

OUR MOUNTAIN EMPIRE STUDENTS

Campo Elementary School Registration Dates and Times
 August 10-14 9am – 3pm
 478-5583

Returning students: 2 proofs of residency
 New students will need to provide a birth certificate,
 immunizations and 2 proofs of residency
 New kinders will need to provide a birth certificate,
 immunizations physical, dental and 2 proofs of residency

Campo Cougars News

BY DIANNE YOPS, PRINCIPAL
 CAMPO ELEMENTARY

As the year comes to a close, it is time for some reflection of the past year.

We have had staff changes, grade changes, layoffs and budget dilemmas to cope with. As the year comes to a close, we are reviewing the past year and the many accomplishments and the activities we have held. There have been so many things going on including: our September Swap Meet, Back to School Night, Patriotic Day, Cookie Dough Sales, Patriot Day, Picture Day, our fabulous Fall Festival, PJ Reading nights, Book Fairs, Holiday Store, Crazy Hair Day, Movie Nights, Lumberjack Day, Western Day, Mother Daughter Tea, Sports Day, Student Store, Bingo Night, Different Shoe Day, Pizza Parties, Ice Cream Parties, Coin Wars, Popcorn Parties, Read Across America (Dr. Suess) Day, Pajama Day, Fall and Spring Pictures, Panoramic Photo, Live Auctions, Hippie Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, Volunteer Luncheon, Western Day, Open House, Field Trips, Beach Bum Day, Talent Show, School Plays, and Preschool, Kinder and 6th grade promotions. The list goes on and on. After listing the numerous events and happenings, I wonder why we ever go home! There is so much to do at our school, and this doesn't include the events that the afterschool program and community offer our kids. Many of

these events would not have been possible without the efforts of our outgoing PTO board members. Thank you to Paige McAllister and the entire PTO board for all of their hard work this past school year!

On June 11th, we held our PTO elections and new board members were elected. The new officers for 2009-10 are: President-Rebecca Ethington, Vice-President-Shanna Elliott, Co-Vice-President-Dawn Costello, Secretary-Melissa Daniels, Co-Secretary-Yenni Shuster, Treasurer-Christina Noland, Public Relations-Kristi Kor, Sergeant-At-Arms-Verlet Briggs and Events Recorder-Christine Pryor. Welcome to the new board, and we are all looking forward to a wonderful 2009-10 school year!

The end of the school year also brings us STAR testing. We have been busy assessing our students grades 2-6 on the Statewide STAR tests. Unfortunately, we will have to wait for the outcome of this high stakes test until August. This test measures annually how well our students do on a standardized test. In addition to this one test snapshot, we do district testing to predict how our students will do. The ongoing assessments include the District writing prompt, MAP and DIBELS testing, theme tests, unit tests, etc. All of these assessments give us the whole picture of the children and how they are doing.



The students at Campo are making tremendous growth in all academic areas. We are very proud of the hard work of the staff and students that make this happen.

Previously I kissed a pig and a goat to show our students and their parents how proud I was of their accomplishments on the STAR testing (raising scores 96 points in two years!!!) This year if our scores continue to climb, I will find some other lovely animal to kiss or maybe this year I will come up with some other way to show my appreciation to the students and staff for all of their hard work!

Campo Elementary is revising and planning for our school to become a Preschool through 7th grade school next year. This is an exciting time for all of us here at Campo, but with all of the budget cuts, there are many challenges to be overcome. The current plan is to have teachers fifth

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Descanso & Pine Valley Happenings



BY JOAN BAUMANN

I thought you might like to know about a wonderful project that is happening in Descanso...

We are creating an outdoor classroom and learning garden at the Descanso School. Currently we have started construction with a fence installed by our local fencing company, Jesse Fence. Our first event was a dedication ceremony on June 12th at 1pm. We planted an apple orchard to commemorate the opening of the garden and to recognize our outstanding citizens who have donated to our project. Each class had a representative who shoveled dirt into the hole around each tree. We also invited Mrs. Obama to our ceremony. Please see the sample of a student letter.

More exciting news...

We have received funding for a greenhouse. A work

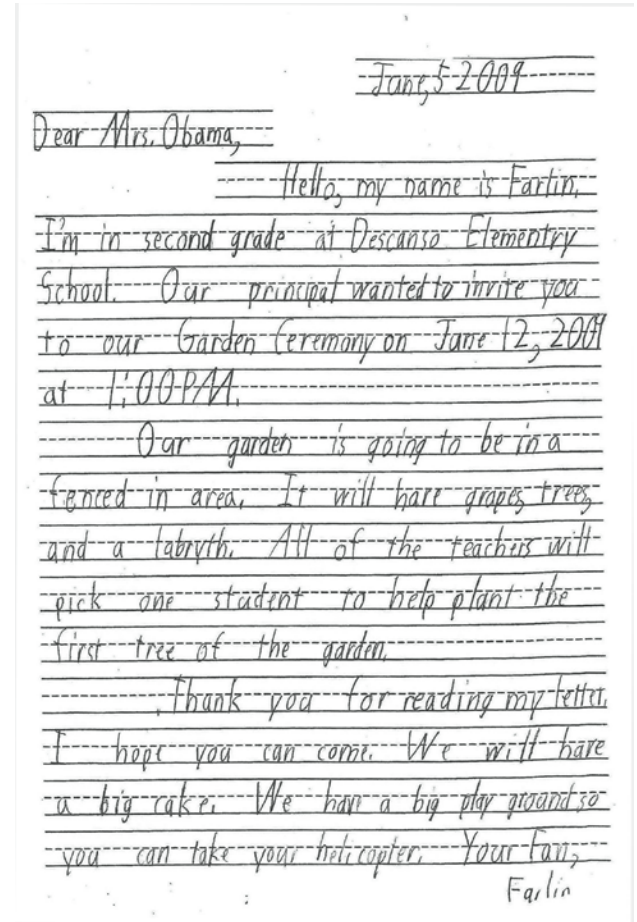
party weekend on June 27th -28th will take place. What a great way to connect with our community and learn a little bit more about gardening.

Here is our wish list and how you can be a part of our future generation here in Descanso..

* Tool shed ~ Volunteers with Construction skills &

Building materials needed.
 *Tools ~ Small hand tools, gloves, wheelbarrows, clipboards, rain gauge
 *Raised planter boxes ~ Rock, amended soil, cedar 2x6 boards, wire
 *Seeds ~ Pumpkins, vegetables, starter trays
 *Volunteers with Gardening, Construction, and Greenhouse knowledge

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Let's Go Redhawks!



It's that time again - the 2009-2010 Cheer Squad has been formed. Cheerleading is an exciting sport that runs along side several of the other High school sports. The girls train all year long to bring their best to each game.

They train in Stunting, Tumbling, & Dance as well as learn to bring the crowds to their feet.

Cheer is a very expensive

sport which does not receive any funding. The girls will be selling ads for the annual "Sports Program" and doing many fundraisers to raise the monies needed.

We need your support. If you would like to make a donation or support one of our fundraisers, please make your checks payable to MEHS Cheer. Send donations to: Mountain Empire High School, 3305 Buckman Springs Rd., Pine

Valley, CA 91962.

Please submit ads for the sports program electronically to lynn@backcountrymessenger.com using Cheer Ads in the Subject. Support your MEHS Cheerleaders!

Clover Flat School News

BY ARLENE LENHART

The Clover Flat Science Fair was a huge success this year with nearly 100% participation and a wide variety of topics covered. The judges had a difficult time awarding a first second and third place to each grade level and an overall grand prize winner. Winners are listed by First, second, third place.

Second grade winners were Kali Mance, Rose Buel, Lilian Akintonde. Third grade: Kyle Stokem first place and overall grand prize winner, Kennedy Vasquez, Julian Maldonado. Fourth Grade: Andrew

Jones, Lilly Schuster, Hector Valencia. Fifth grade: Vinnie Torres, Gavin McKalvey, Rosy Virgen. Sixth grade: Jacob Willson, Austin Frey, Mackenzie Briel. CONGRATULATIONS one and all! The presentations were outstanding!

Since this is going to press before the awards assembly, I have only attendance for you this time. This is for April 20 to May 15 and May 16 to June 12.

Mrs. Clifton 2nd grade: Lilian Akintonde, Lexey Cunningham, Brooke Baines, Kali Mance, Tayler Breckenridge, Madison Margerum, Jared Hubal,

Logan Flores, Lila Gomez and Miguel Virgen. 5/18-6/12: Isaac Aguayo, Lilian Akintonde, Rose Buel, Jared Hubal, Kali Mance and Madison Margerum.

Mr. Ferguson 3rd grade: Jesse Watkins, Lisa Vian, Kennedy Vasquez Julian Maldonado, Erin Jacquot, Lauren Hamada, Alonso Delgado, Sandra Bell, Sierra Margerum, Evelyn Koch, Jeffrey Tosspon, Kyle Stokem, Trent Willson, Cianna Lindholm and Kyle G. 5/18 - 6/12: Lauren Hamada, Erin Jacquot, Evelyn Koch, Kyle Stokem, Alex Torres, Jeffrey Tosspon, Jesse Watkins and Trent Willson.

Mrs. Nash 4th grade: James Akintonde, Daniel Alvarado, Hailey Augustine, Anna Cruz, Amanda Fish, Mary Fisher, Katelyn Flores, Diana Ibarra, Andrew Jones, Francisco Monreal, Marissa & Melissa Ramirez, Chico Rubio, Tyler Senniger, Hector Valencia, and Ryan Willis. 5/18 - 6/12: James Akintonde, Hailey Augustine, Anna Cruz, Diana Ibarra, Andrew Jones, Francisco Monreal, Chico Rubio, Tyler Senniger, and Hector Valencia

Miss Macrorie 5th grade: Tyler Bateman, Megan Breckenridge, Quintin Epperson, Jonathan Hubal,

Jacquelyn Luquin, Jonathan McDaniel, Samantha McDowell, Gavin McKalvey, Viktoria Medina Lopez, Ruben Regalado, Savannah Swafford, Thomas Taylor, Vinnie Torres, Alexis Troy, Rosy Virgen and Wyatt Collins. 5/18 - 6/12: Kenia Acevedo, Tyler Bateman, Megan Breckenridge, Jacquelyn Luquin, Jonathan McDaniel, Gavin McKalvey, Savannah Swafford, Thomas Taylor, Vinnie Torres, and Rosy Virgen.

Mrs. Wheaton 6th grade: Craig Arch, Anthony Phifer, Chris Barnhill, Heather Bateman, Amanda Despres, Austin Frey, Mariah Gomez, Kahla Oteo, Jovan

Parnell, Mayra and Maribel Regalado Woody Watkins, Carlee Roberts, Mackenzie Briel, and Lance Jacquot. 5/18 - 6/12: Chris Barnhill, Heather Bateman, Mackenzie Briel, Amanda Despres, Austin Frey, Kahla Oteo, Jovan Parnell, Carlee Roberts, Chris Urbina and Woody Watkins.

May 22nd Wild Wonders presented a hands on assembly, "a walk on the wild side", introducing wild animals from all over the world. Meadow, a gray fox from North America, Rain Forest, a kinkachoo from the forest of South Amer-

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