

The Cheetah Spot

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PTA Newsletter
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Dear Cimarron Families,

October was a busy month for the Cimarron PTA. The PTA board responded quickly to last weeks' "rain emergency" that left students and faculty wet and cold after an emergency evacuation during a rain storm. Within minutes of students returning to classes, the decision was made by the PTA board to donate to the school several hundred gray Cimarron t-shirts from inventory. The shirts were distributed to the students so they would have something dry to wear until other arrangements could be made. Those shirts, once returned clean and dry, will now be available for Nurse Pack to use in the clinic as needed in the future.

We wrapped up our fall membership drive and fall fundraiser. The PTA board would like to thank all Cimarron families who made the decision to join the PTA. Although we continue to enroll members in the PTA throughout the year, we are excited to have 100 percent Cimarron teacher participation and over 375 members at this time.

We also want to thank everyone who was able to participate in the cookie dough fundraiser. Again this year we were able to meet our profit goals and will be able to fund our adopted budget. We have many exciting things planned for Cimarron and have already provided blinds for the windows in the library and cafeteria, additional walkie talkies for school safety, the web-based TAKS practice program, Study Island, for 3rd-5th graders, and non-fiction Scholastic news magazines for 1st-2nd graders. For more information about the PTA budget and upcoming PTA events, our next PTA general meeting is November 10th at 6:30PM, followed by a 3rd grade musical performance. Our meetings are brief and informational, and there will be door prizes, so make plans to attend!

Cheryl Wienserski
PTA President

November Important Dates

Visit Cimarron website's online calendar for updates.

- 1st Sun. Daylight Savings ends
- 2nd Mon. Wear Brown
- 3rd Tues. 50th Day of School
1:50PM Author David Sargent's visit to preK-2nd
- 4th Wed. CE Fun Run registration w/shirt deadline
- 6th 12:40PM Early Dismissal *end of 2nd 6-weeks*
(10:20AM for morning preK & PPCD)
- 10th Tues. Writing Benchmarks for 2nd-5th
6:30PM PTA General Meeting
3rd Grade Musical
- 12th Thurs. 3rd grade Field Trip
- 13th Fri. Cookie Dough Delivery
- 14th 8:30AM Cimarron Family Fun Run
- 17th Tues. Reading Benchmarks for 2nd-5th
- 18th Wed. NED Assemblies
1:30PM PreK-2nd Presentation
2:30PM 3rd-5th Presentation
4-6PM Schwan's Delivery
- 20th Fri. Kindergarten Field Trip
- 24th Tues. Class Parties
- 25th-27th Staff and Student Holiday
Happy Thanksgiving
- 30th Mon. Wear Blue

December Important Dates

- 6th Sat. Breakfast with Santa
9-11AM Breakfast and Santa Pictures
9AM-1PM Craft Fair

November's character focus
Cooperation:
*working together to do more
than you can do alone.*

Class Parties Our Fall parties will be Tuesday, November 24th from 2:30-3:30PM. Morning PreK and PPCD parties will be 10:30-11:20AM. Students will enjoy a fun hour of games and treats provided by room parents, the class party fund, and the PTA. Parents are welcome to attend the parties; remember to send in your RSVP form to facilitate office check in. We hope to see you there.
Emily Eichhorn, Room Parent Coordinator ejeichhorn@gmail.com

Counselor's Corner On Wednesday, November 18th, Cimarron will present the NED Show, one of America's most popular character education assemblies! NED stands for the following: N=Never Give Up, E=Encourage Others, D=Do Your Best. This show has been presented at the White House for 10 performances! The assembly will teach students valuable character education information, and there will be a Yo-Yo presentation as well! The assembly will take place in the gym at 1:30PM for PreK-2nd grades, and at 2:30PM for 3rd-5th grades. Parents are cordially invited to come to the show. For five days after the assembly, NED items will be on sale in the cafeteria at your child's lunchtime. Susan Turner, Counselor

Before-School Bookstore The Cheetah Bookstore is open each week on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00-8:25AM in Room E. All books are \$2.

Cookie Dough The orders are in, and you've done it again. Thank you, Cimarron, for another successful fundraiser. Delivery will be Friday, November 13th **only**, so please make arrangements to pick up that day. Any orders not picked up will be considered a donation to the school. Pick up times are 1:00-3:00PM and 4:00-6:30PM.

Library Event This afternoon Cimarron welcomed author David M. Sargent, Jr. He spoke to our Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade students in the cafeteria so he and his fellow performers—his dogs—could use the stage. The dogs are the stars of Mr. Sargent's books. He talks about his writing, reading, and introduces students to his dogs. What a real treat for our younger students.

Birthday Marquee Our PTA is putting up birthday messages on Cimarron's marquee. For \$10, your child can have their name on the marquee for a minimum of 2 days during their birthday week! It's a great way to express your love for your child during their birthday! Just complete the form and return it with your payment. Checks to be made to Cimarron Elementary PTA. Extra forms are available on the spinning brochure display at the front entrance. Please direct your questions to Stephani Peralta at 281-217-3635 or lanie1012@aol.com. *Note: Due to FERPA laws, we are only allowed to put up the child's first name.*

Breakfast with Santa Cimarron PTA's annual Breakfast with Santa will be Saturday, December 5th from 9-11AM. The festivities will include breakfast, pictures with Santa, children's craft and play area, and a craft fair from 9AM-1PM. You won't want to miss out on all of the fun! Order forms for tickets will be coming soon in your child's folder. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Kathy Fields kathleenfields@katyisd.org

Junior Achievement Have you ever dreamed of being a teacher or wondered what your children are learning? Why not step inside a classroom to teach Junior Achievement! Teaching experience not required; all lessons are written out and all materials provided. KISD is the first district in the world to teach Junior Achievement throughout the district. You can be a part of this. JA allows students to experience economics in exciting and innovative ways. If you would like to help about hour a week for six weeks, contact Deirdre Chavez at deidrechavez@katyisd.org or 281-237-6952.

Schwan's Fundraiser Schwan's pick up day will be on Wednesday, November 18th from 4-6PM in Cimarron's back parking lot. Order online by Monday, November 16th with the event # 10639. Remember to put the school's address for place of delivery. Help support the Literacy Library and enjoy great food.

Nurse's Nook from Lisa Pack, RN, BSN

Only send your child back to school after illness if they are...
Fever-free Children need to be free of fever (<100.4 degrees) *for at least 24-hours without the use of fever reducing medications* such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen. Avoid all products that contain aspirin. It is very important that parents have a working thermometer on hand and actually take their child's temperature when the child complains of illness. Feeling the forehead/skin does **not** give an adequate assessment as to the child's core temperature, but only the skin temperature. Sometimes those numbers are very different.

Eating and Drinking Food and liquids have been tolerated for at least 24 hours without vomiting and/or diarrhea, and without the use of medication to relieve symptoms.

Contagion Controlled Students diagnosed with a contagious illness that is being treated with prescription medication **must** complete a minimum of 24 hours of the prescribed dosage **prior** to returning to school. **A doctor's note does not supercede the 24-hour rule.**

