The Cougar Chronicle

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Back to School Night: TONIGHT!
Kinder & Primary class meetings 5:30-6:00
School wide meeting: 6:00-6:30
Intermediate class meetings: 6:30-7:00

School wide meeting will include brief remarks from our new after school band program, Kit Carson principal Santiago Chapa, PTSO, and Principal Hanson. This is an adult only event!

Spaghetti Dinner: September 18
Our annual Spaghetti Dinner benefitting our sixth grade Sly Park field trip and IB Primary Years Program is coming up! Friday, September 18, 5:30-7:00pm. Tickets can be purchased using the form in this week's Wednesday Folder, before or after school, online, or by emailing Ann Gregory at ann_marcus@comcast.net.

Jog-A-Thon: October 9
Caleb's 3rd annual “IB Therefore I RUN” Jog-A-Thon, and biggest school fundraiser of the year, will be held Friday morning, October 9th! Please look for your jog-a-thon packets next week (9/16) in the Wednesday folder. This year we are taking our pledges on-line! Students will be able to collect pledges from friends & family all across the world! Stay tuned for upcoming announcements and ways you can help that morning.

**Funds from this year’s jog-a-thon will be going towards a new field!**
Our current field will be leveled and a decomposed granite track will be installed. Please contact Mrs. Hanson or Michele Payne at 916.296.1410 or princesspayne88@yahoo.com if you are interested in being involved in this new and exciting project.

After School Programs
We have lots of great after school programs returning to Caleb this fall as well as some new offerings, including computers, sculpture, yoga, Early Engineers, Firefly Arts, and band! Keep an eye out in your Wednesday Folders for information.

Office Machine Training
If you're planning to volunteer in our classrooms or our office, it would be very helpful for you to learn how to use the copy, riso, and laminating machines. Please join us on Wednesday, September 16 at 2:15 in the office to learn how to operate these machines.

Visitors
Anyone working in or visiting our school and classrooms during school hours MUST check in at the office and wear a visitor’s badge. This information is critical for us to have in the event of an emergency. Please help us out by following this very important procedure.

Late to School? Need to Leave Early?
Students arriving after the 8am bell MUST check in at the office for a tardy slip. It's best to be at school for the first bell at 7:55 to be ready for instruction at 8am. Please keep in mind that tardies do add up on student attendance records. Early dismissals are allowed through the front office ONLY. However, please note that due to end of day procedures, all early dismissals must be complete by 1:45. Requests after 1:45 will have to wait until our 2pm dismissal.
Wellness Policy

Please remember that Caleb Greenwood has a Wellness Policy in place in order to support healthy living and eating choices for our students and community. We believe you should decide what your child eats each and everyday, so we work hard to make sure there are no surprises! Some basics of this policy include the following. The full policy can be found on our school website.

- Birthdays are celebrated on the morning announcement and with individual classroom traditions. Cupcakes, treats, other food items, and small gifts will not be distributed for individual birthdays. If you want to bring something to celebrate your child’s birthday, please consider donating a book to the classroom library. Individual items and food will not be distributed!
- Teachers and staff will not use food as an incentive for good behavior and achievement
- Occasionally classroom celebrations will include healthy food options and a small “treat” item which will be decided by the teacher ahead of time. Please do not put your child’s teacher in an uncomfortable position by bringing an item for distribution at a class celebration that has not been cleared ahead of time.

IB Learner Profile

The Learner Profile is an important aspect of the IB PYP. You will hear and see this Learner Profile language around school and throughout your years at Caleb Greenwood. Although this language and these attributes are developing all the time, we will highlight a Learner Profile attribute each month during the school year so students and families have a greater understanding of these important IB values. Each month, we will offer a related Learner Profile experience for students and our school community.

September Attribute

OPEN MINDED

Our IB Learner Profile focus in September is Open-Minded. An open-minded student knows that people are different. They listen to the points of view of others and consider many possibilities before making a decision. They celebrate the differences that make people unique. Parents can encourage Open Mindedness by encouraging your child to try new things, exposing them to different festivals, celebrations, and traditions, and encouraging them to really listen when others speak.

Cougar International Day of Peace

Friday, September 18

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on the 21st of September. The United Nations General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. In recognition of International Peace Day and our September focus on the Learner Profile attribute of Open Mindedness, Caleb Greenwood will hold its own Day of Peace on Friday, September 18th.