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A Superior Union School District **SCHOOL**

October 25, 2011

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Oct. 24 to 28 - Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 25 - ELAC meeting, 9:30 in MPR C
- Oct. 24 - 28 Red Ribbon Week (see schedule below)
- Oct. 26 - PTA Meeting 9:30 a.m. MPR A
- Oct. 28 - Assembly "Journey thru the Americas"
- Nov. 1 - Non-Pupil Day - Teacher Staff Development Day
- Nov. 3 - Student Banking Day (lunch)
- Nov. 4 - FIT Team Friday
- Nov. 4 - Reflections Gala 6:30 P.M.
- Nov. 9 - PAC meeting at District Office

Principal's Message

THANKS FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

For those of you, who came to Helmers on Saturday to help make a difference, thank you! The weather was perfect for our hard working Huskies and community members. We are so appreciative of your hard work and dedication to our school. The lunch from Marston's (the McCurdy family) topped off the day. Thank you McCurdy Family!

CARNIVAL

Well PTA, you've outdone yourselves once again! This was a terrific fall carnival and we appreciate all of the special touches you've given to the day.

STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON CAMPUS ANY EARLIER THAN 7:35 AS THERE IS NO SUPERVISION BEFORE THEN.

Bullying

Bullying involves aggressive behavior, which is constant. It is intended to cause harm between people where there is an imbalance of power. Bullying is an age-old term and can occur at any stage of life, but is particularly common during childhood and adolescence.

Unfortunately the targets of bullying are often those who are poorly equipped to deal with it; those who are small, weak, those who look and act differently from others, and those who have difficulty making friends. Bullying takes of many forms:

- Verbal -insults, name calling, racial or ethnic slurs. (The most common form)
- Physical -hitting, kicking, shoving as well as destruction
- Social - spreading gossip and rumors, isolation or exclusion
- Electronic - "Cyberbullying" -occurs on the Internet, text messaging and on cell phones

You may ask, what can be done about bullying? Prevention, detecting and responding to bullying require involvement of parents as well as schools. When necessary, law enforcement may be needed.

We will continue to discuss the issue of making good choices and sticking up for what we know is right.

The office has some wonderful Halloween tips for parents provide by the city of Santa Clarita. They are posted in our office and a copy can be provided to you....Just ask.

Congratulations!!!! This month's award winners are:

CHARACTER COUNTS - Tommy Nicholas, Rea Bazal, Sebastian Jimenez, Liam Sykes, Ark Bunyan, Alexis Goodman, Pauline Gandaria, Jackson Roth, Jessica Sherwood, Macey Harbo, Jake Dunn, Edgar Chavarria, Mason Viergutz, Scarlett Anderson, Blake Henzie, Jennifer Eicholtz, David Mendoza, Cavin Miana, Ethan de La Mora, Emily Warren, Troye Robitaille, Kynan Barr, Zack Schoenwetter, Justin Kim, Meera Kirpal, Kaidon Peterson, Sabrina Schier

EFFORT - Mia Paras, Sean Balingit, Jerrol Melo, Parker Teel, Brandon Peyton, Hunter Griffin, Kiley Jones, Nico Gaudino, Brandon Axton, Wynne Valenton, Katelyn Craft, Jayden Carberry, Reed Rivello, Parvathi Nair, Jack Farrar, Ridley Hickam, Marina Eliopulos, Erin Eklund, Enrique Caballero, Lea Meisel, Parker Spier, Evan Valdez, Elly Day, Brandon Leh, Michele Carmody, Hannah Bennett, Ben Soto, Grace Pantellas, Maria Mann, Owen Duncan

MATH - Brandon Wu, Wyatt McLean, Sofie Rooney, Joycelyn Golchin, Austin Arnold, Delaney Scully, Ben Knybel, Taerin Lee, Joseph Sarte, Hayden Lee, Brandon Soegondo, Jacob MacDougall, Malena Bloom, Charles Wang, Joseph Lee, Andrew Gasior, Jordan Scott, Emmerson Parnell, Logan Nakama, Maxon LaVallee, Samantha Villa-Agustin, Zachary Ruiz, Connor Young, Jacob Myers, Ian Lodi, Chris Kim, John Sarte

LANGUAGE ARTS - Anya Shyani, Michael Horio, Addie Hester, Dylan Reed, Nathan Tooma, Kylie Morris, Lindsey George, Matthew Duran, Brady MacDougall, Enzo Marasigian, Anthony Gasior, Cami Schoenwetter, Diana Morales, Clara Cho, Lauren Parker, Hrant Avakyan, Devin Duran, Jordan Fishburn, Allison Elshoff, Ethan Tucker, Kalea Eberts, Emma Hughes, Ellie Wrage, Lane Hartmann, Emily Ninichuck

SCHOLARSHIP - Jayden Magier, Yvonne Perez, Noah Hatamian, Lana Bohler-Price, Nicholas Collins, Ryan Kuhlman, Aaron Andrews, Connor Rabe, Emma Santee, Kylie Cooper, Andrew Pucci, Russell Rigor, Charlie Duncan, Emily Robbins, Shefali Sharma, Isabella Cruz, Avery Osborn, Andrew Kuai, Jair Lafon, Shaun Mak, Isabel Buriel, Katie Elliott, Madeline Yarbrough

PTA NEWS

Red Ribbon Week - This week is "Say NO to drugs" week.

Monday - Red Ribbon chains and charms passed out.

Tuesday - "Tie a ribbon against drugs" to kindergarten gates.

Wednesday - Wear "RED" day. Students sign drug-free pledge.

Thursday - "Drugs and I don't mix" - Wear mismatched clothing.

Friday - "Red Hair Day" - Wear something red on your hair.

Any questions? Please e-mail Red Ribbon Week Chair Lisa Andersen@redribbon@helterspta.org.

PTA Association Meeting this Wednesday at 9:30am in MPR-A - Come hear the latest school news and updates. Ms. Hurley will cover disaster prep plans for kinder dismissal and a nominating committee will be chosen for the selection of next year's PTA officers. Kindergarteners will perform and refreshments will be served. All Room Reps, PTA members and husky families are invited to attend. Babies and toddlers are always welcome!

Music Assembly this Friday - Martin Espino, former Kindergarten CHORDS teacher bringing his Journey through the Americas Assembly with folk music and handmade instruments. Assemblies are as follows: 9:15 a.m. - 3rd and 4th grade, Pascua and Bishop, 10:20 - Kindergarten, 1st grade, and Fun for Fours, 11:20 - 5th and 6th grade and Hildebrand, 1:10 - All 2nd grade, Burns and Stricklen. *Parents, grandparents and siblings are always welcome to attend any PTA assembly*

performance for free!

FIT TEAM - We will not be running this Friday. Our next run will be next Friday, November 4th.

Fall Carnival THANKS!!! - Thank u to everyone who helped make Sunday a fun day for everyone! A HUGE HUSKY SHOUTOUT to Carnival chairperson Marianne Nicholas and the carnival committee: Cathy Suen, Christine Hess, Pam Nichol, Ann Slattery and Marcy O'Connell. Special recognition goes out to Tonde Razooly for designing the amazing "Haunted Fun House" and to all the ROOM REPS and parent volunteers who set up the haunted house, worked and decorated the booths, cleaned up, and brought tables and easy ups. KUDOS to Phil Gebhardt for being our dj for the carnival and making it so much fun with his music; Thanks to Jerry McCarty for emceeing the costume contests. Husky thanks to Nancy Schier, Susan Dziama, Shellie O'Brien and Kathlene McCarty for designing all the posters, flyers and art work. Thanks to Lori Smith and Kindra Guiza for running the costume and pumpkin carving contests. Our gratitude to Denise Russell, Jennifer Downs, Brooke Bambrick and the Cheshier and Kuhlman families for their donations, time and support. Thank you to Rich Nichol, Mark Hess, James Slattery, Mike Bambrick and Perry Suen for all the set up and clean up support. Special thanks to Valencia's Junior Air Force ROTC, Girl Scout Troop 9982, Rio Norte Jr. High's ASB and Helmers alumni. Major thanks to PTA raffle chair Marina Onaca and her raffle team: Jennifer and Don Sobkoviak and Elyse Cushing and the PTA E-Board. Thanks to our hard working custodians Dan Gross, Sergio Diaz, Frank Wysong and Mateo Navarro along with Mrs. Miscione, Ms. Hurley, our great office staff and our amazing teachers for all your support. This huge family event would not be a successful PTA program without everyone's help. THANK YOU!!!

Carnival Sponsors - Helmers thanks the following businesses and individuals for sponsoring our fall carnival. Please patronize these businesses and thank them for their generous support to our school: Scratch Golf, M&M Custom Auto Detailing, Power Chevrolet Valencia, Earth Wise Nutrition Centers, Creative Memories with Jessica Schlager, Team Z Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Kimmy Makes Scents, Patrick Abbott with Reality Executives, Salt City Candles, Miracle Assistant, Inc., Duncan Custom Creations, Casablanca Moulding, CABI Clothing and Tae Kwon Do Educational Center. Please mention Helmers when supporting these businesses.

RAFFLE NEWS - Congratulations to all of our winners - Our Students!!!

By supporting the raffle, you all have made it possible for our students to continue to benefit from programs like FIT Team, fieldtrips, CHORDS, Music Assemblies, Red Ribbon Week, Reflections and Health Week. Because of your continued support, we are going to reach our goal of \$50,000! Lunch Fast Passes will be sent home very soon and students who sold 40 or more raffle tickets will be having a Mountasia Party in their honor. Thank you on behalf of our Fundraising chairperson Marina Onaca.

Student Store - The PTA has cancelled student store this Wednesday due to lack of volunteers to help set up and run the student store during lunch. We are looking for two to four parent volunteers to help out Student Store chair Erline Brown this year. If you would like to help, please contact Erline Brown at studentstore@helmerspta.org.

Spiritwear - Who has Husky Pride? This is your last week to purchase school t-shirts, or FIT Team T-shirts for the fall! Don't miss out on this opportunity to show your school spirit! If you have already placed an order on the Fit Team Release Form, look for delivery through your child's classroom next week. If you are placing an order on the Spirit wear order form (Green) delivery will be mid November. Any questions, please contact Patsy Lachman at spiritwear@helmersPTA.com.

REFLECTIONS - Rsvps are flooding in for the Nov. 4 Reflections gala which indicates it will be a wonderful evening! Congratulations to all the students who entered Reflections this year!

ASE help - After School Enrichment classes (ASE) is looking for parent volunteers to help ASE Chair Mia Turner. This position will train to help coordinate ASE for next spring. Sadly, we will not be able to run ASE for next spring if we do not have any coordinators. Parents who want to be co-chairs or work as a team of three are encouraged to contact ase@helmerspta.org.

Yearbook cover winner - The Yearbook Staff is pleased to announce the winner of this year's Cover Art Contest: Kelsey Gruben from Mrs. Wong/Mrs. Galbreath's 5th grade class! Kelsey's beautifully drawn cover will grace the front of our 2011-2012 yearbooks in the spring. Great job, Kelsey!

Student Photos update - Any additional questions regarding picture retakes can be directed to Lifetouch Photography directly at 661-251-9162.

Box Tops - We need your Box Tops! - Just a reminder to bring in any Box Tops you may be collecting. This is a great and easy way to raise money for our school. We have our first turn in date to Box Tops coming up so please put them in the green collection box in the lobby as soon as possible. Any questions, contact Jamie Herrera at boxtops@helterspta.org.

Renew your Ralphs Club Card community donation - Please remember to renew or sign up your Ralph's Club card's "community contribution" to go towards Helters. Take the scan bar letter to Ralph's on your next shopping trip and hand them the letter at checkout. Go to helterspta.org if you need to download a Ralph's flyer. Contact Escrip Chair Kristen Wells if you have any questions at escrip@helterspta.org.

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