

Loleta Cougar News

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

The 2010/2011 school year is quickly coming to an end. Please read the newsletter carefully as we will be having some special celebrations to which you are invited. This includes Field Day this Friday, June 3. If the weather permits, we will have a mini track meet followed by hot dogs for lunch. Both the Preschool and our 8th grade students will have graduation ceremonies. The final day of school will be on Thursday June 16. The awards assembly will begin at 9am and followed with last day celebrations in some classrooms. If your child's school account (lunch money owed, library books returned, etc.) is clear, we will give report cards to those parents who can come to school on Thursday. If this is not possible, we will mail them the following week to your address of record.

In the meantime, school and education will continue. There are still standards to meet, books to read and fantastic math to learn.

Parent's Organization

In July, I am going to be looking for parents who have time to contribute to a Loleta Parents Organization. We tried to start one this year but no one seemed to have the same schedules. We have several school functions that need your support: Activities, English language learner committee and our school site council. You may be able to help on a part-time basis!

Construction

This summer we will also have some construction projects going on at school. Please do not send your child here unsupervised. Safety is important for the workers as well as our students.

Boys and Girls Club

The Boys and Girls Club will run a 4 week program in the Summer. They would be a great choice for the month of July. Please note there is a small cost as this is not a part of our school grant. There is a flyer attached to this newsletter.

Office Summer Hours

Most of the summer, the school office will be open from 8:30am – 3:00pm Monday - Friday. It would be good to call first before you come by to ensure that we are here. We are happy to help.

Grade 8 Graduation!

Grade 8 Graduation starts promptly at 7pm on Thursday June 16. It will be held at the Fireman's Pavilion. We hope all of you can attend.

Have a fantastic Summer! Ms. Hadden

Ms. Paula, North Coast Children's Preschool

For the month of June the preschoolers will be practicing for our Preschool Graduation which will be held on Friday, June 10, 2011 from 5:30-7:30 pm. We welcome everyone to come and attend our preschool graduation. Preschool will also be making our own decorations for our graduation. With summer time upon us we will be doing summer activities as well. We will be engaging our preschoolers in some outdoor fun such as T-Ball and maybe some pretend camping.

Ms. Watson, Kindergarten Class

The kindergartners have been mighty busy! On May Day, we delivered handmade flowers and cards to neighboring houses. We were so stealthy, no one spotted us and we enjoyed our secret surprise action.

We invited our moms, grandmas, step-moms and our other special women to come to breakfast in our classroom, to celebrate Mother's Day. We will be inviting dads, grandpas, stepdads, and other special men for their breakfast on Monday, June 6.

Our 7th and 8th grade buddies have been reading with us all year, and helped us make Summer Time Goals books -- some things on the lists were: jump in a pool, see a bat, play outside, ride bikes, dress pretty, camp, eat pie! We will make ice cream with our buddies, too. We are looking forward to Field Day and to our primary play day on June 10th. We have been reading like crazy, and are even reading to the preschoolers. The garden is beginning to look lush. We enjoyed bug watching and tasting peas. Each student planted a salad bowl, with radishes, lettuce and carrots to tend.

Every student has made significant progress, and many are even mastering first grade standards! Mrs. Sanchez and I feel very lucky to have had such nice, smart kids this year!

Ms. McKenzie, 1st Grade Class

Summer is right around the corner. The 1st graders have been counting down and have calculated that there are 12 more days of school. This is a bittersweet feeling as we have had a wonderful year. These students have worked hard this year to learn how to read and become better writers and mathematicians. It is spectacular to think how far they have come since August. I will miss each one of my students as they go on to 2nd grade. They all added a different perspective to the overall classroom dynamic this year. I look forward to seeing them in the halls next year as big 2nd graders. The primary teachers are putting together a Primary Fun Day that will be taking place on Friday, June 10th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Families are always welcome, let me know if you can attend.

On June 16th (the last day of school) the school will be having our last awards assembly. Everyone in 1st grade will be receiving an award; however, only 5 students will be receiving the award at the assembly. I will call you if your son/daughter will be getting an award at the assembly. Check your son/daughters backpack for the award once they get home. Also, please check your child's backpack for a final farewell letter from me during the last week of school. Attached will be some suggestions of summer activities you can do with your son/daughter to make sure they are ready for 2nd grade once August comes around. Remember to have your son/daughter READ, READ, READ and brush up on sight words in his/her spare time. Have a wonderful Summer!

Ms. Chavez, 2nd Grade Class

The last few days of school are upon us, my how the time flies! 2nd graders will be having one last field trip. Since we have been studying our community and creating maps, I thought it would be fun to take a walking trip in our community. On Wednesday June 8th we will be visiting Loleta's Volunteer Fire Department then having lunch at the Cheese Factory. Both locations are excited to have us visit and we are equally excited they are having us. Another exciting thing that will be happening this month is a parent, Eva Herrera, has offered to come in and teach the students how to make tortillas, what a treat! We are very lucky to have such a wonderful cultural exchange. Our little 2nd graders are not so little anymore. They have grown so much this year in so many ways. They have made me so proud and I am honored to have been their teacher. Everyone have a wonderful safe summer, I will miss you and am eager to see you all next year!

Mr. Rasmussen, 3rd/4th Grade Class

The end of the year finds our class busy finishing some projects, and beginning new ones. We had a wonderful couple of field trips in May.

The first was to Fort Humboldt in Eureka to learn about life in Humboldt County 150 years ago. The students helped with daily chores, learned native language, played Town Ball (an early version of baseball), and Marisol even had her leg amputated by the local doctor. Our second trip was to the Mad River Fish Hatchery to release our fish. We saw wildlife, learned about the watershed, captured insects and finally let our fish go. It was a nice way to wrap up a fun unit in science.

It has been a full year for the Third and Fourth graders. Have a great summer. Remember to read as much as you can. See you in August.

Mr. Williams, 5th/6th Grade Class - The FiftySixers

I would say the eggspement to create a safe capsule for our eggs was a smashing success. If you did not survive this year, try again next year. It is a cliché, but time does fly. The year is coming to an end. We made it through fall rains, winter rains and spring rains. Let us hope for summer sun. We have been busy implementing the Accelerated Math program in our class. I have seen very good results and a high interest by most. If the weather cooperates and our chickens are fully dried, we will be getting them ready for their "afterlife" in my plywood pyramid. Thanks again to all the parents who pitched in to help with supplies. The mummies will be wrapped, enclosed within a sarcophagus and ready for their "journey." After two years with me it is time to say goodbye to the sixth grade and fifth grade, you will have a chance to be the big dogs next year. Always remember, "Work Hard, Get Smart."

Mrs. Carter, 7th / 8th Grade Class

Wow! It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end. This year was challenging at times, but we also had many great moments. We can say there was never a dull moment in the seventh and eighth grade class. The class was full of energy and had many personalities. I would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer. I hope we all enjoy spending some family time and hopefully we will see some sun as well. Do not forget to come and celebrate our eighth graders who made their "Mission Possible". Graduation is Thursday June 16th at 7 p.m. at the Loleta Fireman's Pavilion.

Mrs. Davis, Resource Teacher

What a great trimester! We have seen many improvements in the students since the beginning of the year. They were motivated to learn whatever came their way, whether it was studying for the U.S. Constitution test, completing classroom assignments, or reading and writing.

Students have written how they have improved this year and what they liked best. Alex said, "I have improved in reading this year. My favorite subject was math." Alan said, "I have improved in math. I now know how to do least to greatest. The assignment that I liked the best was Star Testing. I liked the multiplication problems." Leo said, "I have improved in history. I really enjoyed learning about Egyptians." Sam said, "I think I have improved in school with my writing and my multiplication. The one assignment that I liked that most would have been the Constitution test." Louie said, "I learned about the Constitution. I thought the Constitution test was easy." Eduardo said, "I have improved in Math. I liked going to the Blue Lake Fish Hatchery." Miguel said, "One way I have improved in school is by reading and doing a half page summary. I really liked the Constitution test." Brenda said, "I have improved in science and history. My favorite subject in school this year was math." Roman has really improved in writing independently this year. He is especially good at math and picks up concepts easily.

We hope that students will take what they learned this year, especially about their ability to complete tasks and assignments in school, and continue to succeed independently over the summer.

Thank You!

Phyllis Davy and family would like to thank the community in promoting and participating in the Jim Davy Run/Walk. This year was the largest turn out ever!

Meals

With the closure of this school year coming to an end, we would appreciate it if you would keep an eye out for the yellow envelopes indicating how much is owed for meals purchased. These envelopes come home on Fridays. If possible we ask that you pre-pay for your meals. If you have a remaining balance on the last day of school, we will mail you a check.

Mishaps Don't Take the Summer Off



Kids and summer. Accidents happen. Be sure your kid is covered with health insurance this summer. Insurance pays for the emergency room, medicine, glasses, doctor and dentist exams, sports exams, hospitalization and counseling.

Call **Healthy Kids Humboldt** for a **FREE and confidential** phone assessment. You may be eligible for free or very-low cost insurance. We'll help you with the paperwork to enroll your kid, so that your family will have a happy, care-free summer.

Call **Healthy Kids Humboldt** at **442-6066** for an appointment today.

Tdap Immunizations

Students entering 7-12 grades **MUST** have their Tdap immunizations **PRIOR TO AUGUST 29TH**. According to AB 354 students will not be able to attend school without this vaccine. As your child receives this vaccine you may stop by the office or fax it to us at 707-733-5367.