



The Carden Lion

October 14, 2009

IMPORTANT DATES

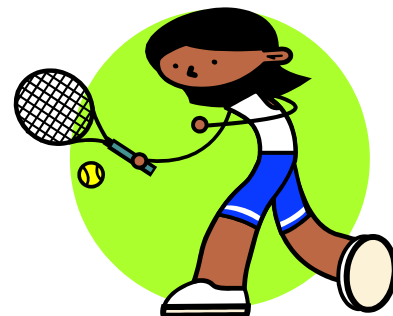
Kindergarten hosts Bake Sale	Oct. 14
JK3 & JK4 hosts Bake Sale	Oct. 21
Board of Directors Meeting	Oct. 21
Halloween & Harvest Carnival	Oct. 23
Family Fun Night	Oct. 26
4 th Grade hosts Bake Sale	Oct. 28
Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)	Oct. 30

ESD PHONE

Please note that the new direct phone number for 1st-8th grade afternoon ESD is (559)326-6939

TENNIS ANYONE?

Anyone in Grades K-8th who is interested in taking tennis lessons may join the fun in an after school tennis program. Classes will be held on Fridays on Oct. 23, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 from 2:30-3:30. The cost is \$60. You may print out the form attached in the Wednesday online packet or come into the office to get one. A check in the amount of \$60 payable to Carden School of Fresno needs to be attached to the form. The teachers are from Sierra Sport & Racquet Club. Please bring your own racquet or one will be provided for you to use during the practice. All forms must be submitted by October 21 in order to participate. Don't miss out on the fun!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our annual Halloween & Harvest Carnival is right around the corner. Sadly, we have only had a few people contact the carnival committee and offer to volunteer. Please understand that there is no way we can have a successful carnival without the help of our parents. We are all busy but our children are all looking forward to this annual event and we need your help in order to make it the best it can be! There are many ways in which to contribute. Please contact Mrs. Courtney Smith for volunteer opportunities at CSmith0211@aol.com or 289-6843.

"Your example will speak louder than words." -Mae Carden

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Mark your calendars! Our next Family Fun Night will be on Monday, October 26 from 5-9 at Red Robin's in Universal Park (N. Blackstone). We hope to see you there for lots of fun with other Carden families and lots of good food! Remember that a percentage of all sales will be donated to our school so be sure to bring the flyer that we will be sending out.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Friday, October 30. There will be no school that day and therefore no ESD. Conferences are for parents only. Please be sure to make arrangements for child care since children should not be left on campus unattended at any time during a conference.

HOT LUNCH

If you are interested in purchasing Hot Lunch from our outside vendor Campus Cuisine, be sure to go to our website at www.cardenschooloffresno.com to get information. Just click on the 'Hot Lunch' tab and follow the directions. It's as easy as 1-2-3 to have a delicious hot lunch delivered to your child any Monday- Thursday of your choice.

THE CARDEN LION

The deadline for newsletter announcements is on the Sunday prior to publication. *The Carden Lion* is published on Wednesdays and emailed to all families along with being posted on our website. Information must be emailed to glikbarg@sbcglobal.com

WEBBY DANCE & CHEER/HIP HOP CLASSES

Sign-ups for Webby Dance and the Cheer/Hip Hop classes have begun. The elementary dance class is for children in the 1st-3rd grades and will be on Thursdays from 3:30-4:15. The Cheer/Hip Hop class is for children in the 4th-6th grades and will be on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:15. Please go to their website at www.webbydancecompany.com to download the enrollment form or come to the school office to pick one up. The children already enrolled are having a fantastic time!

FIELD TRIPS

One of the benefits for our students at Carden School is the opportunity for enriching the curriculum through field trips for a wide variety of activities. The fourth grade has just returned from historical San Juan Bautista, the 2nd grade visited the Woodward Park Library yesterday, and the 7th and 8th graders will enjoy five classic short stories presented in plays at Warnor's Theater next week. There are many exciting field trips at all grade levels coming up in the next couple of months! Please remember that our students represent Carden School of Fresno and it is a regular school day. Therefore, all students are required to be in Carden uniforms as stated on page 24 in the Parent-Student Handbook, including the red outerwear as specified on page 37. The latter not only has our students looking sharp, it ensures safety as our students are easily spotted and counted by staff when in a group situation with other schools. Sometimes the teacher will require other attire and this will be specified on the permission slip, but otherwise, the students should be entirely in uniform. Additionally, we are grateful for your support as we depend on parent drivers to help us arrive at our destinations. The parents seem to have as much fun as the students as they accompany their child on various field trips through their educational experience here at Carden. Thank you so much!

HEALTH GUIDELINES AND ATTENDANCE POLICY

The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, has issued guidelines for the prevention of the spreading of illness in light of the current flu season and especially the strain of Swine Flu. These include getting proper rest, eating healthy meals, and washing hands frequently. Added to this list recently was the edict to stay home if one is ill. Therefore, if your child exhibits symptoms of illness in the morning, he or she should not be brought to school. If a child should happen to become ill while at school, the parent will be notified and the child should be picked up immediately out of concern for the child and to prevent the spreading of illness to others while the child waits in the Wellness Room. If a child is ill, he or she should not be brought back to school until entirely symptom free, adding a one day's allowance for rest and recovery. Should a student be absent for a length of time, the child's teacher will be happy to develop a plan for make-up work.

Because of our concern that students might be staying at school even when they do not feel well, we have decided to initiate a new policy regarding Attendance Awards. Last year for the first time, an award for Excellent Attendance was given. This award is given in June to students who have no more than two absences and four tardies for the entire school year. We feel this is a much more realistic approach to an attendance award and therefore, the Perfect Attendance Award will no longer be a part of the Awards Day ceremonies. We are certain you concur that the health and well-being of our students and staff takes precedence over an award, and we are grateful that we have your cooperation in keeping Carden a healthy place to be.

