

SEQUOIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

PFC NEWSLETTER

Dec 2009/January 2010

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2009

18th Progress Reports

18th – Last Day to Buy
Yearbook

21 – Jan 1 Winter Recess

January 2010

4th – School Resumes

12th – Minimum Day 12; 30
dismissals

18th – Martin Luther King
Holiday

29th 2nd Quarter Ends

February 2010

5th Report Cards Mailed
Home 2nd quarter

8th – Lincolns Birthday No
School

15th - Presidents Day No
School

PFC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Nancy Morgan

Well can you believe that the year is almost over? I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. Let me first start by wishing all of the staff and families at Sequoia Middle school a safe and Wonderful Holiday Season. From my family to all of yours. With that said, let me start by saying the students are now back in the woodshop hard at work. We have learned since the School District is self insured the items lost in the fire will not be replaced – they are, however, covering all of the cost for the repairing of the supply room. I have spoken with Ms. Postrk and Mr. Willner about what can be done as a community. First let me say I'm very grateful that no one was hurt and that it was no worse than it was. If you would like to help replace some of the damaged and destroyed items from the wood shop such as the CO 2 track, \$2,000.00 (5) hand saws \$500.00, (10) skate board kits \$1,000.00 , (10) skate board decks \$1,000.00 and some of the miscellaneous items such as nuts, bolts, screws, butcher paper and holder, or a propane

torch \$100.00, please feel free to send in a check made payable to the PFC and in the memo please put woodshop replacement items. If you would like it to go for something specific, such as the CO 2 track please put that in the memo. I will assure you any money sent in to replace the items will be given to Mr. Willner to buy and replace what is needed for the students to continue on with their projects. I would also like to thank all the parents that continue to send in the box tops and those of you who have and are still signing up for eScrip. I would like to let you all know I'm working very hard with Lucky's on the share program. With that said, we are starting to collect COKE products' lids that say 'my coke rewards'. They are inside of the boxes and on the lids of their entire product. If we can get enough points we can receive free PE equipment such as balls footballs, basketball, and so on. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank –You, Thank-You, for all your support to our staff and all of the wonderful students at Sequoia. Have a very safe and happy holiday.



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LIBRARY NEWS

By: Nancy Brenner

The Library Club has been meeting, and is going strong this year. NORMAL Meeting times are the first Thursday of the month from 2:40 to 3:30. Students are responsible for coming up with ways to help the library. This includes fundraising, working the circulation desk, running contests and whatever else they can think of that will promote the library and bring students in. In September the Library Club students helped with the Book Fair and in October they sold glow necklaces and bracelets as a fundraiser. In December another fundraiser was held and posters from past Book Fairs will be sold.

The students also expressed an interest in having the Book Club continue. It was decided that a Book Club meeting will be held after every Library Club meeting from 3:30-4:00. Students still on campus, who do not attend the Library

Club meetings, are also invited to join the discussions. Specific books are not read for this particular club.

Instead, we sit and share the books that we've read during the month. It is a casual and often lively gathering. Regular attendees of this club are invited to go to movies on Friday afternoons when a popular book has been made into a movie. A small group of members went together to see "Where the Wild Things Are" Plans to go to "The Vampire's Assistant" felt through, but new ones were made for "New Moon"

Mount Diablo Music Education Foundation

Music Foundation Started

Over the summer the Mount Diablo Music Education Foundation was formed to support the music programs in the Mount Diablo Unified School District. Due to budget cuts, the District eliminated the 4th grade instrumental music program for this school year, and the 5th grade instrumental music

program is slated to be cut for the 2010-2011 school year. The loss of the elementary school music will affect the music program throughout the District because students typically begin playing an instrument in elementary school, which means less music students in the upper levels, and the music students who start in middle school will be behind comparable music programs in other districts. The loss of the elementary program will also affect the status of current high school and middle school music and vocal teachers who could be moved or have their jobs cut because of the loss of music teaching positions. We need your support to raise \$500,000 by February 2010 to keep music in elementary schools, and support our music program district-wide. With a donation from each family, we can reach our goal-all amounts are welcome. Please make a tax deductible donation to support our school music program. Interim donations will be accepted by Concord High School Band Boosters (tax ID 51-0194002) until our Tax ID becomes available. Please make checks payable to

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Concord High School Band Boosters, put MDMEF in the memo section and mail to:

MDMEF 25A Crescent Dr. #165 Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

You can learn more at our website –

www.mountdiabломusic.org



Parent Volunteers/Field Trips

Volunteer drivers and/or chaperones are required to have a current negative TB test, fingerprint clearance by the district and proof of appropriate insurance. Beginning July 1, 2009 the cost for fingerprinting will be \$32.00 it will be necessary for the volunteer to bring in cash, money order, or cashier's check made out to Mt. Diablo Unified School District. **PERSONAL CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Evidence of a negative TB test done within the last 60 days must be provided to the personnel office at the time of your scheduled fingerprint appointment. TB clearance remains valid for 4 years and fingerprints are valid for the duration of your volunteering with the school district. Please

check with the office to obtain district fingerprinting form. The fingerprinting process may take 2 to 3 weeks.



Email

Are you interested in receiving communications from school via email? We maintain a confidential database of e-mail addresses for parents wishing this form of communications. Stop by the office and sign up.

ESCRIP

Sign up for escrip!!!! This is one of our best and easiest fundraisers. Go on-line to escrip.com, sign up the grocery and credit cards you use the most and make a difference. Have friends, neighbors and grandparents register too! Don't forget to designate Sequoia as your school of choice or split between schools.

Fundraising Made Easy

By: Sue Brekle



The Box Top contest is back! Last year Sequoia made \$995 in Box Tops. The most were turned in by 8th Graders. This year our goal is \$1,500.00. Turn in Box Tops in to the A side of the Office in the grade level (6th, 7th, 8th) collection boxes. The grade level that turns in the most box tops by April 1st earns a "double the Brunch" in April.