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Cottonwood School

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"A Paw Above The Rest"

February 2010



Washington



February Calendar of Events

2/2/10	SSC Meeting at 2:30 In room 2
2/3/10	PTSA meeting at 2:30 in room 2
2/5/10	8:00 Middle School 1 st Semester Awards Assembly 9:15 3 rd -5 th Awards Assembly 9:45 K-2 Awards Assembly 5:00-8:30 Middle School Winter Formal
2/5/10	Altura Credit Union Deposit Day 1:10
2/10/10	Family Math Night
2/12/10	Flag Salute President's Observance Coffee w/the Principal
2/15 thru 2/19/10	President's Break, students return on Monday, 2/22/10
2/24/010	ELAC Meeting
2/27/10	Saturday School

Principal's Message

Cottonwood is off to a fantastic 2010! Currently, we are preparing for our middle school winter formal dance on

February 5th. All of our grade levels have recently completed the Hemet Unified School District's CST diagnostic assessments in language arts and math. Teachers will use the results from these assessments to plan instruction as well as plan opportunities to re-teach important grade level standards.

We are proud of our students for again demonstrating our high standards by participating in the Hemet Unified School District's Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Dane Carlson, Maggie McGowan, Shannon Offerman and Hannah Hickman for their recent Spelling Bee accomplishments.

Your family's support is a primary reason why Cottonwood is such a wonderful learning institution. Our students understand what is expected of them.

2010 is the time for an increase in respect for others as peacebuilders, consistent attendance habits and improved skills in organization of homework. Our Saturday school days have been a tremendous success. Through Saturday attendance, many students have continued to stay in our perfect attendance contest. There are four more Saturday School sessions remaining for this school year.

Remember to calendar the dedication of our new library on March 4th at 8:00 a.m. and our Family Reading Night that same evening. By working together and setting our goals high, we will continue to be "a paw above the rest"!

Mr. Farkas



Important Notice

We do not accept any phone calls to change your child's transportation arrangements or deliver messages to them. A written note is required to make any changes. We do this for your child's safety and to avoid last minute confusion.



Electronic Devices

As indicated in the Cottonwood Student Handbook, electronic devices are NOT to be brought to school. This includes iPods, video gaming devices, CD players, etc. If cell phones are brought to school they must be turned off.

GUM

Gum chewing or carrying gum on campus, at Cottonwood is not allowed. This means before school, during school, lunch, after school or on the bus. **NO GUM.**



Dress Code

Parents please review with your students our guidelines concerning the dress code at Cottonwood and the Hemet Unified School District. This information can be found on page 17-19 of "The Student Handbook" that was sent home on the first day of school.

S.A.F.E.

S.A.F.E. (Students Achieving in Fun Environments) is our after school program. For information call Laura Perluss at 951-553-1326.



District Wellness Policy

The Hemet Unified School District has adopted a wellness policy per state and federal nutritional guidelines. Please check with the classroom teacher or the office before bringing in any food items.

PTSA CORNER

Let them eat cake, or better yet ice cream. The next BoxTop contest will be for the classroom with the most BoxTops. That's right it will be a group effort and the class with the most will have an outrageous ice cream party. So send your BoxTops to school in a Ziploc bag (Ziploc is a BoxTop product), label it with your child's classroom. If more than one child, put a piece of paper inside with all of the kids names and their teachers. This contest will end after the testing in April.

Enjoy your quiet month of February because the month of March will be jam-packed. We will start the month of with Read Across America. This will be an exciting time for our school because we will dedicate the new library. There will be family reading, along with a float contest. Start watching for information coming home soon; it's going to be a lot of fun for young and older alike.

The next PTSA meeting will be Wednesday, February 3rd at 2:30. Hope to see you there



Peacebuilder's Program

Cottonwood participates in the Peacebuilder's Program. This is an anti-bullying program that encourages praise for doing good things and discourages bullying.

Web Site

Hemet Unified District web site:
<http://www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us>
Valuable information is available at this site including this newsletter.



Cottonwood ASB

FEBRUARY ASB EVENTS

2/5/2010 Middle School
Winter Formal 5:00-8:30

ASB encourages all students to show their school spirit by participating in the spirit days.