



The Carden Lion

October 28, 2009

IMPORTANT DATES

Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)	Oct. 30
6 th , 7 th and 8 th Grades host Bake Sale	Nov. 4
Parent Club Meeting	Nov. 5
Student Council Meeting	Nov. 9
Veteran's Day – No School	Nov. 11
WASC Visiting Committee	Nov. 15-19
Thanksgiving Vacation	Nov. 23-27

AGREAT BIG THANK YOU!

What a great time everyone had at our annual Harvest & Halloween Carnival. None of it would have been possible without the tireless efforts of Mrs. Courtney Smith, Mrs. Rebecca Rico and the dedicated group of volunteers who made everything about the evening fun and entertaining. The food was delicious, the games were lots of fun and the science bus was amazing! It was wonderful to see all those that came. A special thank you to everyone that participated in the silent auction, especially Mrs. Joyner and Mrs. Rhodes for their contributions! Laleh Stefanacci has some kind of mind that allowed her to win for the 2nd year in a row the guess "How Many Candy Corn Candies" game. Must be that Carden science and math curriculum! Congratulations!



WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

We have some new faces on campus we'd like to welcome to our Carden Family. In our JK4 and 5th grade classes we welcome Alex and Shaan Grewal. Also new in the JK4 program are Gogod James and Shanelle Relucio. In the 6th grade Monique Virk has joined us and in our 7th grade class we welcome Joe Syverson. Finally, welcome back to Oliver Sohn who is in our kindergarten program. We are so happy to have all of you here!

WASC VISITING COMMITTEE IS COMING TO CARDEN

For four days, beginning November 15, we will be having the Western Association of School and Colleges Accrediting Commissions for Schools (WASC) visiting our campus. The faculty, staff and WASC committee, led by Dr. Paul Stefanacci, have been working hard to prepare for this important visit. After a year and a half of hard work, our self study document has been completed. David Brown, the Executive Director of WASC believes, "WASC values accreditation as a process designed to strengthen schools in the delivery of quality educational programs. Accreditation is important to schools as it impacts students' access to colleges and universities and career opportunities in a variety of ways. An effective WASC self-study review is a powerful tool for schools to improve the quality of education and more effectively serve staff and students." If you'd like to become more familiar with WASC, please go to their website at www.acswasc.org.

"You teach what you are."
-Mae Carden

Mrs. Robinson's Middle School Science classes dissecting Sheep's hearts. A special thank you to Dr. Paul Stefanacci for helping in the classroom!



Ms. Holly of Webby Dance teaches some of the 2nd grade class fun ways to move!



WEBBY DANCE & CHEER/HIP HOP CLASSES

It's not too late to sign up for Webby Dance and the Cheer/Hip Hop classes. The elementary dance class is for children in the 1st-3rd grades and is on Thursdays from 3:30-4:15. The Cheer/Hip Hop class is for children in the 4th-6th grades and is 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!

CALLING ALL JK AND KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN!

Birdy's Kids in Motion is holding a weekly dance and gymnastic class for all JK and Kindergarten children. The class is held every Monday from 3:30-4:00. Anyone interested in signing up or trying out a class please contact Ms. Jacey Davis, our JK Director or Mrs. Perry in the school office.

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.

ORDER RED CARDEN SHIRTS NOW!

Now is your chance to order the only approved "Carden Red Shirt" in both short and long sleeves. This shirt may be worn on fieldtrips and to school as part of the regular school uniform. Order forms are attached to this Wednesday Online Packet or are available in the school office. All orders must be paid in advance and must be turned in to the school office by November 2, 2009.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

At the end of the first quarter, we feel it is important that the teachers have an opportunity to discuss the progress of each child with the child's parents. October 30 has been set aside as Conference Day. Your child's teacher has notified you regarding the time reserved to discuss the first quarter report card. If you are unable to meet this time, contact your child's teacher as soon as possible to set up another appointment. 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 may not be left on campus unattended at any time during a conference.