Cougars on the Run!
Join us again this Friday at 7:45am for Cougars on the Run! The primary and intermediate classes with the most laps in November and December will be recognized with a special trophy at this week’s Morning Sing & Student Recognition Assemblies. The trophy will change hands each month as classes compete to run the most laps.

Winter Concerts
Our Kindergarten Winter Concert will take place on Wednesday, January 20 at 6:30pm in our Caleb Multi-Purpose Room. First through sixth grades will perform on Thursday, January 28 at 6:00pm in the Hiram Johnson Auditorium. Students have been hard at work practicing their pieces with our music teacher, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, so don’t miss this great event!

School Tours
Our next School Tours take place on Friday, January 15. Participants are invited to attend Morning Sing at 8:15 and tours begin at 9am in room 23. Please share this information with friends both inside and outside our attendance area!

Kindergarten Registration
Kindergarten registration for students residing in our attendance area begins on Tuesday, January 19. Parents can register new kindergarteners in our front office Jan 19 through Feb 1, 8am-3pm. Open Enrollment begins February 19 for families outside our attendance area. If you have a sibling entering kindergarten, please stop by the office and let us know so that we can give them priority registration!

THANK YOUS!
A huge thank you to our Scholastic Book Fair coordinator, Kirsten Cowen, and her team of volunteers for planning, preparing, and running our Book Fair in December. Thanks to their efforts and your purchases, we raised more than $2000 for classroom books and instructional materials. And another big thank you to the Lux and Peddy families for putting on our Family Movie Night and to everyone who attended and generously supported our library. We raised more than $600 for new library books! Lastly, thank you for all of the gifts given to our staff members before the holidays. Your thoughtfulness made our break even sweeter!

Middle School Tours
Middle school registration and Open Enrollment are quickly approaching! Take this opportunity to visit our local middle schools and make the right choice for your student. Kit Carson tours take place on January 13 and January 27 at 9am (no need to call ahead to reserve). Sutter tours take place Jan 11-14 at 8:45am (please call ahead to schedule). In both cases, your 6th graders are welcome and encouraged to attend!

UC Davis Lunch Study
Starting this January, our school will continue our partnership with UC Davis as part of the Parents to Peers research study. Their research team is working with several schools in our district this year to learn about how kids spend their time at school and during lunch. We are excited to partner with UC Davis again so we can learn more about the experiences of our students. Students and parents from 4th, 5th, and 6th grade will be invited to participate - look for more information next week. Have questions before then? The team can be reached at parents.to.peers@gmail.com.

Typing Practice for Kids
This year our 3rd-6th graders will again take the Smarter Balanced Assessments online in the spring. And our 1st-6th grade students are taking district benchmark assessments online several times throughout the year. Interested in helping your child be prepared for this type of testing? Here are some web sites you can visit to help them learn to type: Typing.com, Keyboarding Zoo, Typing Club, Typing Olympics and Typing Race.
Upcoming Dates

**F 1/8:** Morning Sing & Student Recognition Assemblies

**W 1/13:** School Site Council

**F 1/15:** Morning Sing

**F 1/15:** School Tours

**M 1/18:** Holiday – No School

**W 1/20:** Kinder Winter Concert

**1/24-28:** UCD Lunch Study – 6th Grade

**W 1/27:** School Site Council

**Th 1/28:** 1st-6th Winter Concert

**2/1-2/5:** UCD Lunch Study – 5th Grade

**F 2/5:** Morning Sing & Student Recognition Assemblies

**M 2/8:** Holiday – No School

**F 2/12:** Day of Reflection

**M 2/15:** Holiday – No School

**W 2/17:** Progress Notices Sent Home

**F 2/19:** Morning Sing

**F 2/19:** School Tours

**S 2/21:** School Clean-up Day

**2/22-26:** Parent Conferences & Shortened Days

**2/23:** Interactive IB Night

**3/1:** PTSO Board Meeting

**3/4:** Morning Sing & Student Recognition Assemblies

**3/7-3/11:** UCD Lunch Study – 4th Grade

**3/11:** Mother Son Bingo

**3/18:** Morning Sing

**3/21-3/25:** Spring Break

IB Learner Profile Focus

**RISK TAKER**

Students who are RISK-TAKERS have the daring to try new things. They try to solve problems in a lot of ways. They have the bravery to tell people what they think is right. How can you help to develop students who are Risk-Takers at home?

- If your child is feeling uneasy about trying something, encourage them to attempt it and then reflect on both whether they liked the activity and how it felt to try something new.
- You child might want to set some short-term goals. Consider activities that make him/her nervous. What are realistic goals for the week? Your child might set a goal to:
  - Offer an opinion in class
  - Spend one recess with someone they might not usually play with
  - Order something different from the lunch menu
  - Try an activity they haven’t tried before
- Be careful to explain to your child the difference between being a risk-taker by trying new things and doing dangerous things.

Dreams That Inspire

In recognition of our focus attribute of Risk-Taker we will celebrate Make Your Dreams Come True on Friday, January 15th. No matter how big or small, there are some dreams that inspire us and allow us to make our lives better. It is these dreams that Make your Dreams Come True Day celebrates. Dreams that motivate us to do better, encourage us to take on more challenges and energize us to succeed in our lives - professionally and personally.

How to Celebrate At Home?

- Get started on making dreams come true
- Talk to your children about something that inspires them
- Make an inspiration board with images and words relating to their dreams
- Write down their dreams and make a project plan to work towards

SCHOOL TOURS

**Friday, Jan 15**  **Friday, Feb 19**

9am-11am

Parents of prospective students are encouraged to join us for school tours to learn more about our International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program, meet and talk with current students and parents, and take guided tours of all grade levels. Spread the word!