

Nobel Learning Communities, Inc

Calvine Cougar Chronicle

Letter from the Principal

Special points of interest:

- PTOM Meeting on Oct. 22 at 5:00pm.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: Friday, October 24; no academics; free dress day. Sign up now!
- School Portraits are in and available for pick up today in the lobby!
- Costume parade and "Trick or Trunk:" **October 31 at 1:00pm**
- **Save the Date:** Friday, Dec. 5—Holiday Musical 7:30pm

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Dear Merryhill Families,

Today is the last day of the first quarter of the school year. To celebrate the students' hard work, we will have our first **"Cougar Pride Party"** of the year. Students will have popcorn and listen to our *Cougar Choir* perform. The performance begins at 2:30. It will be a fun afternoon.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Friday, October 24**. If you have not yet signed up for a conference time, please do so immediately. We have set aside this day for all parents/guardians to meet with their child's classroom teacher. There will be no academics. Child care will be available during regular hours, and it is a free dress day.

School pictures have arrived. Pictures will be available for pick up this afternoon through November 6. When you pick up your

your child's pictures, you will need to sign them out and take them home to view. Payment and/or unwanted pictures are due to the office no later than **November 7**.

I will be out of the office next week attending Nobel Learning Communities Annual Principals Conference. This is a conference for all NLCI school principals in the United States. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Johnson at cassondra.johnson@nlcinc.com if you have any questions or concerns while I am away. I will check my emails periodically, but I may not be able to get back to you right away.

Have a fantastic weekend, and a great upcoming week.

~Jennifer

Cougar Choir preparing to perform for today's "Cougar Pride Party"...



Choir performing at the Student of the Month Assembly



Red Ribbon Week: October 27-31



National Red Ribbon Week is October 27-31. Red Ribbon Week theme is “Love yourself, Be Drug Free.” This week is devoted to the well-being of youth. We will focus on the importance of living a healthy, drug-free life. Each day during this week we will have a “Spirit Day” where students may free dress as long as they follow the theme for the day....

Monday, Oct. 27: “United We Stand Against Bullying & Drugs!” **Wear Red**

Tuesday, Oct. 28: “Wild about being Healthy” **Students may wear a Crazy Hat.**

Wednesday, Oct. 29: “Team Up Against Drugs!” **Wear your favorite Sports wear**

Thursday, Oct. 30: “Dreaming of a Being Healthy!” **Wear your pajamas to school** (students wear slippers inside the building, but must wear shoes outside.)

Friday, Oct. 31: “Spook Away Drugs!” **Wear your Halloween Costume to school** (Students are NOT permitted to bring weapons of any kind.)



PTOM (Parent-Teacher Organization of Merryhill) News

The next PTOM meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 22 at 5:00pm**. During this meeting we will discuss our first fundraiser—“Holiday Raffle Baskets.” Items in the baskets are donated by parents in each classroom. The items are then put in a nicely decorated basket/container. These baskets will be displayed in the lobby of the school prior to the Holiday Musical Performance on December 5. At that time, raffle tickets will be available to purchase. All proceeds from this raffle go to the PTOM and to help pay for the venue for the Holiday Musical. **We are in need of one or two “Room Parents” per classroom** to help with this project. The Room Parents will help collect donations and put the basket together. Pictured left are some examples of raffle baskets put together by classroom “Room Parents” last year.

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 Smith (PTOM President) at conismith@comcast.net or Latrice Robinson (PTOM Treasurer) at larobinson712@yahoo.com.

Thank you!



6th Grade Adventures at Science Camp



Earlier this week, our 6th graders enjoyed a 3-day Science Camp adventure at Marin Headlands.

When I asked one of our 6th grade students, Jessica Ho, what she learned at camp, Here's what she said...

"We learned about ice plants and how they are invasive plants, meaning they invade the area where they grow so other plants cannot grow. We also did the "ice plant roll" where we rolled down the hill to keep the ice plants from taking over so that other native

plants can grow there, too. We also went to the Marine Lab. We had had to wash our hands thoroughly because any dirt on our hands could destroy the animals that live in the lab. We also got to touch certain animals that wouldn't hurt us, like a star fish and mussels.

We hiked up a very steep mountain that was very tiring and easy to fall off the edge if you didn't pay attention. We also went on a "terrifying" night hike with no flash lights! I was scared because I almost

crashed into the side of the railing along the road. I enjoyed this Science Camp very much because I learned to overcome my fears and I met lots of new kids my age. We ate breakfast and dinner with our new friends."



Jessica said that she absolutely LOVED Science Camp and wishes she could go back. :-)



Upcoming Events...

October

- 19-23 Mrs. Okimura at NLCI's National Principals Conference
- 20 3rd Grade Field Trip to the Native American Museum in Sacramento
- 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; free dress**
- 27-31 Red Ribbon Week; Free Dress Spirit Days (see page 2)
- 29 K & 1st grade Field Trip to Fog Willow
- 31 Costume Parade and "Trick or Trunk" at 1:00pm.



November

- 6 Open House: 5pm-7pm
- 7 Honor Roll and Student of the Month Assembly at 8:45am
- 26 Annual "Turkey Bowl" — Cougar Football Teams vs. Parents
- 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**

