

OUR STUDENTS

Pine Valley-Descanso Elementary Schools



BY JOAN BAUMANN

November brought some REALLY EXCITING NEWS: We applied for a technology grant and we got it! Both Pine Valley and Descanso School will each get 60 refurbished PC computers! Awesome!

On Monday November 16, the Descanso flu vaccine clinic went very well. From 1-3:30 there were 65 children. Big thanks to Mona Noren and Maggie Doolittle for helping put this together and getting it organized. Unfortunately Pine Valley's clinic had to be postponed due to the fact that they ran out of vaccines

at the county.

Due to the limited amount of vaccine, 328 for the week, only children ages 6 months to 18 years old and pregnant women can get the vaccine. There were three vaccinators so three children at a time could get the mist or shot (not their choice). If there is an infant, all three vaccinators need to assist. The volunteers helped guide the people to the three stations: first fill out the forms, second is the vaccine, third they must sit for a minimum of five minutes to make sure there is no allergic reaction. Children under 10 years old are required to get a second dose right after 28 days which falls the week before Christmas break. Everyone is asking if the district will be having another clinic and the answer is yes. However, we don't know where or the times. Also, we don't know if there is vaccine ONLY for the second dose or more for the first dose. We have to wait and see how the county is operating.

There will be holiday

musical performances at both schools under the musical direction of Shev Greer and Sue Leifhiet (McNicol). At Pine Valley the performance will be on Friday, December 11 at 1:30 at the Pine Valley Clubhouse. Descanso will have their musical performance on Thursday, December 18 at 1:10 in the Descanso Auditorium. This will be followed, after a short break, by Mr. Bole's two holiday plays. The students in his art elective wrote, produced and will perform it for the students and parents of the school.

I am thrilled to report on some more fantastic news regarding Mrs. White's fundraisers for her Robotics in her science elective class. With the help of some very generous donors, including school families, she has raised over \$4000.00! Here is a list of her donors, and we thank each and every one for making this exciting learning opportunity available for our students: Dr. Grizzle, Hilltop Supply, Karen David, L# Communications Telemetry- West, Peter

and Catherine Cress, Gene and Wyatt Parli, Eli and Dena Curran, Molly Jean Featheringill, David Braswell, Dennis Gonya, Cenifontis (Carol), Bill and Sunnie Wilder, Molly Jacques, Descanso Junction Restaurant (Tammy), Liz Strauch, Cardinal Family, Mounatain Empire Men's Club, Bible Study Group, Sue Merigan, Los Californios Heritage Association, Viejas Casino, and the Pine Valley-Descanso PTA who started us off with the first robot!

At Pine Valley, the kindergartners were busy "Stepping Back in Time" for a Thanksgiving unit on colonial times. They made butter and rolls, corn husk dolls, yarn babies, and were even writing with quills! Thanks to their teachers, Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Syzdek, for their extra effort, and to all the parents who gave their time to make this learning activity so fun! Mrs. Anderson's class is working on their winter garden filled with spinach, beets, lettuce, radishes, and broccoli. Ms. McEvoy's and Mrs. Shelton's classes

are studying the history of Thanksgiving.

Our October Pine Valley Spotlight students were Mrs. Syzdek: Zachary Hyde and Gabriel Alba; Mrs. Weaver: Trace Lasky and Colin McCammon; Mrs. Heiden: Miranda Ward and Russell Hess; Ms. McEvoy: Isabel Wirschem and Isaiah Encalado; Mrs. Anderson: Paul Villalaz and Sammy Bryan; Mrs. Shelton: Alysia Alba and Gabriel Hydorn.

At Descanso, the Spotlight Students for October were: Mr. Dennett: Kodie Bell, Tessa Barwick, and Karissa Torres; Mrs. Grosset: A J Stevens, Katelynn Pich, Zach Maximo, and Baron Napier; Mrs. Whitez: Kaitlyn Thompson, C.C. Van Nortwick, and James Braswell; Mrs. Scherer: Starla Rathman and Tyler Lee; Mr. Bole: Emily Hagan and J.C. Salmeron. The winners of our drawing for "Caught Being Good" cards was Cheyenne Lutz from Pine Valley and Atiqah Taylor from Descanso.

Finally we finished our week of parent conferences

successfully with a majority of the parents attending at both schools. For the first time we have an Honor Roll at Descanso for students who have a high level of scholarship for the first trimester. These 30 students will be rewarded with a special field trip in December. These students are: Mr. Dennett: Charlotte Knoepfli, Phillippa Villalobos, Cambria Harris, Marissa Tejada, Jessee Peterson, Karissa Torres, and Grace Laskey; Mrs. Scherer: Riley Anderson; Mrs. White: Caitlin Butts, Joseph Goodrich, Savannah Harder, Alexis Lockett, Jade Martinez, Jonathan McDaniel, Amanda Morrison, Wyatt Parli, Makiah Salzano, Kayla Torres, and C.C. VanNortwick; Mrs. Grosset: Coral Aiken, Anna Finau, Julia Rolls, A.J. Stevens, Atiqah Taylor, Katelynn Pich, Caleb Strauch, Garrett Curran, and Kathrine Merigan; Mr. Bole: Mykah Anderson and Marion Steers. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!

Clover Flat School News



BY ARLENE LENHART

On Saturday October 10, about 30 students and families from Clover Flat and Jacumba joined Mrs. Morris at a star party, hosted by the San Diego Astronomer's Association at the Tierra del Sol location. Those who attended enjoyed the night of learning and star gazing, viewing planets, solar systems, constellations, double stars and galaxies through the 22 inch telescopes at the observatory.

CONGRATULATIONS to football players and cheerleaders from Campo Elementary and the Boulevard/Jacumba compact, ending their first ever game with a tie. Approximately 150 onlookers came to watch and cheer on our future stars. They are all looking forward to a rematch. Thanks to all who made this event possible.

Friends of Jacumba Library

thank all those who baked and bought the baked goods from their annual bake sale held on November 22nd. There were a lot of great goodies to choose from and they nearly sold out.

"Fall Season" by Gavin grade 6
The leaves start to turn
It is getting close to fall
Dive into the leaves

"Autumn" by Kahla grade 7
Orange, yellow leaves
Cold air fills the room with joy,
People love autumn.

"Winter" by Kennedy grade 4
I love cold winters.
Snowflakes fall into my mouth.
I love cold winters.

CLOVER FLAT

In the absence of Mr. Ferguson, third grade teacher, substitute Mrs. F. encouraged the students to write about their perfect day at school. Some students wrote individually, others worked in groups. The following (unedited):

"A Perfect Day at School" by Rose B. and Logan F.
"My favorite day at school is Halloween. I like it because we get a lot of candy and spocky costum. I love it because you get to meet new people in costoms. Some look scare but some not scary. One day I saw a

monster it had long green hare and a yellow cat she or he made a real cat nosy it was not scary it was funny and cool. I loved it when I begged for candy and they gave me two hand fulls of candy it was asome!"

"A Perfect Day at School" by Isaac
"A perfect day would be to have resses from 2:00 to 5:00. And then eat lunch from 6:00 to 8:00. At lunch resses it would be from 8:00 to 9:00 the next day. Then we would go to class and have a party right away. And there would be no teacher!!!!"

"A Perfect Day at School" by Jenny
"I would like if there was a pool in the school. We could all splash in the water and the water would be very warm. It would be alsome. You can jump off and on. It would be the perfect day."

And a couple of my personal favorites:

"A Perfect Day at School" by Tayler, Lexey, Bree and Maddey:
"Mrs. Lenhart you make the day shine. You are the best aid ever. You make the whole school happy and fun. You make me smile. Mrs. Lenhart you always have a big smile on your face."
By Kali
+A perfect day at school would be if we have computer labe one's a day. Then we can have pe on

ever Friday. If we had Mrs. Lenhart ever day my day turn upsidawn. When I see Mis Lenhart I feel happy. If you and Mr. Frgusin I wouldn't be here.

On October 23 Mrs. Morris classes gathered at Clover Flat from 6 to 10 p.m. for a Bioblitz. They set up an insect gathering site including a white sheet and two black lights, mercury vapor lights and several cameras. The goal is to count and record the number and variety of the insects they observe on the Clover Flat campus.

Jacumba and Clover Flat ASP programs continue to be in full swing with so many wonderful programs being offered that some students are having to choose between two being offered on the same days. Cooking Club at Clover quickly outgrew their kitchen, and had to re-group into two groups with grades 5-7 meeting on Tuesdays and grade 4 on Thursdays. Movie night, held on November 20 had an outstanding turn out, and was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the ASP staff Erin Miller, Kathy Swafford and Becky Bell for providing this great event, which included hot dogs and snacks. Two sessions of holiday card making were offered in November and two more will be offered in December, this time on Friday Dec. 4 and 11. Beading will also continue on Mondays,

Chess on Wednesdays and Mechanics on Fridays. Check with Jacumba for their schedule.

Clover Flat awards from September 19 to October 16. H indicates 100% homework for the month; A is for perfect attendance.

Mr. Ferguson - third grade: Isaac Aguayo H, Lillian Akintonde A/H, Brooke Baines H, Teresa Barriga H, Kylie Bell H, Rose Buel H, Lexey Cunningham H, Vanessa Delgado A/H, Logan Flores H, A, Kali Mance A, Madison Margerum A/H, , Destiny Poare H, Dallas Prince A/H, Jennifer Regalado H, Miguel Virgen A, Breonna Frankenberg H. Student of the Month Rose Buel and Spotlight Student Madison Margerum.

Mrs. Robbins - fourth grade: Sandra Bell H, Kyle Green H, Lauren Hamada H, Ray Hammond H, Erin Jacquot A/H, Evelyn Koch H, Julian Maldonado A/H, Sierra Margerum A/H, Logan Salgado H, Alex Torres A/H, Alicia Trujillo A/H, Jeffrey Tosspon H, Jesse Watkins, A, Emma Zakutney H, Malaysia Pichler H, Lisa Vian H, Kennedi Vasquez H, Cienna Lindholm H, Zoe Simmons H. Congratulations to spotlight Lisa Vian and Student of the Month, Lauren Hamada.

Miss Sullivan - Language Arts - writing: Fifth

Grade: Noelia Acevedo A/H, James Akintonde A, Daniel Alvarado A, Hailey Augustine A, Amanda Fish A, Katelynn Flores A, Kayce Holmgren H, Diana Ibarra A/H, Andrew Jones A, Francisco Monreal H, Casey Poare A/H, Marissa Rameriz H, Chico Rubio A, Tyler Senniger A/H, Hector Valencia A/H.
sixth grade: Kenia Acevedo A, Phillip Herrera A, Gavin McKelvey H, Viktoria Medina-Lopez A/H, , Savannah Swafford A, Thomas Taylor A/H, Vinnie Torres A., Roslynn Rodriguez H, Andrew H, Alexis Troy H, Wyatt Colling A, Quinntin Epperson A, Aramis Salgado A 7th grade Forrest Fisher H/A, Austin Frey A/H, Anthony Phifer H, Jovan Parnell H, Jacob Willson A/H, Amanda Despres A, Mariah Gomez A, Lance Jacquot A, Maribel Regalado A, Chris Urbina A, Woody Watkins A

Homework awards - Language Arts - Social Studies - Miss Macorie: 5th grade - Hector Valencia, Marissa Rameriz, Melissa Rameriz, Andrew Jones, Diana Ibarra, Daniel Alvarado & Noelia Acevedo. 6th grade Ruben Regalado, Viktoria Medina-Lopez, Tyler Bateman & Kenia Acevedo, Rosy Virgen, Alexis Troy, Vinnie Torres & Thomas Taylor.. 7th grade - Mayra & Maribel

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