The Cougar Chronicle
Wednesday, December 16, 2015

Book Fair... Three More Days of Shopping!
Book Fair Hours: Wed-Friday, 2:00pm-3:15pm
Kinder Parents: Thursday, 11:30am-12:00pm
Family Movie Night Hours: Wednesday, 5pm-8pm
Looking for a gift for your child's teacher? Come preview his/her wish and give the gift of reading!

Family Movie Night... TONIGHT!
Join us tonight for our Family Movie Night showing of Elf! Popcorn, hot cocoa, and fruit will be available for purchase. Donations for entrance will go to support our library. Students must be accompanied by a parent to attend the movie night, but you can stop by the Book Fair with them before!

Friday Morning Run!
Join us again this Friday at 7:45am for our Friday Morning Run! The primary & intermediate classes with the most laps at the end of each month will receive a special trophy to keep in their class until the following month. First and sixth grades are in the lead!

Winter Concert... Mark Your Calendars!
Our Winter Concert will take place on Thursday, January 28 at the Hiram Johnson Auditorium. The concert will feature kinder through sixth grades.

School Tours
Our first school tour for 2016-17 prospective parents was this week, and our visitors were very impressed with our student tour guides, our teachers and classrooms, and the feel of our community. Thank you to our parent volunteers, students, and teachers for making this tour a success. The next tour is on Friday, February 15, 9am-11am.

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 December 17, 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!

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.

Yearbooks on Sale
Yearbooks are on sale for $30 through Dec 30. Order forms available in the office.

Winter Break
School will be closed December 19 through January 3 for Winter Break. We hope you enjoy this special time of year with each other and find time to relax and play together. We look forward to starting the New Year with you on January 4th!

Office Hours This Friday
The front office will close at 3pm this Friday.
Upcoming Dates
12/14-18: Book Fair
W 12/16: Family Movie Night
F 12/18: Morning Sing
12/21-1/1: Winter Break
T 1/5: PTSO Board Meeting
F 1/8: Morning Sing & Student Recognition Assemblies
W 1/13: School Site Council
F 1/15: School Tours
M 1/18: School Holiday
1/24-28: UCD Lunch Study – 6th Grade
W 1/27: School Site Council
Th 1/28: 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: School Tours
S 2/21: School Clean-up Day
2/22-27: 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

IB Learner Profile Focus
PRINCIPLED
Students who are PRINCIPLED have a sense of fairness and are honest with themselves and with others. They understand that sometimes there are rules and they follow them. They have an understanding of moral reasoning. How can parents help to develop students who are Principled at home?

• Involve your child in deciding on the rules for a game or activity and then ensure that they stick to the ones that have been decided upon.
• Encourage your child to play games that involve teams. Discuss with your child the qualities of a team player. What sort of person would they want on their team?
• When your child wins a game insist that he or she is a well-mannered winner. They might thank their opponent or shake hands with them if it’s appropriate.
• When playing a game, don’t change the rules or let your child win. Being a gracious loser is just as important as being a good winner.

Human Rights Day
As a related experience, we recognized International Human Rights Day on Friday, December 11th. Students created a paper hand design expressing their ideas, opinions, and “Helping Hand” for personal and global fairness.

The UN General Assembly proclaimed December 10th as Human Rights Day in 1950, to bring to the attention ‘of the peoples of the world’ the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations.

"Let us intensify our efforts to fulfill our collective responsibility to promote and protect the rights and dignity of all people everywhere."
- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

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!