



# LCICS PHOENIX

## Our Monthly Newsletter

October, 2010

### Upcoming Events

#### Wednesday, October 6

##### 🍏 Minimum Day

Student Release at 12:30 pm

##### 🍏 Back to School Night Potluck 5:30-7:00 pm

Please bring the following if your last name starts with:

**A-G** Side Salad

**H-P** Main Dish

**Q-Z** Dessert, Bread, or Chips

##### Star Gazing

With *The Big Bang Band Traveling Star Show* and Mr. Kennedy

##### 🍏 Friday October 8, 7:30 pm

Middletown County Trailside Park

##### Special Music Performance

*Four Shillings Short* ~ Acoustic duo with many unusual instruments. Join us!

##### 🍏 Monday, October 11 at 11 am

##### Picture Day!

##### 🍏 Tuesday, October 12

Parent-assistants requested

##### Special Fridays

##### 🍏 October 8, October 15

Request: Recycled and reusable items for art project. Contact Ms. K.

Join us for more nature-based learning activities and fun at school!

##### 🍏 October 22

**Whole School Field Trip to Clear Lake State Park!** Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to drive.

##### Charter Council Meetings

##### 🍏 Monday, Oct. 4 and 18 at 5:00 pm

##### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Live & Give

Featuring Zydeco Band, *Gatorbeat*

##### 🍏 Saturday, November 6, 6-10 pm

Save the date ~ invite your friends!

### Announcements

- Please contact Ms. Bandsma Darla@lcics.org or call 987-3063 if you are interested and available to join the Garden Committee.
- Is your child interested in art or music? LCICS friends offer classes after school.

For Music call Don at 477-0458  
For Art call Sophie at 987-9721

### Our School and Our Parents

Our school has changed a lot from the school over at the Baptist Church the first year, at the Dojo later, and now we just made another big change over to the Yellow House. A lot of parent volunteers worked to help make our school a better place. And all of the teachers had to work very hard to make our new space work so we could have a safe learning environment. Now we are here at the Yellow House and it looks really nice!

– Ruby Nunn-Curtis Grade 6

### Kids Speak: Why do parents volunteer at our school?

“My dad is the President of the board because he wants us to have a good education.”

“My parents helped move the school to where we are now. They painted the office, too. The reason they help the school is because they think kids should get a good education, and because two of their kids go to school here.”

“My mom did a lot of correcting and organizing last year. This year she donated journals, pencils and other things. My mom wants me to learn a lot to be really smart so I can get a good education and go to the US Air Force and for lots of other reasons.”

“My parents help recycle to get money for the school.”

“My mom teaches Zumba to the school so we have fun in a fit way.”

“My mom helps plant and garden and my dad helps on the board. They do it because they care about me and the community.”

“My parents help the school by doing tree work and cleaning because they want to help the school and keep the kids safe.”

“My parents help at school because they want to feel part of the community and be a part of my education.”

“My parents volunteer to make food and they went to the open house because they should.”

“My parents help the school by coming to school events because they want me to have a good education.”

“My mom helps with lots of things. My mom or dad come on field trips when they can. They help because I am happy at school, they believe in the way the school is educating children”

### I appreciate the fact that my parents volunteer because:

“It makes me feel good because I know they are interested.”

“It makes me happy that they can help.... It makes me feel more responsible.”

“My mom helps me prepare for school and that makes me feel supported.”

“It feels great cause I look around the building and see what my dad did.”

“I feel relieved to have her here, she helps me when I get stuck.”

“My mom helps me at home a lot.”

“It makes me feel proud because she can help the school be a better place.”

“It makes me feel good because I know they are helping at school.”

“I feel good because she is here all the time and it makes me feel like I want to do well in school.”

“It makes me feel comfortable like I am at home.”

“It makes me feel proud.”

“It makes me feel good because I can see her more often.”

“It feels good because she can help me and I get to see her, I feel proud to have her here.”

“It makes me feel happy because I know they are here and near”

“It feels good because she is here and I like to see her. It makes me feel like I can and want to do better at school”

**Did You Know?** Research shows that children's academic performance significantly improves when their parents are involved in their education and school.

## Thank you!

To our parents on the Charter Council, Chai Foux, Valerie Moberg, Jason Curtis, Gwendolyn Maupin-Ahern and Community Member Partrice Conklin for all of their hard work & dedication!

To our teachers, for their caring & commitment, and for organizing our school site and garden, Special Fridays, and Peer Mediation.

To Chris Brooke, Rosa Raymer, Dan Maupin-Ahern, Dan Moberg, Emily and Wayne Slavens, Jen Nunn-Curtis, and, Lisa Kaplan, for many tireless hours of hard work this summer! To Star Laurence, Seth & Janet Gleason, Jeanna Russ, Rob Raymer, Susan Munson, Nick Sorci, Vanessa Hajje, Gina Kerr, Laura Stalker, Larry Nichols and Rob Lichtman for help in moving, site repairs, construction, and preparation for the academic year this summer and the first weeks of school.

To Sarah Young, Laurie Bateman, Vickie Auerbach, Jeff Albro, Annette Finch, Mango Toney, Rob Raymer, Tasha Haston, Karrie Gross, Nadene Becker, Sandra Jensen, Vanessa Hajje, Pamela Shaeffer, Yeshe Tsogyal, Gwendolyn Maupin-Ahern, Valerie Moberg, and Star Laurence for accompanying us on our field trip.

Special thanks to Dierdra Davis for her gardening expertise, and office help; To Janet Gleason for awesome Live & Give graphics; To Karrie Gross, Tasha Haston, Sarah Young, Vickie Auerbach, Jeanna R., Janet G, Lisa K. and the amazing Gwendolyn Maupin-Ahern for help in the classrooms, office, and at school in so many ways!

To all of the parents who have stopped by to help at school in any way not mentioned above!

**Thank You Very Much!**

## Requests

Please consider Independent Study (IS) when your child is absent and not too sick to keep up with their class. IS supports both your child's learning and the school, and counts towards attendance.

All public schools receive funding from the state based on children's daily attendance. Your child's consistent attendance is critical to our school's fiscal health. Please contact Star or your child's teacher for further information if your child is absent.

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## There's a New Guy on Campus!

We welcome Roy Camarillo, part-time Director to our school! Roy began his career in schools as an English teacher in Los Angeles. He began working with kids who have difficulty in school, and became the director of an At-Risk student program in Glendale. He was teaching elementary school English and Math when he entered graduate school. Roy received his Masters and became a principal in Washington DC where he lived for 3 years before coming to Sonoma County. He's been a principal for seven years here in California, and most recently taught high school English.

He loves to write. He has published several short stories, written and directed several children's plays, has published articles in newspapers and trade journals, and is currently writing a Jewish Western. His hobbies include writing, cooking, fishing and playing guitar, and flintknapping arrowheads using only a rock, a bone and an antler. When it comes to education, he believes in schools providing a well-rounded curriculum, based on learning standards, but well differentiated to provide for avenues of creativity and learning beyond and outside of the classroom. We are glad to have him with us!

### Special Fridays:

We enjoyed the first round of *Special Friday Activities* in September. Students were grouped into four learning teams of about 15 students, grades K-6. For two Fridays they rotated through four activities relating to the theme of Environmental Education. On the third Friday, the whole school set out to the Kelseyville area and toured three diverse farms where students sampled the products and assisted in the harvest. The next set of site-based activities will continue to enrich and inform children's understanding of the environment, followed by another whole school field trip to the Clear Lake State Park near Kelseyville.

Without the wonderful support of parents, the field trips would not be possible. Special thanks to the parents who have come to assist with these learning activities: Janet and Seth Gleason for their time and donation of a greenhouse, and Dierdra Davis for her commitment to helping the students understand and appreciate how important worms are to the earth. We look forward to many more exciting Fridays this year!

### Kids Speak:

"I liked picking grapes and eating a huge bunch."

"It was fun to have the whole school driving around Lake County checking out farms!"

"The worms were stinky and I got a little car sick on the field trip."

"It was cool to build a green house, plant some seeds and watch them come up so fast!"

"My favorite part was tasting all the different kinds of cucumbers."

"I used to think that worms were just icky but now I know they are helpful."

"I want to do it all again!"

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Live & Give Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>!

This year's Live & Give promises to be our best celebration yet with musical guests **Gatorbeat** ~ Sonoma County's red hot Zydeco Band! Join us for a Cajun-themed evening of music, dance, food and libations at the Moore Family Winery. Please save the date and plan to join the party, and bring your friends and family! (Over 21 only please.)

The event features live and silent auctions and is our largest fundraising effort. We need your help in filling the room with guests! We also need volunteers to help with soliciting and delivering items for the auctions, and help with setup and breakdown on the day of the event. Please contact Valerie Moberg at [valerie@lcics.org](mailto:valerie@lcics.org) or call 707-217-0150.

### Other Fundraising Dates and Requests for Assistance

🍎 **Friday 10/8** Please submit Bulb fundraising orders

🍎 **Tuesday 10/12** (tentative) 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Car Wash Fundraiser for our field trip @ 3:00 pm in the parking lot of the Greenview in Hidden Valley. Requests: dry towels, sponges, extra hose and spray nozzles, adult support (3 - 5:30pm). Please sign up for a 1/2 hour shift or more ~ contact Ms. Kirkpatrick: [Pamela@lcics.org](mailto:Pamela@lcics.org) or call 987-3063.

🍎 **Parent Teacher Council (PTC) meeting to be announced soon! Please Join us!**