

OUR STUDENTS

Pine Valley-Descanso Elementary Schools



BY JOAN BAUMANN

By the time the paper goes to press, our fabulous Halloween Carnival will be a wonderful memory. Right now the PTA is busy with preparations to make it a spectacular event for all ages. The chair people, Tiffany Tejada and Cheryl Melban, have put in thousands of hours coordinating the food and the games. Room mothers are coordinating baskets to

raffle off with fun themes. The carnival included a Haunted House, a cake walk, pumpkin carving and costume contests, and many games for all ages to enjoy. There were prizes galore, and dinner was served as well as lots of delicious baked goods. All of the proceeds will go to assemblies and field trips for the entire school to enjoy. This is the first year Descanso and Pine Valley will be collaborating on this together, so we hope to have a large turnout of students and parents from both schools.

The fifth and sixth graders at Descanso are also busy raising money to go to 6th grade camp. A parent volunteer, Janet Lockett, is helping them organize events, such as car washes, bake sales, and hosting a spaghetti dinner December 11th. There will be more information on this next

month.

The Descanso school garden is coming along. We now have a tool shed built in addition to our compost bins. Mrs. White's science classes are continuing to work on the labyrinth, bringing in soil and rocks to complete the project. Volunteers are always welcome from the community.

Parent conferences are coming in November from the 16th to the 20th. Report cards will be given out to parents, and our Honor Roll will be established at Descanso with the first report card. Students with a GPA of 3.5 and above will have a field trip to Pine Valley County Park for pizza and games. These will all be minimum days so our After School Program will be busy watching the students and keeping them engaged with homework

help and fun activities. There is no tutoring on minimum days.

Dorothy Laskey is a super parent volunteer who works long hours to benefit the students at both schools by collecting box tops, e-script and many other fundraisers. All of the money raised helps the PTA fund activities for the students that otherwise couldn't afford to participate.

Student Council at Descanso is actively planning activities for our Descanso and Pine Valley schools. They are in charge of the vote for our new mascot, obtaining feedback from students and parents at both schools. Their first big event is a Halloween Celebration on October 30th, with music and dancing for some, and a movie for others. Other planned activities are a booth at the Halloween Carnival and recycling for

the school.

Assemblies continue to happen once a month at both schools to honor our "Spotlight Students" and present attendance certificates. Each class at Descanso is named after a college, and at assemblies they show school spirit by shouting out their own college cheer. Spotlight students for the month of September at Descanso are 4th graders in Mr. Dennett's class: Michelle Barwick, and Phil Villalobos; 5th graders in Mrs. Grosset's class: Atiqah Taylor, Devon Handy, and Garrett Curran; In Mrs. White's 6th grade homeroom: Lexi Lockett, Wyatt Parli, and Savannah Harder; in 7-1 Mrs. Scherer's homeroom: Sapphire Martinez, and David Evans; and in 7-2 Mr. Bole's homeroom: Chelsie Schlumpberger, and Brenden Moore.

At Pine Valley the names of the Spotlight students: Mrs. Syzdek: Evan Arredondo and Madison Hames; Mrs. Weaver: Michael Aitken and Jadelyn Nunnery; Mrs. Heiden: Makena Chase and George Brady; Ms. McEvoy: William Cesena and Audrey Laskey; Mrs. Anderson: Taylor Dessel and Kelsea Torres; Ms. Shelton: Christopher Gonzalez and Aiyanna Martin.

Each school gives out "Caught Being Good" card for students who exemplify the Word of the Month or any other positive act of kindness or school spirit. At the assembly a name is drawn from among these students, and a prize is awarded. The student who received it at Descanso was Josh Lee and the Pine Valley student was Tyler Melban.

Campo Elementary School Cougars



BY DIANE YOPS, PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the new school year! The year is proving to be new and exciting for us here at Campo. Now that we have changed to a preschool through seventh grade campus, there are many changes which have occurred, including staffing and the moving of teachers to new grades and classrooms. We already are able to see what positive effects we have made at our school.

As the year began, we have been reviewing the past year and focusing on the many accomplishments

and the activities we have had occurring over the last few years. We have an incredibly beautiful school and have hired a superb staff at Campo. I'd like to welcome back Piper Amborn as our Math teacher for 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students. She is doing a fabulous job with our math program here at Campo. I'd also like to welcome two teachers coming to us from Clover Flat, Breanna Clifton, our third grade teacher and Cole McComber, our new Special Day Class teacher for 6th and 7th graders.

Due to increasing enrollment (now over 400!), we have hired three additional playground supervisors: Paige McAllister, Tessa Dierkop and Sharon Conley. Not only do they help with playground supervision, they also work with our children during PE time and in the afterschool program. Ms. Dierkop is doing Cheer class on Mondays, Mr. Minor is doing Sports and

Conditioning on Mondays and Thursdays, and Ms. McAllister is doing a Drama Club on Fridays! The Cheer class performed at the JV football game on Friday, October 16th. For more information about upcoming events, please contact Kelly at the After School Program.

Campo Elementary has been very busy revising and planning for the new school year. This has been an exciting time for all of us here at Campo, but with the severe state and federal budget cuts, there are many challenges to be overcome. One of our challenges is to have medical supplies for our students, such as: Band-Aids, rubber gloves, thermometer probe covers, and ice packs. If you or anyone you know could donate any of these items, please call Silvia our Health Clerk at 478-5583. Thank you for getting the word out.

We held our first Awards

Assemblies on October 9th. In addition to our regular homework, attendance and student of the month awards, we presented some special awards to some of our extra special students. For the Perfect Attendance drawing for K-2 students, Jalen Thomas won a Transformer, the grade 3-5 student winner was Jakwase Harvey who won a Remote Control Helicopter and Jake Camp from the 6,7 drawing won two walkie talkies. Zach McQuade won the drawing for Reading Your Library Book Contest. He won a color TV with remote! Congratulations to all of our students and winners for their hard work!

We have teachers, grades five through seven, sharing students. The students rotate from room to room throughout the day. The logistics of all of this is being reviewed and refined as needed. We are excited about the benefits of our teachers being able to excel in their areas of expertise.

Fourth grade teachers, Mrs. Anglin and Mrs. Conforth share the fourth graders. Mrs. Anglin teaches all the math and science, while Mrs. Conforth teaches the Language Arts and Social Studies. I am confident we will have an exciting educational year at Campo Elementary.

New for the upcoming school year is our start time. We are starting 25 minutes earlier. We now begin school at 8:30 am and dismiss students at 2:45 pm. Students are able to be on the playground beginning at 8:00 am. The Before School Program opens a half an hour earlier than last year, at 6:00 am and the After School Program continues to be open five days a week until 6:00 pm.

Another change for the school year, lunch prices for 6th and 7th graders have increased to \$1.75 per day, and the portions have also increased. Preschool through 5th grade will

remain the same price as before (\$1.50). Breakfasts are all \$1.00 for preschool-7th graders.

Thank you everyone for your continued support for our students at Campo Elementary. Volunteers are always needed, so if you can help, please call Linda or Ernie at 478-5583. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO REMEMBER:

Campo Elementary starts and ends at a new time: 8:30-2:45

Before and After School Programs run from 6:00am-6:00pm, Monday through Friday

Lunches are \$1.50 for preschool-5th and \$1.75 for 6th-7th

Breakfast remains \$1.00 for all students

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For more information about this event and all upcoming events please visit our website @ www.cccpto.com and submit a "contact us form." All proceeds will help the Children at Campo Elementary along with Children in Mountain Empire to continue to have enrichment programs, field trips, along with assemblies, & much more.

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DVD of the project from the past two years. The crowd saw the damage the fire brought, the demolition of the burned building, many months of rebuilding along with the placement of the new building on its site, to the ready to use school room. The DVD was played many times for all to see including the happy

pre-school children who were excited to be in their new school room.

This event as it unfolded told the story of people who came together, shared a dream, rolled up their sleeves and went to work. Well done Potrero!