

THE SUNDIAL



“We remember only the sunny days”

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Success in school life and, I dare say, in all of life, requires self-control, awareness of the rights of others, fair play, and a willingness to be taught.

Let's Bring Them Up Sensibly by Mae Carden

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Thank You to Our Carden Family Hosts

We enjoyed having thirteen Grade Five students visit us from Beijing, China. They joined us in our Grade Four and Five classes for all classroom activities. They also gave us wonderful performances at the Assembly on Friday.

We would like to thank the Carden fami-

lies who welcomed the visiting children into their homes: the Baggas, the Boginskys, the Butlers, the Cohens, the Myers, the Ridgways, the Srinivasas, and the Torigians. Thank you for providing an enriching cultural experience for our students. You have touched the lives of these children.

Thank You to the Parents for the New Auditorium

Our school Auditorium has undergone a beautiful renovation. The stage has been enlarged and has a new floor. Theatre curtains have been added, and new more comfortable chairs have replaced the old metal chairs. Thank you

to the Parents' Association for giving the school these wonderful improvements. Thank you especially to Mr. & Mrs. Garrett Grant for providing the amazing construction team.



Geography Bee

Miss Landry moderated the Geography Bee on Tuesday, January 15th, in the school auditorium. Top geography students in Grades 5 through 7 competed to correctly answer questions about United States geography. After three rounds, most students had been eliminated. We would like to congratulate the first place finisher, Christine Jarjour (6th) and the runner up, Nissim Ray (7th). Christine will advance to the regional competition. We wish you well.

Spelling Bee

The annual Spelling Bee was held at school on Friday, January 18th. After competing in elimination rounds in the classrooms, top spellers in Grades 4 through 7 met together for the final rounds. Students correctly spelled such words as "artichoke," "abdicate," "magnolia," and "pretzel." We would like to congratulate our first place finisher, Zaki Gulamani (7th) and our runner-up, Nissim Ray (7th). Zaki will go on to compete in the District Spelling Bee. Good luck Zaki!

PLEASE NOTE

Student Enrollment for 2008—2009

Soon we will be mailing out the new enrollment contracts to current Carden Conejo families for the 2008-2009 school year. Please be sure to return your enrollment contract along with the enrollment fee(s) by Friday, February 22nd. This will secure a place for your child in next year's class before we consider admitting new students.

February is "Instrument Month"

Every student is invited to bring in an instrument that they have been studying, to play for their music class. During January, the day will be chosen when each student is to play in February, and they can practice to be ready at that time. This is always an exciting time for students to see and hear their classmates demonstrate their instrument.

Congratulations to our Poets!

Nisha Srinivasa (Grade 6) and Kendyll Ridgway (Grade 5) were honored in this year's Young Poets Contest. Their poems were selected from thousands of student entries. Nisha's poem, titled "**Despair**" and Kendyll's poem, titled "**Nature's Beauty**," will be published by Creative Communications in the anthology A Celebration of Young Poets. Congratulations Nisha and Kendyll!

Carden Teaching Demonstration

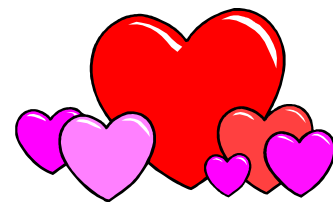
During the week of February 4th, Carden Conejo teachers will attend teaching demonstrations at the Carden Conejo school, given by Mr. Merle Taylor, the head of the Carden Educational Foundation.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our teachers to continue to develop their Carden instructional skills. Each day, a group of Carden Conejo students will participate in the demonstration classes.



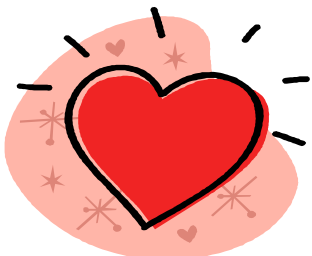
Kindergarten Orientation

Parents of Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten students are invited to join us in the school auditorium on Tuesday, February 12th, at 8:30 am to learn more about our Kindergarten program. Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Smith will discuss the Kindergarten curriculum and the transition from Pre-Kindergarten to Kindergarten. If you know of parents who do not currently have children enrolled at Carden Conejo school and who may be interested in enrolling in Kindergarten, please invite them to this session.



Happy Hearts

Kayla Arendts Emma Phan
Kaley Morgan Reilly Ternan



Busy Bees

Madison Ashton Jordyn Ehrlich
Brinn Blatz Rustin Fiouzi
Zachary Boyce Davin Richards-Kron
Megan Demijohn Nisha Srinivasa



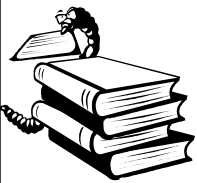
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Second Semester Begins – Monday, January 28th

Mrs. Thoma's Grade Five Class Play – Thursday, January 31st

Mrs. Thoma's Grade Five Class will be performing "Selections from Arabian Nights" in the auditorium starting at 8:30 am. Parents, Grandparents, and siblings are invited to enjoy the dramatic performance. After the play, parents are invited to the classroom to enjoy refreshments and to view their child's class work.

Annual Book Fair – Saturday, February 2nd



The book fair will be held on Saturday February 2nd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Westlake Barnes & Noble bookstore. This is a wonderful opportunity to help supply new books for your child's classroom library.

"Snow Day" – Wednesday, February 13th

The students will have the opportunity to experience Los Angeles' version of a "snow day" at Carden Conejo school. The Parents' Association is planning to have truckloads of the white stuff brought in. Students will play in the snow during their regular sports class. Please send your child to school with warm clothes to change into for this activity. We will provide the snow toys.

Mrs. Sharma's Grade Five Class Play – Thursday, February 14th

On Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m., Mrs. Sharma's Grade Five Class will be performing "Abu Hassan" from the Arabian Nights, in the auditorium.

Valentine's Day Parties – Thursday, February 14th

In the afternoon, each class will be having Valentine parties in their classrooms. Please be sure that your child brings valentines for all of their classmates. We would not like to see a child being left out. Room parents are encouraged to keep the refreshments simple and candy to a minimum.

Themed Assembly – Friday, February 15th

All classes will be presenting contributions to honor our Presidents starting at 8:30 a.m.

Presidents' Day Holiday – Monday, February 18th

NO SCHOOL.

Free Dress Day – Wednesday, February 20th

For a \$5.00 donation to a worthy cause selected by the CCPA, your child may toss aside the school uniform for a day and wear appropriate "free dress."

Mrs. Torigian's Kindergarten Class Play – Thursday, February 21st

On Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m., Mrs. Torigian's Kindergarten Class will be performing "The Sneetches" in the auditorium.

Mid-Winter Dance – Friday, February 23rd

The Mid-Winter Dance for students in Grades 6 and 7 will be held in the auditorium. This event is semi-formal; boys are expected to wear a suit, a jacket & tie or their Friday uniform. The girls should wear party dresses. The dance commences at 12:30 pm and will finish at 3:30 pm.

Mrs. Bashardoust and Miss David's Pre-Kindergarten Play – Thursday, February 28th

On Thursday morning at 9:45 am, Mrs. Bashardoust and Miss David's Pre-Kindergarten classes will be performing "Three Piggy Opera" in the auditorium.

Progress Reports Mailed – Friday, February 29th

Progress Reports will be mailed on Friday, February 29th. There should be plenty of time in March for students to make up for missing work or to prepare for tests to bring their grades up before the 3rd Quarter report cards are sent.