



CANYON VIEW

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Dear Canyon View Community,

We are off to a terrific start! It was great to see so many parents at Back-To-School-Night. Your participation in your child's education is what makes the difference here at Canyon View. Everywhere I look, I see parents working in the classrooms, students using equipment purchased through efforts of our PTA, and other evidence of our community's involvement in the daily life of students.

During the week of October 12-16, teachers will be meeting individually with parents to go over assessments as well as establish goals for individual students for the 2009-2010 school year. We encourage all parents to attend Conference Week.

With your child's upcoming Parent-Teacher Conference, here are a few suggestions to help make the most of this valuable time:

- Come prepared with questions that you or your child have for the teacher. This includes a pen and paper so that you are ready to take notes. Make sure you leave your conference with a plan of action to help ensure your child's success this year at Canyon View.
- Conferences are your opportunity as a parent to share valuable information about your child with their teacher. Remember this helps teachers help your child, because open communication is vital to success.
- Don't let the only time you see your child's teacher be at conferences. Volunteer in the classroom, help at Canyon View, but most importantly, get involved, and stay involved with your child's educational experience.
- Learn exactly what you can be doing at home to best support your child not only academically, but behaviorally and socially as well.
- Goal setting conferences are the opportunity to come together to lay out a plan for success this year. Remember this is the beginning of a process, not the final destination.

The common goal of our community is to enable our children to competently and effectively navigate life's roadblocks. By providing them with the support systems and relationships that allow them to be successful in school, the power to help children grow into healthy, productive adults is within our grasp. The strength and integrity of our partnership is what makes us unique. We are so fortunate at Canyon View Elementary School to have a supportive community of parents and businesses, who value a quality education for the children of our neighborhood. Everybody works together to ensure the best for the students.

Susan Kemp, Ed.D.
Principal

Walk To School Day – Promoting Wellness

The Irvine Public Schools Foundation will hold its third annual Walk to School Day on Friday, Oct. 23rd. All students and their families are encouraged to trade their sedans and SUVs for a comfortable pair of shoes, and to find ways to make walking a part of their everyday routines.

This worthwhile event supports International Walk to School Day, which annually promotes walking and bicycling around the globe as a means to advance health, improve air quality and establish safe routes to school for kids.

So, this year, let's all look for ways to support healthy activities in our communities. And let's take the first step by walking to school on Oct. 23rd.



Lunch Information

In an effort to address changing lifestyles and to offer better service, IUSD offers an online payment option for your child's school lunch account.



The objective of the IUSD Food Service Program is to partner with parents in their child's nutrition at school. Parents can view account balances and transaction history, set a la carte spending limits, and make deposits directly to their child's account via a secure internet connection through **LunchBox**. **Lunchbox** will let you see your child's account activity but not make a payment. To make a payment, go to EFUNDS at the web address below.

<http://eps.mvpanking.com/cgi-bin/efs/login.pl?access=55035>

Additionally, your child may bring a check into the office to deposit into their **Lunchbox** account. Lunch is available for \$3.25 (includes milk). For those bringing a sack lunch, milk will be sold for .50 cents. Please take time each morning to see that your child has either lunch money or a sack lunch for the day. It can be quite upsetting for a young child to learn at lunchtime that he/she has no lunch for the day. In case of emergencies, every student has two lunches available on credit through their automated lunch account. If your child needs to use this credit, please be sure to refill the account via the internet or a check immediately so that it will be available in case of future emergencies



Playground Use Before and After School

Remember that supervision on the campus begins at 8:00 a.m. **Parents may not drop off students before 8:00 a.m. as there is no outside supervision to ensure student safety!** Students who are found on campus prior to this time will be sent to the front of the school to sit on the amphitheater steps.

After school there is supervision at the front of the campus for only 10 minutes after each dismissal bell. Students **may not** remain on campus between the primary and upper grade release times to wait for older siblings as **there is no outside supervision to ensure student safety!** **If a stranger is on campus, we need to be able to quickly identify them.** For those families waiting for older siblings, we encourage you to sit at our lunch benches, utilize the park facility or kindergarten playground while you are waiting.

Please remember we continue to use our outside playground area for instructional purposes. **Please do not** allow your child to play on the outside playground areas or blacktop areas after school. Please also be aware of PE games taking place and avoid walking through those areas. There is **NO** supervision on the playgrounds or outside play areas after school. Please help us to reserve our playgrounds, athletic fields and equipment for the upper grade students who are still in school by waiting at the lunch benches, moving to the park facility, or remaining in the kindergarten area.

Express Valet

Our student Express Valet system will be back up and running this month thanks to the outstanding efforts of our student valet team and parent volunteers. Many thanks to our parent coordinator, Pam Tyo. CV Express Valets have a few reminders to all of our parents dropping off their children in the morning to help ensure the safety of our students:



1. Please remember that there should be **NO PETS** in the car if you are using the Express Valet! We all love our own pets, but strange animals can be very scary to the student valets working so hard to assist us!
2. For the safety of all, we need to enter the parking lot via the Yale Court entrance. Please do not try to follow the school buses into the parking lot.

3. Please make sure that you drop off your children along the entry side curb where valets are waiting. Please do not park along the bike rack curb as this blocks the access for our buses.
4. As you approach the drop off curb, please drive slowly up the next available spot, **STOP** the car and make eye contact with the valet to let them know that you are ready for them to open the car door.
5. The valet system helps us to unload cars quickly and safely! If there is a line, please wait for the next available valet. Do not allow your child to exit the car in the pass only lane, as this is a danger to your child and others.

Thank you for helping us to keep all of our students safe!

Canyon View Value: Cooperation

This school year Canyon View will be focusing on the value "cooperation". Cooperation is to interact with others in a mutually beneficial way and seeking thoughtful and peaceful ways to resolve conflict.



In the classroom, students are regularly required to share, wait, take turns, compromise and work in pairs or in groups, but on the playground, it can be very challenging for some students to work cooperatively.

Here are some things to keep in mind and to practice to increase cooperation skills.

One way to increase cooperation skills is to remember that our words reveal who we are inside. If one uses calm, patient and kind words, they would probably be thought of as understanding, respectful and loving. On the other hand, if one uses a raised voice, with an impatient tone and harsh words, they would be viewed as rude, disrespectful, unloving and probably not very nice. It's important to keep a positive attitude and be respectful when with others.

Another way to increase cooperation skills is to remember to "Tame the Tongue". Words have great power. You can either build someone up or tear down their spirit depending upon the words chosen. Take a forest for example. Even a little spark can do great damage or great good. Remember, as you build others up – you will rise as well. Like gossip, you can't make your own candle burn brighter by blowing some else's out. People naturally gravitate toward people who are accepting and encouraging and they withdraw from people who are critical and discouraging. A third way to increase cooperation skills is to be open to new ideas and things. People grow and mature in mind and in spirit when they can do this and the world becomes an endless place for opportunity and adventure!

ANNUAL CANYON VIEW HALLOWEEN PARADE



On Friday, October 30, we will enjoy the CV Halloween Parade, complete with students and teachers dressed in fantastic, crafty, and magical costumes! The parade will begin at 8:30 a.m. Students may come to school dressed in their costumes or bring their costumes in bags and change at school. The students will parade around the school area so that parents can easily view them. Don't forget your cameras! **To include everyone, ALL kindergartners will be attend from 8:20-11:40 a.m. for this day.** We hope you will join us!

ARTISTS OF CANYON VIEW



Several Canyon View students currently have their selected artwork on display at various locations during the months of October through January 22. Locations include Irvine Unified School District office, the Irvine Public School's Foundation office and the Irvine SchoolsFirst Credit Union. Congratulations to our wonderful young artists!



When Students need Medication or Crutches At School

Medication at School

Parents are encouraged to work out taking medication at home, outside school hours, whenever possible. If any medication—this includes both prescribed or over-the-counter medication—needs to be given at school, use the Parent and Physician Request for Medication form which is available from the school and also on the IUSD website under Health Services. Use a separate form for each medication. New forms are required for changes in medication and these forms are valid for the current school year.

If the medicine needs to be administered at school and it is a prescription, the medicine must arrive in the original container, and be properly labeled by a registered pharmacist. Over-the-counter medicine must come in the original container and be marked with the student's name. Adults are to transport all medications to or from school.

Crutches School

A physician's note is required when your student requires crutches or a wheelchair at school.

Surgery

If your student should require surgery during the school year, contacting your school nurse can assist in the home-to-school transition. *A medical release is required for students to return to school. Ask the doctor to include any physical limitations for PE or recess.*

Vicki McRobbieralls
School Nurse



PTA NEWS

President's Message



The 2009-2010 Canyon View PTA welcomes you to a great school year! We are proud and excited to enhance our children's education with many programs and assemblies. Thank you for your past support, and please join us this year.

The best way to become more involved with PTA and get the latest budget and program information, is to join us at our monthly meetings and become a member. Membership information can be found in this newsletter and our upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

- Monday, October 12, 8:30-9:30 a.m., IRC
- Monday, November 16, 8:30-9:30 a.m., IRC
- Monday, January 11, 8:30-9:30 a.m., IRC
- Monday, February 22, 8:30-9:30 a.m., IRC
- Monday, March 15, 8:30-9:30 a.m., IRC
- Monday, April 19, 8:30-9:30 a.m., IRC
- Monday, May 24, 8:30-9:30 a.m., IRC

Please know that your involvement does make a difference at Canyon View! Thank you for your time and commitment. Feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or ideas. I truly look forward to working with you this year.

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Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week will be at Canyon View during the week of October 26th-30th. The Red Ribbon Celebration offers an opportunity to help raise awareness about the importance of family time as a tool against the prevention of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use. Anyone who is interested in working on this committee is asked to contact Carole Loye at caroleloye@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

Meet the Masters with Art Masters

The PTA is proud to support the Art Masters program at Canyon View for the 8th consecutive year! The Art Masters program offers sequential study in visual arts designed to compliment history, social studies and language arts frameworks. Students in grades 1-6 will attend an assembly program with guest lecturer Joan Rozelli. In addition, students in K-6 will participate in classroom studio art lessons with guest art teacher Sandy Kuhn. If have any questions or you would like to assist in the preparation of the materials for this program, please contact Mary Baker, PTA Art Masters Chair at mkbaker@earthlink.net.



PTA Sponsored Assembly

The first PTA sponsored assembly will be held Thursday, October 22nd in the MPR. Parent are welcome to attend: "Laser Team" presented by Laser Light Programs.



- 3rd-4th Grades 9-9:40
- K-2nd Grades 10:30-11:10
- 5th-6th Grades 11:30-12:10

Box Tops

Just a friendly reminder, save those Box Tops for Canyon View. Have your child turn them into their classroom teacher. Thanks for your support!



eScrip eScrip

Help Canyon View in a powerful fundraising opportunity. Register your debit and/or credit cards on the Verisign secured site at www.escrip.com. Shop for groceries, clothing, travel and entertainment and Canyon View will benefit! The Canyon View fundraising code is **6482188**. We can receive up to 8% back on your purchases with participating merchants by simply signing up. If you have any questions contact Valerie Magursky at valerie.magursky@cox.net or Myra Firth at myra4cal@cox.net.

PTA Pledge Drive In Full Swing

We need your help! Changes in funding throughout the years have left many gaps in our school budget and this critical fundraiser provides support for essential services and enables us to enhance many of our educational programs. Thank you to those families who have already participated. Help us maintain our quality programs by turning in your pledges. Here are just a few items that Canyon View's Pledge Drive helps to fund:

- Updated computer hardware and software
- Art Masters
- Reading Counts and Math to Achieve Programs
- Music Enhancement
- IRC books and media support
- Educational Assemblies

A pledge from every family is important. Together we will ALL make a difference!



PTA Membership Reminder

PTA membership envelopes are still being accepted. Dues are \$15 for a family membership and \$10 for an individual membership. Dues may be paid in cash or checks written to Canyon View PTA. Extra membership envelopes are available in the front office. If you have any questions please contact Julie Teltscher at andgeo@sbcglobal.net.

