

Nobel Learning Communities, Inc

Calvine Cougar Chronicle

Letter from the Principal

Special points of interest:

- PTOM (Parent Teacher Organization of Merryhill needs parent volunteers!
- We need more parent volunteers for our "Trick or Trunk" on Friday, October 31 at 1pm. Please sign up in the lobby.
- Believe Kids fundraiser is due on Tuesday, 10/7.



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Dear Merryhill Families,
 Today was our first awards assembly of the school year. We honored our "Students of the Month" and our students who were "Caught Being Good!" The Cougar Character Trait we focused this past month was "Respect."

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the September Student of the Month...

Kindergarten

- Seraphina Gan
- Isabella Wallace
- Ryleigh Turner
- Dylan Gill
- Madelyn Murdock
- Kyra Darby-Macinnis

1st Grade

- Annabelle Do
- Ramsha Azmi

2nd Grade

- Lana Alvarado
- Khang Vu

3rd Grade

- Prabhjot Bedi

4th Grade

- Luka Alfaro

5th Grade
 Jayden Boughton

6th Grade
 Jessica Ho

We are so proud of our Merryhill Cougars!

October's Cougar Character Trait is "**Responsibility.**" We will focus on what being responsible looks like...

- Do what you are supposed to do
- Plan ahead
- Persevere—keep trying!
- Always do your best
- Use self-control
- Be self-disciplined
- Think before you act—consider the consequence
- Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes
- Set a good example for others

Here is a great resource for you to help instill character traits of success in your child...
<http://www.uisd.net/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/how-to-instill-the-character-traits-of-success-in-your-child.pdf>.

We had our first PTOM (Parent-Teacher Organization of Merryhill) meeting this week. The turn-out of parents was not as good as we had hoped. In order for us to continue the PTOM, we will need parent volunteers for the four office positions—President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in any of these positions, or wish to help with PTOM, please contact Ms. Johnson or me before October 15.

Our first quarter Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Friday, October 24. We require all parents/guardians to attend this important conference. You will review your child's first quarter Report Card and develop his/her PLP (Personal Learning Plan) for the second quarter of the year. Sign-Ups for conference times are located on your child's classroom door. Please see page two for more details.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

~Jennifer

Parent-Teacher Conferences...Friday, October 24.

Friday, October 24 is our first quarter Parent-Teacher Conferences. This day is designated for parents/guardians to meet with classroom teachers. There will be no academics this day. Child care will be provided during regular hours. Bus service will operate as usual.

This conference is required for all parents/guardians. It is very important that you schedule time to attend. You will view and discuss your child's report card and assist with developing

your child's **PLP (Personal Learning Plan)** for the second quarter of the school year.

Sign ups for a conference are located on your teacher's classroom door. Please come in and sign up or email you child's teacher with a time that works best for you. Conferences are from 8:00am-4:00pm unless otherwise noted by the classroom teacher.

We hope to see you at your child's conference.

PTOM (Parent-Teacher Organization of Merryhill) News

Congratulations and a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the new President of the PTOM, Colleen Smith (mother of Lauren Luttes in 2nd grade) and our new Treasurer, Latrice Robinson (mother of Walter Robinson in 2nd grade).

We are always looking for more volunteers to help out with PTOM events. First on their agenda is to find one or two parents who are willing to be "room parents" for each of our classrooms. A "room parent" volunteers to help organize special events in the classroom. The first event is to help organize our Holiday Raffle Baskets and to help with Teacher Appreciation week in May.

If you would like to volunteer to be your child's room parent, or if you have any questions for the PTOM, please feel free to email Colleen at conismith@comcast.net or Latrice at larobinson712@yahoo.com.

The next PTOM meeting is on Wednesday, October 22 at 5:00pm. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

“Trick or Trunk” - October 31st

We are still looking for parent volunteers to decorate their cars and give out treats to our students on Friday, October 31 at 1:00pm.

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up in the lobby by Friday, October 24.

Here are a few pictures from previous events to get your creative juices going...



Upcoming Events...

October

- 13-15 6th Grade Science Camp Trip to Marin Headlands
- 17 End of First Quarter & “Cougar Pride Party” for all students
- 20 3rd Grade Field Trip to the Native American Museum in Sac
- 20 5th Grade “Tall Ships” Sailing Field Trip
- 22 PTOM Meeting at 5:00pm
- 23 First Quarter **Report Cards** go home
- 24 Parent-Teacher Conferences; no academics; child care only**
- 27-31 Red Ribbon Week; Free Dress Spirit Days
- 29 K & 1st grade Field Trip to Fog Willow
- 31 Costume Parade and “Trick or Trunk” at 1:00pm. (We still need volunteers to decorate the trunks of their cars and give out treats to our students. Please sign up in the lobby.)

November

- 7 Honor Roll and Student of the Month Assembly at 8:45am
- 26 School Closes at 12:00pm**
 - *No afternoon bus service; morning bus service only
 - *All students must be picked at MH Calvine by 12:00pm.
 - *Late pick-up fees will apply after 12:00pm
- 27 Campus Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!**
- 28 Campus Closed**

