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BETHANY ELEMENTARY

The Lammersville Elementary School District cordially invites all to attend the "Ground Breaking Ceremony" for our newest school, Bethany Elementary.

The event will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 22, 2006.

The future school site on Escuela Drive, in the Bethany Subdivision of Mountain House, California.

Please come mark this special occasion with us, as our community grows.



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



Principal's Corner

As we approach Progress Report time, school finally feels like it is in full swing.

Wicklund continues to grow everyday. Because of this, we have been impacted at certain grade levels. To help remedy over crowdedness in the 2nd, 6th, and 7th grades, we have hired three new teachers.

Mrs. Marisela Ruiz-Gutierrez will be our sixth member to our 2nd grade team. With her, she brings enthusiasm that combines with an already exceptional 2nd grade teaching core. Her class will be in Room 615.

In the 6th grade, we have hired Mr. Gustavo Guerra to lead our third 6th grade class. Ms. Hendrix and Mrs. Bingham have welcomed him with open arms and been working tirelessly with him to be sure our students do not miss a beat. Mr. Guerra's class will meet in Room 208.

Finally, Mr. Ryan Ross was hired a week ago to join our 7th grade team. Mr. Ross has already proven his value to the team as they are working on beginning a block schedule

for our 7th grade students, where he can lend his expertise and passion for literature and history. Mr. Ross is in Room 308.

Lastly, STAR Test Scores were released a week and a half ago. In this report, Wicklund maintained the high standard so many schools strive for, which is obtaining the API of 800 or above. Wicklund's API was 825, significantly above the 800 mark. While this is a drop from the previous year, 825 is nothing to hang our heads about. Wicklund is ranked among the Top 10 schools in San Joaquin County (#9) when it comes to API. The drop in API just means that we have work to do, and our teachers are up to the task. Throughout the year, we will be looking at our practice in the classroom and see how we can better prepare our students for, not just testing, but the next level of learning.

Please remember, if you ever have a question or concern, my door is always open.

Sincerely,

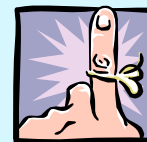
Lemuel A. Vergara

News, updates, & notices...



PIANO ACCOMPANIST for CHOIR

Looking for parent who can read choral parts and accompaniments to play w/ our school choir. Teacher is willing to work around schedules so students can work w/ live accompaniment. Also looking for students for individual songs. If interested, please call 209.836.7200 x2142 or e-mail crobertson@sjcoe.net.



SEPTEMBER

- 4 - Labor Day: **NO SCHOOL**
- 21 - Progress Reports Go Home
Volleyball Game @ Holt
- 22 - Staff Development Day:
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- 28 - Volleyball @ home vs. Jefferson

REMEMBER THIS DATE!

The **FIRST ANNUAL WICKLUND FALL CARNIVAL AND AUCTION**
IS
SATURDAY, OCT. 14TH
11:00-3:00 PM

Classroom Donations and Baskets

We have some excellent classroom donations in the making!!! You won't want to miss bidding on them! A big fiesta is coming from Mrs. Lowe's class who has created a Mexican theme basket! Mrs. DelaMotte's class is waking us up with a "Coffee 101" basket! Mrs. Zemlock is kicking off the auction with an Oakland Raiders package! But you better be on your toes for one of the 8th grade teachers' most unique item of all!!!

In addition to the awesome items donated by local businesses, our very own Wicklund teachers are auctioning themselves off to their students for "Teacher for the Day"! Check with your teacher to see if he/she is participating! Miss Ripken is offering a movie and ice cream with two of the highest bidding students! So are Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Freeman!!! Don't miss your chance to win these one-of-a-kind opportunities!!!

Tell your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles! Come one, come all! To the biggest family event ever to hit Wicklund Elementary!

As of Sept. 25th, preview auction items at www.wicklundschoolfoundation.com. Visa/MC will be accepted at this event.

**Advance Ticket Sales for Fall Carnival – Coming Soon!**

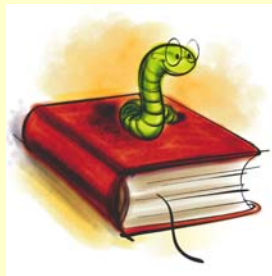
Huge discounts when bought early! Watch for the flyer coming home with your student! Don't miss out on the savings and the fun!

WSF MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**Easy Ways to Help the School Earn
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WSF participates in several programs that give money to our school just for signing up or clipping items off food labels. Just a few of the programs we are involved in are eScrip, Box Tops 4 Education and Campbell's Soup Labels for Education. We have many more programs that you will be getting information about soon.

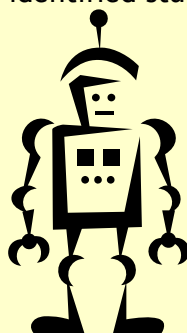
In the next month, you will see information regarding our Box Top Contest. Start clipping and saving them to send to school with your kids. The winning class will get a party.

Also, if you registered your Safeway cards or debit/credit cards with eScrip last year, remember, you must **RENEW** your membership **every year**. If you haven't

**GATE Classes Underway**

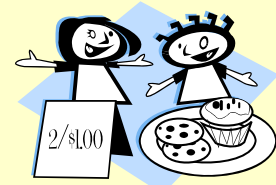
After school classes have begun for students who have been identified to be in the GATE program. Our first class offered is Spanish. It is being offered two days a week and so far we have had a great turnout.

We are in the process of setting up our second class for GATE students to take, and we are looking to offer an engineering class. This class mainly will deal in robotics, and will be offered to 6th through 8th grade GATE identified students.



signed up or aren't sure what eScrip is, you can go to www.escrip.com and register. It's fast, easy and doesn't cost you anything. Look for more information to come home soon about these and other programs. If you have questions, please contact Bernie Hill at berniehill@sbcglobal.net or 839-9554.

Additionally, if you are interested in being on the WSF email list to get the latest information on WSF activities and other announcements, please contact Chris Collins, kids3collins@yahoo.com or 209/830-8112.

**ATTENTION ROOM PARENTS!**

If you are a room parent putting together the auction item for your child's classroom, please contact Denise Bondoni for details. The completed list of auction items will need to be submitted to Denise no later than Friday, Sept. 22nd by end of school that day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

A great big thank you to all the parents who have signed up to volunteer throughout the school year! We will be contacting each and every one of you as needs arise. Room parents are still needed in some classrooms. This is a crucial volunteer position, as it will keep the classroom up-to-date regarding school and extra curricular activities. See a need for a volunteer? Contact Susan Patteson @ sulepa@sbcglobal.net or 209/836-4220.

**MUSIC NOTES Continued...**

The Wicklund Music Department has taken off with a running start this year, with enrollment numbers more than double those of last August. Current numbers stand at 55 in the Wicklund Choir, 19 in the NEW Beginning String Orchestra, 16 in the Beginning Band, 8 students traveling to Lammersville school for the All-District Advanced Band and 10 students in the NEW Wicklund String Chamber Ensemble. The K-4 classes are also on board with a 30-minute General Music class once a week. I am so happy that I will be getting to know about 500 of the 750+ students at Wicklund! The Winter Concert(s) are scheduled for Tuesday, December 12th and Thursday, December 14th, so put them on your calendar now. More information to come.

Musically yours,
Mrs. Cathy Robertson