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# EDU-PRIZE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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## Dr. McCamman's Corner

As we are wrapping up our first round of parent/teacher conferences, it is not unusual for me to hear from parents regarding our wonderful teaching staff. I hear stories about the positive impact our teachers have on the academic progress of the students and how much our teachers truly care for the students. Well, I couldn't agree more! We have an incredible teaching staff, and I appreciate all of the encouraging feedback.

I try to make sure that I pass on the kind words regarding our teachers but don't always get the opportunity. So, I wanted to share a few suggestions on how to make sure that our teachers are feeling the love! One of the ways you can share your joy is through a letter to the teacher, our Board of Directors, the Charter Board, me or all of us! Another way to acknowledge a fine teacher is to nominate him/her for an award such as the Silver Apple Award. You can find details on this program at [azfamily.com/silverapple](http://azfamily.com/silverapple).

There are other recognition programs out there that I am sure you could dig up with a little effort. I know many of you reach out as often as possible to praise and value your teachers, and I thank you for that, but there is never too much recognition for all that they do.

## Kindergarten Potluck Cottage Fair Is Coming!

Next month the Kindergarten Team will be celebrating its annual Potluck Cottage Fair. The evening's festivities will be inspired by a book called Potluck by Anne Shelby. In this book each person who comes to the Potluck brings a dish that starts with the first letter of his/her first name. For example: Patty brought pasta. As an extension, each child will be asked to decorate a paper plate with a food item that starts with his/her first name. These paper plates will then be combined to create our very own classroom books.

Cottage Fair Night will be the time to actually bring in that food item. The children will sample each other's dishes, perform a few songs and chants, and then take their parents on a tour of our room to explore the child-produced quarterly creations. This literature-based extravaganza will be a wonderful way to celebrate the Quarter's learning and build our kindergarten community.



## IMPORTANT DATES



- September 2 & 5  
~ School Holidays!  
**Labor Day**
- September 13  
~ Project Exploration  
**Info Meeting**
- September 23  
~ Junior High Social  
**12:00 - 1:30 pm**
- September 26 - 29  
~ Cottage Fair Week
- September 30  
~ Last Day of 1st Qtr.
- October 3 - 17  
~ Fall Break  
**No School!**



## We can see clearly now...

The Junior High has had a busy few weeks discussing the Civil War in Social Studies, plugging away at numbers in Math, discussing genetics in Science, and learning about "The Miracle Worker" in English. This week, we took a step on the reality side of things and introduced our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to some Amazing Aussies ([www.amazingaussies.com](http://www.amazingaussies.com)) in Science, who gave a presentation on selective breeding that resulted in birth defects in white Australian shepherds. The students learned about how Merle x Merle breeding can result in dogs that are born deaf, blind, or both. They even got to meet Roxie, a sweet Aussie who is deaf and vision impaired.

In English, in coordination with the Amazing Aussie presentation and applying the knowledge of Helen Keller in "The Miracle Worker," we stepped into the shoes of the vision and hearing impaired. For a day, during a lesson, our students learned first-hand what it means to be blind, deaf and mute and did their best to function with day-to-day activities and assignments. "Trust partners" came together to safely accommodate their peers and help them maneuver around their classrooms and hallways, and the end result was an eye-opening experience on the true gifts of sight, speech and hearing, as well as the hardship that is sometimes endured without one or all.

## CARPOOL



Parents, our main goals at carpool are to keep students safe and to get all of you through the pick-up lanes as soon as possible. In order to reach our goals, we need your help.

Please remember to use the correct street when entering the carpool lanes at Building 1. Use Monterey for the north lane and Melody for the south lane.

Remember to have your pickup tag displayed in your window. This really helps us direct traffic.

Finally, please obey all traffic laws and do not put your family or anyone else in danger by pulling out around the traffic lines.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Way to Go  
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## Box Tops Contest...

We have really started off with a bang!!  
So far we have earned  
\$1,460.00 in Box Top cash!!  
Keep them coming in. We have until  
September 23rd!

**THE CLASS THAT BRINGS IN THE  
MOST BOX TOPS IN THE 1ST  
QUARTER EARNS A PIZZA PARTY!!**



*Teacher in the lead.. Mrs.  
Nacsa with over 900, but  
Mrs. Dunlevy is right  
behind with just over  
700... so keep sending them in!!*

### Fry's Cool Cash Bar Code

Don't forget to link your Fry's VIP card to our school's Cool Cash account number. We have the opportunity to earn \$500 every quarter just by shopping at Fry's. Ask the checkout clerk to scan the barcode upon checkout...this only has to be done once per school year.



## WE NEED YOU!!

We are looking for  
volunteers to put together the  
Elementary Year Book & a  
group of volunteers to help  
run the Book Fair at the  
end of September!



If you are interested and would like  
more details, please contact PTN at  
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