

THE WICKLUND TIMES

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**PLEASE CALL THE ATTENDANCE
LINE TO REPORT YOUR CHILD'S
ABSENCE
209.836.7201**



SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
Hours of Operation
7:30 - 4:00

Enrollment Hours
8:30 - 11:00
1:00 - 3:00



FEBRUARY

- 2/2 - Staff Development Day -
NO SCHOOL
- 2/6 - Boys Basketball @ Hawkins
- 2/8 - Girls Basketball @ Hawkins
- 2/12 - President Lincoln's
Birthday - NO SCHOOL
- 2/13 - Boys 'A' Basketball
vs. Traina @ home
- 2/15 - Girls Basketball vs.
Traina @ home
- 2/19 - Presidents' Day -
NO SCHOOL
- 2/20 - Boys Basketball @
New Jerusalem
- 2/22 - Girls Basketball @
New Jerusalem
- 2/23 - End of 2nd Trimester
- 2/27 - Boys Basketball @ Banta

Principal's Pen

It is now February, and the end of the school year doesn't seem too far away. Despite this fact, Wicklund continues to grow right along with Mountain House. In our last newsletter, I mentioned the hiring of four new teachers. In keeping with the theme of growth and hiring, 3rd grade is our latest grade level to join the club. To help relieve overcrowding in our 3rd grade classrooms and maintain compliance with Class Size Reduction guidelines, we have hired a new teacher. Her name is Sarah Hackett, and she will be starting with us next week.

Also in my last newsletter, I mentioned that STAR testing is rapidly approaching and we are gearing our 2nd through 8th grades students toward being prepared. One way that you can help at home is to check in with your students and make sure that they are keeping up with their work and giving their best effort when it comes to school. Also, getting them into a routine of making sure that they are getting enough rest and eating properly can aid in their success. Finally, making sure that they come to school everyday and on time is vital to their learning.

I also want to congratulate all of our 5th grade students and their teachers. On Wednesday, February 7th we celebrated their completion of the D.A.R.E. program. Three of our students were essay contest winners: Amber Hill, Gerica Manalo, and Sydney Torrence, with Amber being the overall contest winner. Amber was honored with a nice jacket and got to read her essay to everyone in attendance. We are very proud of all our 5th graders!

Finally, the 2nd trimester ends on February 23rd. Please do what you can to make sure your children are keeping up with their work and doing their best. Also, the best resource on ways to help your students' is their teacher. Please contact them with any questions you may have. After all, the success of your student is a "team" effort.

As always, my door is open if you should ever have questions.

Sincerely,

Lemuel A. Vergara

News, updates, & notices...

LUNCH VISITATIONS

As I stated in the above letter, we are continuing to grow here at Wicklund. While we are a neighborhood school and encourage parent/familial involvement, the space in the cafeteria is limited. If you are visiting your child during lunch, please limit the amount of people coming with you. The other day, we had 21 parents and 15 siblings alone eating with our students. While this is nice to see, space is limited, so please try to limit your visits to when it is absolutely necessary.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

As the current school year moves quickly, we need to start planning for next year. Kindergarten registration packets will be available starting next week. Although, we will not be accepting the packets back until March 13th. Any questions please call the school at 836.7200. Also note that we will not be taking specific teacher requests. If you would like to request certain qualities in a teacher that you are seeking for your child, please feel free to write a letter to the principal and turn in with your packet.

6th Grade: Science Camp Fundraiser

The 6th grade students at Wicklund will begin fundraising to help raise money to cover the cost of science camp. It will cost \$245 per student to attend. Wicklund families have the chance to help. Starting February 5th through February 20th, just go online to:

shwansfundraising.com

and shop. They have great food and desserts. Best of all, it will all be delivered directly to your door. When checking out you will need to give them our ID number which is 1003016. Our students will earn 30% of all orders. Science camp is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience the wonders of nature. Please help all of our students attend this rewarding adventure. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Bingham at 836-7200 ext. 2137 or email her at dbingham@sjcoe.net.





MULTI-CULTURAL DAY

We hope you can join us for Multi-Cultural Day to take place on Saturday, March 24th, 2007 from 1-5 PM in the school multi-purpose room. This potluck event is being held to promote cultural awareness and understanding throughout our school community. Bring your families along with a dish to share and let's all enjoy great food and entertainment from around the world!

RSVP is required so that we can plan for appropriate seating. Please turn in your forms to your child's teacher by Friday, March 2nd. If you lost or never received this form, if you are interested in volunteering or if you are interested in performing at this event, please contact Chris Collins at 830.8112 or kids3collins@yahoo.com

Please look for more flyers about the details of this event in your child's backpacks/homework folders.



BOX TOPS

It's that time again. Turn in your box tops to your teachers NOW!!! The class with the most submissions wins a party (pizza or ice cream). But you need to move fast. All your box tops must be into your teacher no later than Friday, February 23rd.



AUCTION PARKING SPOT WINNER

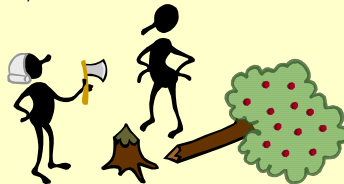
"NO PARKING! NO PARKING!" The winner of the parking spot auction item has selected the month of March to take claim to 'HER SPOT' in the parking lot. Between 7:45 am and 11:45 am, there will be a sign designating one parking spot to Erica Teele. PLEASE BE ON YOUR HONOR and DO NOT park in HER spot for the entire month of March. Congratulations Erica!"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi there! Well, February may seem like a short month but there is plenty going on. First off, you should have received an invitation to our first ever Multi-Cultural Day to be held on March 24th. This should be a fun and entertaining day for all so dust off your old family recipe and start cooking! Also, we continue to warm up the clubs for our May Golf Tournament. Get your foursome ready, as registration will begin in March. Finally, if you feel ready to step up and help lead the WSF next school year, the process for electing new officers to our 2007-2008 Executive Committee will begin in March. Keep on reading below for more information on all these events. We hope that you can come out and join us a volunteer or as an officer because without you the events and activities your family enjoys throughout the school year would not take place.

We thank you all for your continued support.

Andrew Martinez
President, Wicklund School Foundation



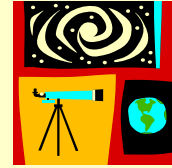
Golf Tournament

FORE! Planning has begun for our 3rd Annual Mountain House Golf Tournament to be played on May 12, 2007 at Tracy Golf and Country Club. Chairpersons and Committee Members are needed for Registration, Sponsorship, Publicity, Food and Beverages, and Awards. If anyone is interested in volunteering or contributing as a Sponsor or Raffle Donor, please contact Andrew Martinez at 209-832-7568 or at amart92692@aol.com.



SCHOOL READINESS FAIRE!

On Saturday, March 17th, the Lammersville School District along with the San Joaquin County Office of Education will be hosting a School Readiness Faire for all families with incoming Kindergarten students to the district. There will be free dental, medical, and vision screenings along with a ton of other fun activities the family can enjoy. Information will be given on Kindergarten registration and other areas where you may have questions. The faire will be held on the Wicklund campus from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. More information is on the way, so keep a lookout!



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE: MAD SCIENCE IS BACK!

Mad Science, a hands-on science-based after school program, will begin another session in the coming weeks. The theme is not certain at this point, but it will be different classes than the last session.

The exact start date has not been confirmed, but it will be an 8-week session and will continue to be on Friday afternoons at 1:45 pm. Look for a flyer/form in the next week or so to sign-up. Here is the website in case you want to learn more about their programs:
<http://www.madscience.org>



2007-2008 WSF ELECTIONS

If you are willing to serve on the Executive Committee next year as one of the officers of WSF, nominations for the 2007-2008 WSF Executive Committee will accepted at the March General Meeting on March 7th, 2007. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in the school multi-purpose room. Elections will be held in April. Serving on the Committee is a rewarding experience so please consider running for an office if you want to take on a larger role supporting our children. Please ask any current Committee member or call 209-832-7568 for more information.



New Web Site Up-and-Running

The new Wicklund Elementary School Web Site is now online. We can be found at

<http://www.lammersvilleschooldistrict.net>