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A Saugus Union School District **SCHOOL**

November 15, 2011

Upcoming Important Dates:

Nov. 15 -Site Council

Nov. 17 - McTeacher Night fundraiser at McDonald's 4 -8 p.m.

Nov. 17 - Spirit day -wear your favorite jersey to school

Nov. 18 - FIT TEAM runs at lunch/Juice it Up smoothies after school

Nov. 18 - Report Cards Go Home

Nov. 21 - 23 - No ASE classes this week.

Nov. 23 - Non-pupil Day/Staff Development

Nov. 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving Holiday, no school

Principal's Message

DISASTER DRILL

We had our first disaster drill of the year and it was quite a successful event. Our teachers quickly evacuated the classrooms and went to work in their specific roles in our safety plan. We had few glitches and our debrief meeting was positive. We are so thankful for Cindy Marks who has been so instrumental in helping with our disaster program. In the event of a true emergency, we are confident we have the pieces in place for a safe evacuation process.

Helmrs' Website-

If you have not yet taken a look at our website, please take a minute to do so. We have recently made some changes and added some parent resources. You can also find the Helmrs Happenings hot of the press every week at <http://helmerselementary.weebly.com>. If you have any questions or recommendations, feel free to email our webmaster at scusack@saugus.k12.ca.us.

Marston's Night - We made \$1,500 at our family fundraiser at Marston's. Thank you for supporting Helmrs everyone, you are terrific. We are so thankful to Jim and Kristen McCarty for the opportunity to have this event at their restaurant. Please join us this Thursday at the McDonald's on McBean and Magic Mountain for our next family night fund raiser. We are currently raising money to purchase a new copy machine.

Differences in us due to our personalities

Independent thoughts and wishes united

Variety of values drawn from our multiple ethnic cultures

Every one of us an individual but part of a collective society

Read people, real personalities, real compromise

Sharing our hopes for a better future

Improbable differences merged by the same goals

Together, united, to fulfill our dreams

You, me, us

Kara M. Gebhardt; Reflections 2011

PLEASE HELP - As you know, the state of California is having a severe budget crisis. Unfortunately, this is trickling down to our district, and then us. Because of this, Helmers is suffering with our own budget. We are in desperate need of Xerox paper and ink cartridges for classroom use. We spend approximately \$1000 a month on paper and \$40 for each cartridge. Please see the list below.

- HP cartridges with numbers 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 56, 57, 58, 74, 75, 92, 93, and 96
- Xerox paper in white, 8 1/2 x 11 (biggest need), pink, blue, yellow and green pastels.

If you can donate paper or ink, we would truly appreciate it. Donations can be left in the office.

McTeacher Night Fundraiser - Please join the Helmers family at McDonald's in the Pavillions shopping center; 27103 McBean Pkwy. on Thursday Nov. 17 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will feature our very own principal and teachers working behind the counter. The classroom with the greatest number of students in attendance will receive a special McDonald's hamburger party.

School Spirit Day - Our first school spirit day is this Thursday. Wear your favorite jersey to school!

Attendance - Attendance is important for your child's success. Please help us by refraining from vacations until designated breaks. A student's non-attendance also causes our school a tremendous loss in the amount of funding from the state. We appreciate your support. Just a friendly reminder....Please be sure to call or email when your child is going to miss school. Include your child's name, the date, teacher and a detailed reason for the absence. The number is 661-294-5345 x45280, or email Cathy Duus at cduus@saugus.k12.ca.us. There is also a link on the Helmers' webpage. Thanks.

Doctor, Dental and other such Appointments - We understand these appointments are necessary but we ask that you do your best to schedule these appointments after school hours, or during breaks whenever possible. This ensures that important academic time is not interrupted and also that you will not have to wait too long for your child to arrive at the office. If you must do so during school hours, we ask that you notify the teacher beforehand either in writing or via email; that way they expect the call when you arrive. We appreciate your help and understanding.

Cheer Clinic - Saugus High Cheer Leaders are putting on an evening cheer clinic on November 19th, from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM. It will be a night full of fun for the kids. Take advantage of an evening out or get a jump start on your holiday shopping. You can pick up flyers in the office or contact: Shari Ramsey 297-5134."

PTA NEWS

CHORDS - 6th grade CHORDS Culmination Performance this Wednesday in MPR-A. **Miller/Lannin - 8:30am, Rocha - 9:35am, Bailey - 10:45am and Gould - 12:10pm.** 3rd & 4th grade CHORDS continue

Raffle - It's time for the Mountasia Party this Friday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm! Please read the instructions for the Mountasia party (those who sold 40 or more raffle tickets) and sign and send back the waiver form ASAP so that we can finalize the party details with our host for this Friday. We look forward to seeing everyone! Thank you again for all your raffle efforts this year. Any questions, please contact Marina Onaca at fundraising@helmerspta.org.

FIT TEAM - We'll run again this Friday. Please remind your students to wear their FIT TEAM t-shirts or comfortable clothing and athletic shoes. We are always in need of volunteers for this fun program. Please contact FIT TEAM chair Leslie Cheshier if you are interested in volunteering at fitteam@helmerspta.org

Juice It Up - Smoothies will be sold in front of the school as well as by the picnic benches down court this Friday after school in honor of FIT TEAM Friday. Smoothies are \$3.00 a piece and a portion of the proceeds will go towards FIT TEAM.

After School Enrichment - Just a reminder that there are no ASE classes next week. Classes will resume November 28 and our fall session ends the week of December 5-9.

Spiritwear - The first phase of FIT Team shirts have been delivered. The rest of the FIT Team as well as the Classic Helmers Spiritwear will be delivered by Tuesday, Nov. 22 before the Thanksgiving Break. If you missed out on this order, do not fret as we will be offering spiritwear again in the spring. Helmers Pride! Any questions, please contact spiritwear@helmerspta.com.

Box Tops - Please continue to turn in Box Tops to the green box located outside the front office. Last year, Box Tops awarded our school over \$1,000 for sending in our box tops! That's free money to help our school buy supplies! Thank you and please continue to turn in your Box Tops!

PTA Directories - Directories and PTA membership cards have been sent home this week. Thank you to Membership Chairs Nancy Jones and Tracy Viergutz for all their hard work in compiling this year's PTA directory. Congrats to the winning "husky" artists who have their artwork displayed on the front and back of the directory. Special thanks to Wendy Penberthy for helping to get the directories delivered to the classes.

Reflections thanks - We'd like to give a special SHOUT OUT to Chipotle on Golden Valley Road for donating all the munchies for our Reflections Gala! Their generosity was very much appreciated by all the Reflections participants and their families! Please say thanks to them the next time you are at Chipotle (Golden Valley Road location).