



## Bobcat Tracks Newsletter: November 2009

### November Life Skills: Sense of Humor & Flexibility

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#### Principal's Message

As I stop to take in the sights, sounds, and textures of our school community as each day takes shape, I find us embarking on many pathways of success. These paths begin with remembering what each day is about; making the most of our lives and the time we have been given. It is about doing the best each of us can do and letting go of the things that are beyond our control. It simply is about believing in ourselves, our children, and the capacity of our community to nurture today, and prepare for tomorrow while stretching and deepening our knowledge, friendships, and creativity.

I am energized by the vision we live by as we know how things should be and then doing what each of us can do to be part of the grand scheme that leads us on our way to daily successes. These pathways of success begin at home and travel here to Bancroft where we "fill each others buckets" with genuine care. I am continually humbled and honored to be part of such a loving, supportive and energizing community. While so much around us remains fragile, we all know without a shadow of a doubt that we collectively give 450 Bancroft students the very best educational experiences so that they may journey on their own pathways of success!

November 13 will mark the end of our first trimester. Teachers will be preparing reports of progress to discuss with you at your Parent-Teacher Conference which will be scheduled to take place between December 7-18. Please look for your child(ren's) conference sign up sheet and your confirmed conference time. This opportunity to connect is designed to highlight your child(rens) strengths and to discuss goals for continued growth in the life skills and academic areas. Thank you in advance for scheduling your conference promptly. Please contact the school office or classroom teacher if you need to reschedule due to an unforeseen circumstance. The report cards will be given to parents at the scheduled conference.

Thank you, Greer Burke for leading this years very fun and successful Fall Fest and to Carol Berger for her Book Fair leadership. Both annual events were well attended, supported by many volunteers and enjoyed by students, staff and families.

During this year's flu season, please remain vigilant with regard to sending your children to school when they exhibit flu like symptoms (sore throat, cough, fever). **Please contact the school each day they are absent to report an illness.** It is imperative that we keep a close watch on the number of flu like illnesses. The best prevention is hand washing, staying home if ill, and not returning until fever free without medications for 24 hours. We are doing our part to provide clean learning environments such as antibacterial soap, hand sanitizer, and reminders to cough or sneeze into an elbow rather than into a hand or in the open. Please see the cold and flu chart with this issue of the Tracks.

As we move into the month of November and we begin to plan for the traditions that we hold near to us as a nation and as families, I extend to each of you my deepest thanks and gratitude for all we do together. Enjoy the season and the traditions you celebrate!

Warmest Regards,  
Linda Schuler

## Save this Date!

The 2009-2010 fundraising auction will be on March 6, 2010  
at the St. John Vianney commons room.

Would like to help us put this event together? Please email or call . . .  
Our email is [bancroftauction@gmail.com](mailto:bancroftauction@gmail.com)

*Peter Kritscher Cell 925 330 2736  
Kim Friedman and Candi Mannoni*

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Parent Faculty Club: [bancroftpfc@yahoo.com](mailto:bancroftpfc@yahoo.com)

## School Musical

This year our annual musical will be presented **December 9, 10 and 11**. This year's production will be The Nutcracker and we look forward to another memorable experience for our school community under the leadership of Mrs. Cathy Sechrist. This event reflects many hours of rehearsals, set building, meetings and the spirit of volunteerism, generosity and creativity. Please look for ticket sales coming soon and do not miss the opportunity to attend one of the three performances.

### December Conference Schedule

December 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18 are reserved for the annual Parent Teacher Conferences.

School wide dismissal for grades 1-5 will be 1:15 instead of 2:30 during these two weeks. The Wednesday schedule will remain the same with dismissal at 12:05.

The Kindergarten times will not be affected.

### Homework Policy Revision Group

MDUSD is organizing a work group to revise the draft homework policy and we want all stakeholder groups and areas of the district represented.

Homework Policy Draft Revision  
Work Group Meeting:

Dent Center Board Room  
1936 Carlotta Dr., Concord  
**Monday, November 16, 2009**  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Mt. Diablo Unified School District welcomes the participation of all students, parents and community members in all District sponsored activities conducted on campuses or at off-site locations. The District will work diligently to see that these activities are not limited by physical access barriers, thereby ensuring the opportunity for participation by all in these activities."

"El Distrito Escolar Unificado de Mt. Diablo alienta la participación de todos los estudiantes, padres y miembros de la comunidad en todas las actividades patrocinadas por el Distrito en los terrenos escolares o en locales fuera de sitio. El Distrito trabajará diligentemente para ver que estas actividades no estén limitadas debido a barreras bloqueando acceso físico, de este modo asegurando oportunidad para que todos participen en estas actividades."

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## Fall Fest Special Thank You!

A special thanks to all of our sponsors who donated money, food, goods and services to our event:

- Bancroft Enrichment Center – Stephanie Lee
- Cass and Katie Pierceall
- Concord Feed
- Costco
- Brett Paloutzian and Cub Scouts Pack #813
- Mr. Schuler of Kellogg's
- Safeway
- Lunardi's Markets
- Simply Selling Shirts – Barron and Dawn Zielinski and Sarah for T-shirt design ([www.simplysellingshirts.com](http://www.simplysellingshirts.com))
- Third grade Girl Scouts Troop #31161
- Fourth grade Girl Scouts Troop #30810
- Kathleen Ramirez of G.E. Capital
- Contra Costa Fire Department
- Kepler's Golf and Repairs

Thank you to all cake bakers and decorators, all parents and grandparents who helped with setup and cleanup, everyone who help construct the haunted house, all of our talented face painters and all parents who volunteered to work in the game booths and food concession. Thank you also to our school janitors, Jose and Carol and our office staff, Linell and Tammy for all their hard work and assistance with this event.

### Thank You Raffle Prize Donors

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| -Ace Hardware – Encina Grande Plaza | -Renaissance Club Sport                       |
| -Bay Mountain Martial Arts          | -Renew Face & Body Wellness – Jennie Oblander |
| -Cass and Katie Pierceall           | -Rubio's Mexican Grill                        |
| -Continental Little League          | -Rocco's Ristorante                           |
| -Countrywood Fitness                | -Ruth Bancroft Garden                         |
| -Dance Connection                   | -The Jungle – Concord                         |
| -Michael McQuiller, Attorney at Law | -Salvatore's Ristorante                       |
| -Fitness 19                         | -Sunrise Bistro                               |
| -Yogurtland                         | -Yan's China Bistro                           |
| -Lark Creek Café                    |   |



## Fall Fest 2009 Cake Decorating Contest

*By Esperanza Mingming*

42 --- the amazing number of cakes entered in this year's cake decorating contest.

Special "thank you" to the parents who helped during the collection, repackaging, set-up and decoration of the cake walk stage. You know who you all are, thank you for always willing to help.

Thank you to all the students and staff who helped judged the winning cakes. Thank you Jose for carrying all the tables to the MU stage. Big thanks to all the parents who donated baked goods for the cake walk also.

### Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Hannah & Mia Portner ("Ghouls Gala")

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Alden & Cayden Friedman ("Bug-A-Licious")

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Robbie Domeney ("Spooky Night")

### Honorable Mention:

Aarion	Kathryn Temple
Aidan Tatum	Katie Blake
Alden Friedman	Kaylee Schneider
Alex Pierceall	Kyle Moreland
Angelica Kochkarova	Lexi Miloradovitch
Anna Meehan	Liko Denman
Brian Wong	Madeline Cady
Cayden Friedman	Madisyn Taylor
Christopher	Meg Chaffee
Claire Denman	Mia Portner
Connor Moreland	Nathan Hovey
Drew Moreland	Peter Khoury
Dylan Battaglini	Robbie Domeney
Emily Pierceall	Samuel Leto
Fouad Khoury	Skye Mingming
Gemma Concepcion	Sophie Leto
Haley Battaglini	William Hovey
Hanah Portner	Yasha Akkerman

### Special Honorable Mention

Ellexis Mingming – Future Kindergartener

\*If I forgot to mention any other cake decorators, please let me know and send an e-mail to [majistyk@gmail.com](mailto:majistyk@gmail.com). Thank you!!!

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## Book Fair Success!

*By Carol Berger*

This year's Read Around the World Book Fair was a success! We sold \$9,800 in books and other products; of that amount our school will receive approximately 30% of that money (excluding sales tax) in books and resource materials for the library. Mrs. Gay, our librarian uses the money and resources to purchase books for the teachers classrooms, bookshelves for the library, a library cart, rugs, birthday books, media books, and books for the library.



A huge thank you goes out to our student council for giving short "book talks" over the public address system. These "book talks" highlighted books being sold at the book fair. The talks were given by Hani Portner, Katie Mullen, Minty Powleson, Hana Khakpour, Mya Mannoni, Kira Ring, Elizabeth Fisher, and Koki Skuleva. Also, thank you Mrs. Spalding for coordinating the book talks.

We gave away over 20 prizes in books at the Family Story time event Wednesday after school. Thank you to Mrs. Gay for helping to make it such a wonderful event!

Also, congratulations to our grade level raffle winners on Friday, October 30.

Kindergarten – Bobi Kostov  
Second Grade – Jennifer Yee  
Fourth Grade – Ryan Kim

First Grade – Joseph Ferris  
Third Grade – Natalie Makedonsky  
Fifth Grade – Frances Woo

This years book fair would not have been such a success if it weren't for all of our wonderful, fabulous volunteers!! Over 30 people volunteered their time!! We could not have done it without the help of: Liz Chaffee, Julia Moreland, Amy Wiederhold , Denise Santoro, Eria Ruff, Irina Akkerman, Lee Ann Miloradovitch, Donna Noonan, Lammone Bushbaker, Kim Friedman, Kim Powleson, Kristen Rudy, Christine Drayton, Catherine Frost, Tessa Pacis, Miriam Lattanzi, Michele MacIntyre, Jackyn Rudd, Sharon Herzog, Joanne Schneider, Frieda Khoury, Leanne McQueen, Tyler Devol, Susan Cannon, Vicky Brandt, Lynn Yee, Alyson Yee, Jennifer Yee, Betsy Hale, Priya Venugopal, Esperanza Mingming, and Miho Ridgway. Please forgive me if I neglected to include your name I am still suffering from book fair overload! Thanks again for everyone's help!

**EcoMetro Guide Books  
fundraising ended on  
October 30th.**

**Thank you to all who  
supported this  
fundraising effort.**

**Afterschool Enrichment Survey:**

**Watch your email for an online  
survey about afterschool enrichment  
classes. Whether your child  
participated or not, we want your  
feedback.**



## Box Tops for Bobcats! Classroom Contest Starting

Thank you everyone that turned in all of your Box Tops coupons! With the submission made at the end of October, we earned \$158 for Bancroft Elementary—Great job! (Thank you to the person who submitted an entire tub of Box Tops coupons to the office collection box --- all from Ziploc baggies!) That is \$158 of free money for our school. Yea, us!!!

Now on to our annual **Bancroft Box Top Bonanza!** Information about this friendly classroom competition and baggies to fill will be coming home soon. Start saving up those Box Tops coupons again! Continue asking family and friends to be saving Box Tops for you!

**Online Shopping:** Don't forget with holiday shopping around the corner, to always begin your online shopping at [www.btfе.com](http://www.btfе.com) and then go to the chosen sites to make your purchases! It costs nothing more, but if your shopping originates from [www.btfе.com](http://www.btfе.com), then our school gets cash for it! Just type in our school to register so that Bancroft Elementary gets credit for your shopping!

Clip, tear, and save those Box Tops!

Gretchen Bruns

[gbruns1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gbruns1@sbcglobal.net)

Know the Difference between a Cold and H1N1 Flu Symptoms		
Symptom	Cold	H1N1 Flu
Fever	Fever is rare	Temperatures of 100°F or higher for 3 to 4 days
Coughing	A hacking (mucus-producing) cough is often present	A dry cough is usually present
Aches	Slight body aches and pains	Severe aches and pains
Stuffy Nose	Commonly present; typically resolves spontaneously within a week	Not commonly present
Chills	Uncommon	Chills occur in 60% of cases
Tiredness	Fairly mild	Moderate to severe
Sneezing	Common	Not common
Sudden Symptoms	Symptoms tend to develop over a few days	Rapid onset within 3-6 hours with symptoms of high fever, muscle aches, shortness of breath, tight chest
Headache	Fairly mild	Occur in 80% of cases
Sore Throat	Commonly present	Not commonly present
Chest Discomfort	Mild to moderate	Often severe

## INTRADISTRICT TRANSFER PROCEDURES 2010-2011

Intradistrict applications will be available beginning **October 1** at the District Office in Student Services, Wing D, James W. Dent Education Center, 1936 Carlotta Drive, Concord, CA 94519.

**Completed applications for grades 1-12 must be submitted between October 1 and January 15, for the following school year. No applications will be accepted after the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.**

The following schools have been designated by the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Education as “**Impacted**” for 2009-2010: **Meadow Homes Elementary and College Park High School**. Intradistrict Transfers are NOT accepted for “**Impacted**” schools. **Impacted Schools for 2010-2011 will be determined by the School Board in October.**

A student may only apply for one transfer during a school year. If a student has applied for an Intradistrict Transfer, then a subsequent NCLB Transfer will not be accepted. If a student has applied for a NCLB Transfer, then a subsequent Intradistrict Transfer will not be accepted. NCLB School Choice Applications are accepted from students whose residence school for 2010-2011 would be:

### Elementary Schools

Bel Air

Cambridge

Fair Oaks

Meadow Homes

Rio Vista

Shore Acres

Ygnacio Valley

### Middle Schools

Glenbrook

Oak Grove

Riverview

### PROCEDURES

- Intradistrict Transfer applications are to be completed, signed by parent and submitted by mail or in person to the Student Services Office, James W. Dent Education Center, 1936 Carlotta Drive, Concord, 94519.
- When more requests are received than there is space available to attend a specific school, the Student Services Office will conduct a public lottery among the applicants to fill any vacancies that may exist. The lottery is to be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> and parents will be notified by April 15 for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades and August 16 for K-5<sup>th</sup> grades of approval or denial of transfer request.
- **Incoming Kindergarteners:** Intradistrict Transfer applications for incoming kindergarteners may be requested on or after the student is registered at his/her school of residence on kindergarten registration day, February 2, 2010. These applications should be submitted no later than February 27.
- Once enrolled, the transfer is in effect through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade for elementary, 8<sup>th</sup> grade for middle school and through 12<sup>th</sup> grade for the high schools. Students in **5<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade** who wish to apply for an Intradistrict Transfer to a middle or high school **other than their school of residence** must apply for a new Intradistrict Transfer for the next grade level.
- **PLEASE NOTE: Students on Intradistrict Transfers can be displaced prior to September 15 of each school year by students who reside in the school's attendance area. (BP & AR 5116.1)**
- **Monte Gardens and Sequoia Elementary Schools and Cornerstone Family School** have a separate admissions process. Please contact those schools directly to be placed on a waiting list.

10/01/09



# GIRL'S SOFTBALL!

## REGISTRATION FOR 2010 SEASON

**LITTLE LEAGUE GIRL'S *Fast-Pitch* SOFTBALL**  
*A Spring sport for girls, ages 6 - 18*



**CONTINENTAL & WALNUT CREEK LITTLE LEAGUES HAVE COMBINED  
 FOR A BIGGER, BETTER SOFTBALL PROGRAM!**

### WHY SOFTBALL?

- ▶ **An Incredibly Successful 2009 Season!**  
Last season's parent survey showed an overwhelmingly "positive experience for my daughter!"
- ▶ 10 fun-filled teams last season!
- ▶ Practices begin early February, games begin early March, and the season ends early June.
- ▶ Practices and games are typically twice a week, one weeknight and one Saturday.
- ▶ No fundraising!
- ▶ All players receive visor, jersey & socks!
- ▶ The Little League organization has been around since 1939, and hosts the Little League Softball World Series in Portland, Oregon, seen on ESPN!
- ▶ Everyone plays! Everyone develops!

### THERE'S A DIVISION TO SUIT YOUR GIRL!

#### Girls Fast Pitch Softball

<u>Division</u>	<u>Ages</u>
Mini Minor	6 - 9
Minor	9 - 11
Major	9 - 12
Junior & Senior	13 - 18

See the website for division details!

### WHERE

REGISTER ONLINE!  
[www.ContinentalBaseball.com](http://www.ContinentalBaseball.com)  
 or in person at  
 Ygnacio Valley Elementary School  
 2217 Chalomar Road  
 Concord, CA (off Oak Grove Road)

### WHEN

Register Online after Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> or in-person  
 Saturday Nov 14, 2009 10am - 1pm  
 Wednesday Dec 2, 2009 7pm - 9pm  
 Saturday Dec 12, 2009 10am - 1pm  
 Early Registration before Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

### WHAT TO BRING

ALL players must bring **proof of residency** (e.g., utility bill showing name and address) and NEW players must present an **original certified birth certificate**. Baptismal certificates are not accepted. Players must live within CLL or WCLL boundaries to be eligible to play. *Please see boundary map on the back of this flyer, call or check the website.*

### FEES

	<u>Early Registration</u> (before Jan. 1)	<u>Late Registration</u> (Jan. 1 & after)
Softball	\$ 165	\$ 200
Family Cap	\$ 380	\$ 425

Fees payable at registration by cash, check or credit card. Ask about the availability of financial arrangements.

**Continental Little League**  
 925-210-6141  
[www.ContinentalBaseball.com](http://www.ContinentalBaseball.com)



# Little League Sign-Ups!

## REGISTRATION FOR 2010 SEASON

**CONTINENTAL LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL**  
*The Official Little League for boys & girls, ages 5-18,  
 living in Concord and Walnut Creek*



**PLAYING  SINCE 1962!**

### WHY CONTINENTAL?

- ▶ Fields are all local!
- ▶ No fundraising!
- ▶ All players receive cap, jersey & socks!
- ▶ Optional competitive post-season play in June and July!
- ▶ NEW instructional Fall Ball League!
- ▶ Professional clinics hosted year round!
- ▶ Your player can continue with Continental throughout high school!
- ▶ The Little League organization has been around since 1939, and hosts the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA!
- ▶ Everyone plays! Everyone develops!

### THERE'S A DIVISION TO SUIT YOUR CHILD!

#### Baseball

<u>Division</u>	<u>Ages</u>
Peanuts	5 - 6
Single A	7 - 8
AA & AAA	9 - 11
Major	9 - 12
Junior	13 - 14
Big League	15 - 18

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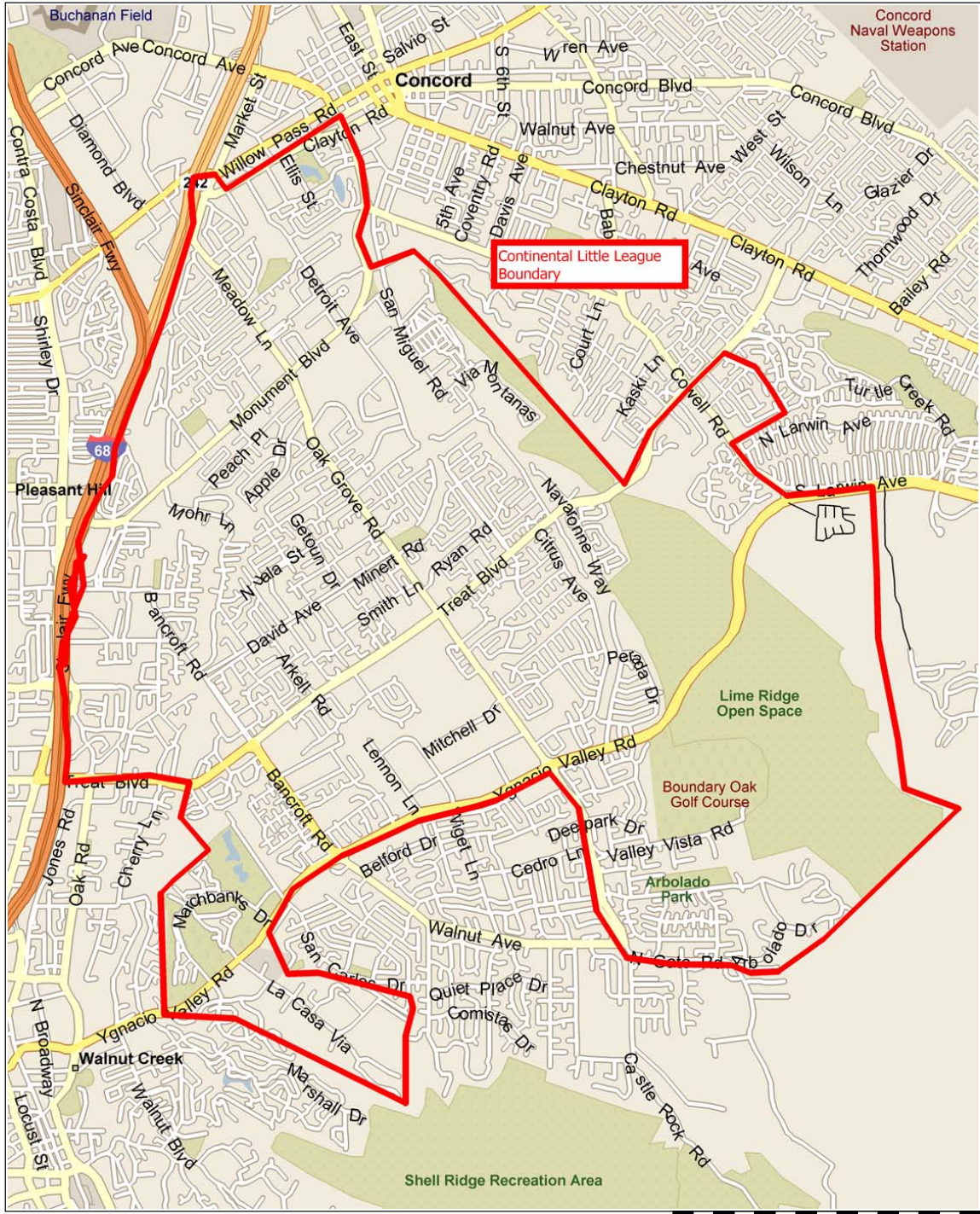
### FEES

	<u>Early Registration</u> (before Jan. 1)	<u>Late Registration</u> (Jan. 1 & after)
Peanuts	\$ 115	\$ 135
A, AA, AAA, Majors	\$ 165	\$ 200
Softball	\$ 165	\$ 200
Juniors, Big League	\$ 175	\$ 200
Family Cap	\$ 380	\$ 425

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# CLL 2009 Boundary Map



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