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"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 Parents

Thanks to our generous parents, the AV equipment in the auditorium has been wonderfully enhanced. New LED theater lights have been hung from the ceiling to more effectively light the performers on the stage. We have also upgraded the stage microphones and have added stage monitors so the children can follow their musical cues better. Finally, a new higher performance projector has been hung from the ceiling. This new equipment will help make our performances more enjoyable for everyone.



Thank you to the Parents and the CCPA for providing the school with these wonderful improvements.



Spelling Bee

The annual Spelling Bee was held at school on Tuesday, January 12th. After competing in elimination rounds in the classrooms, the top 24 spellers in Grades 4 through 7 met together in the auditorium for the final rounds. Students correctly spelled such words as "pharmacy," "quarantine," "agricultural," and "financier."

We would like to congratulate our first place finisher, Natalie A. (5th), second place finisher, Baran F. (5th), third place finisher, Juliana D. (6th), and the fourth place finisher, Margaret D. (6th). Natalie will go on to compete in the District Spelling Bee. Good luck Natalie!



Baran and Natalie

Geography Bee

Ms. Landry moderated the Geography Bee on Tuesday, January 19th, in the school auditorium. Top geography students in Grades 4 through 7 competed to correctly answer questions about United States and World geography. After seven rounds, most students had been eliminated. The top four students competed in the final round. We would like to congratulate the first place finisher, Margaret D. (6th), the second place finisher, Gloria H. (7th), the third place finisher, Lauren R. (6th), and the fourth place finisher, Ryan T. (5th). Margaret will advance to the regional competition. We wish you well.



Gloria, Margaret & Lauren

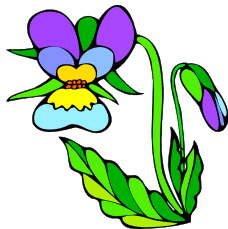
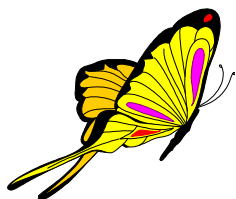
PLEASE NOTE

Student Enrollment for 2010—2011

Soon we will be mailing out the new enrollment contracts to current Carden Conejo families for the 2010-2011 school year. Please be sure to return your enrollment contract along with the enrollment fee by **Friday, February 26th**. This will secure a place for your child in next year's class before we consider admitting new students.

Kindergarten Orientation

Parents of students in Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten, and Junior Kindergarten joined us in the school auditorium on Monday, January 19th to learn more about our Kindergarten program. Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Smith discussed the Kindergarten curriculum and how to help children make a successful transition from Pre-Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten. If you were unable to attend this session and would like some information, please call the office and make an appointment with Mrs. Smith.



Carden Teaching Demonstration

During the week of February 1st, Carden Conejo teachers will attend teaching demonstrations at the Carden Conejo school, given by Mr. Joel Reed, master Carden Teacher, and Headmaster of the Howard School in Carpinteria. This is a wonderful opportunity for our teachers to continue to develop their Carden teaching skills. Each day, a group of Carden Conejo students will participate in the demonstration classes. On Monday, the demonstration classes will be the Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten classes. On Tuesday, we will have the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Grade classes. On Wednesday, we will have the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade classes.



Middle School Field Hockey Tournament

On Friday, February 5th, Ms. Landry's 6th and 7th Grade students will have a day off from academics to compete as a team in the annual Middle School Field Hockey Tournament at Moorpark College. Our students have been practicing their hockey skills here at school and will have the opportunity to compete against other middle school teams from Ventura County.

Happy Hearts

Ernest Adendorff	Noah Eubanks
Zachary Bakerman	Fiona McReynolds
Isabella Balestrero	Breann Newton
Ariana Chavannes	Lauren Ricciotti
Rebecca Danese	



Busy Bees

Nadia Akalp	Leela Mogadam
Claire Buck	Emma Phan
Ajay Culhane	Margaret Rouse
Juliana DeGiosa	Melack Samson
Alana Deluccia	Sarah Shulze
Lauren Garboski	Kevin Stubbings
Prarthana Kaygee	Madison Tchejeyan
Maxim Manyak	Keira Thorgusen
Julia McCallum	Alina Udani



Sports Awards

Sportsmanship:	Leadership:
Neel Roy	Gabriella Costin
Madison Tchejeyan	Robert Garcia



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Report Cards Mailed – Friday, January 29th

Report Cards for the 2nd Quarter will be mailed home.

Second Semester Begins – Monday, February 1st

Carden Demonstration Classes – Monday, February 1st—Wednesday, February 3rd

Each day, Carden Conejo teachers will attend teaching demonstrations in the Auditorium. Mr. Joel Reed, master Carden teacher will teach groups of Carden Conejo students while teachers observe.

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Mrs. Minihan's 4th Grade Class Play – Thursday, February 11th

Mrs. Minihan's 4th Grade Class will be performing "California Missions and More" 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.

Themed Assembly – Friday, February 12th

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

Valentine's Day Parties – Friday, February 12th

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.

Middle School Special Event – Friday, February 12th

Our middle school students chose driving over dancing. Instead of having a Mid-winter Dance here at school the 6th and 7th Grade students will be enjoying the thrill of driving fast at the MB2 Indoor Kart Racing facility in Thousand Oaks.

Presidents' Day Holiday – Monday, February 15th

NO SCHOOL.

"Wear What You Want Wednesday" – Wednesday, February 17th

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. Sharma's 5th Grade Class Play – Thursday, February 18th

On Thursday morning at 8:30 am, Mrs. Sharma's 5th Grade Class will be performing "Tales from the Arabian Nights" in the auditorium.

Ms. Landry's 6th/7th Grade Class Play – Thursday, February 25th

Ms. Landry's 6th/7th Grade Class will be performing "The Hunting of the Snark" by Lewis Carroll in the auditorium starting at 8:30 am.

Progress Reports Mailed – Friday, March 5th

Progress Reports will be mailed on Friday, March 5th. 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.

