Carrillo Elementary

Group ID: 4840778

If you have no computer access that is no problem just stop by the front office to pick up a form and then turn into the PTO after completion.

Albertsons-As of March 1, 2009 there are 85 families who have re-linked their Albertsons preferred card numbers to Carrillo. Thank you to those families. There are still 125 families that we hope will link or re-link their Albertsons Preferred Savings cards. Encourage family and friends to do so as well.

1. Go to www.albertsons.com
 2. Click on "In the Community" (lower right corner)
 3. Click on "Community Partner" (right side)
- Click on "Shoppers register your Preferred Savings card"

If you do not know your Preferred Savings Card Number, please call (877) 932-7948.

Our Organization ID # is 49000122088

You must register or re-link your card on your own. If you have no computer access; call Albertsons at (877) 932-7948.

BoxTops-Great job Carrillo families, as of February 28 you have raised \$4,388 by simply clipping and pasting the pink \$0.10 coupons onto collection sheets! If you haven't already signed up, please do as you will receive lots of fabulous coupons and ideas! To sign up log on to www.boxtops4education.com! We have already signed up 72 families this year!

Congratulations to the BOYS for winning the contest. Continue saving BoxTops throughout the rest of the year. There are extra collection sheets both in the office and at the PTO desk.

MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!

We get cash for your trash! Bring us these recyclable items:

- Empty Inkjet Cartridges
- Empty Laser Cartridges
- Used Cell Phones
- Laptops (Please include power cords)
- PDA's (Palm Pilots)

Collection bins located in the cafeteria or can be left at the PTO Desk. There will be a contest in April by class to celebrate Earth Day.



Labels --- To all Tyson chicken products lovers; please clip the A+ label off the product and send it in attention PTO. Each label is worth 24 cents. To date we have only collected 59 labels. This too is free money to Carrillo. It would be great if we could get more participants.

5th Annual
Jog-A-Thon

Thank
You!



Carrillo Elementary PTO
would like to thank all of the
participants and volunteers who helped to
make this event a huge success and fun for all.

Spotlight on
our Sponsors

