



# CharlesHelmerts Elementary School

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*A Saugus Union School District* **SCHOOL**

**November 8, 2011**

## Upcoming Important Dates:

- Nov. 8 - Election day, voting - upper pod
- Nov. 9 - PAC meeting at District Office; 9:00 a.m.
- Nov. 10 - Disaster Drill with KINDERGARTEN PARENT ONLY practice release
- Nov. 11 - No School, Veteran's Day
- Nov. 15 - Site Council
- Nov. 17 - McDonald's Night fundraiser
- Nov. 18 - FIT TEAM runs at lunch/Juice it Up smoothies after school

## Principal's Message

Welcome to fall! It's nice to see and feel the change of seasons and experience a bit of a chill in the air. We are hoping for a week of nice weather ahead. We wish you a lovely three day weekend ahead. Be sure to talk with your children about the significance of Veteran's Day.

## REFLECTIONS

We had a terrific night of celebrating our students and their talents on Friday at the Reflections Gala. A special thanks to Mrs. Razooly for heading up this marvelous event.

## Helmerts' 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 Helmerts Happenings hot off the press every week at <http://helmerselementary.weebly.com>. If you have any questions or recommendations, feel free to email our webmaster, Mr. Cusack at [scusack@saugus.k12.ca.us](mailto:scusack@saugus.k12.ca.us).

**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, Helmerts 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 (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.

**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](mailto:cduus@saugus.k12.ca.us). There is also a link on the Helmerts' 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

*Reflections - Please pick up your ribbons, certificates and art work in the library this week.* Thank you to all the children who created such amazing works of art and to all those parents who support and nurture their children in their creative endeavors. We had a very fun Reflections Gala. The following were selected to receive honors at their grade level and will now advance to Santa Clarita PTA Council level for judging.

	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Honorable Mention
<b>Visual Arts</b> K - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nathan Lee	Samuel Esplana	Parvathi Nair and Amanda Brzozowski	Brianna Moreno
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>	Kristen Kim	Woo-Young Yi	Jennifer Elliott	Lennox Sykes
6 <sup>th</sup>	Simon Choi	Hanna Bernstein	Katherine Hairapatian	Davis Desmond
<b>Photography</b> K - 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Lodi Rebecca Suen Kara Gebhardt	Sierra Young Blake Gebhardt Katherine Hairapatian	Liam Sykes Kathleen Bambrick Andrew Friedman	
<b>Literature</b>	Emma Crary Blake Gebhardt Daniel Spencer	Emma Murphy Melissa Ma	Kristen Hairapatian Kara Gebhardt	
<b>Music Composition</b>	Angie Wu Daniel Spencer			
<b>Dance</b> <b>Choreography</b>	Bridget Bambrick Sophia Lester	Jillianne Spencer		
<b>Film/Video</b>	Kathryn Elliott Kathleen Bambrick Leilani Hunt	Griffin McPeters Lennox Sykes	Samantha Villa- Augustin	

We had so many wonderful volunteers offer their time to make the evening a success! Many thanks to our emcee Jerry McCarty along with Rob McPeters, Anabelle Espe, Anita van der Colff, Kathlene McCarty; Brooke Bambrick, Rula Eliapulos, Christine Hess, Marianne Nicholas, Cathy and Perry Suen, custodians Dan Gross, Danny Ramirez and Sergio Diaz, all the parent and student volunteers, our judges and to Mrs. Miscione and Ms. Hurley for all their support. *A VERY special thank you goes out to Reflections chairperson Tonde Razooly for all her outstanding hard work and for planning a very special evening for all our Reflections participants.*

**CHORDS** - 6th grade CHORDS performance Assembly is next week, Wednesday, November 16th in MPR-A.  
**Miller/Lannin - 8:30am, Rocha - 9:35am, Bailey - 10:45am and Gould - 12:10pm.**

**Raffle** - Time to PARTY! The invitation for the Mountasia party, Lunch Line Fast Passes and Student Store Cards have been distributed to the teachers, so look in your child's backpack today or tomorrow for the prizes if your child sold raffle tickets to get to those levels. Please read the instructions for the Mountasia party (those who sold 40 or more raffle tickets) and sign and send back the waiver forms so that we can finalize the party details with our host. We look forward to seeing everyone! Thank you again for all your raffle efforts this year. You are an incredible group of Husky families! Special thanks to the Onaca family for donating the ipad 2 prize for the top seller winner. Thank you for your generosity and all your dedication this year's fundraiser!

**After School Enrichment** - Just a reminder that there are no ASE classes the week of November 21-25. Classes will resume November 28 and our fall session ends the week of December 5-9.

**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!