

# Cherrywood Charger News October 2011



**Please call the district hotline**

923-1901 (Chinese)

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923-1903 (Vietnamese)

Somebody will get in touch with you to deliver the essence of the document.

請利用校區熱線電話923-1901  
會有專人與您聯繫為您翻譯解說資料上的重要內容。

Por favor llame al teléfono de asistencia al 923-1902  
y alguien se pondrá en contacto para darle la información esencial del documento.

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và sẽ có người giúp quý vị để hiểu những điều cốt yếu của văn kiện.

# Cherrywood School Newsletter Critical Points - October 2011

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT.** Please join us on Thursday, October 6, 2011 for a very special evening: Back to School Night will begin at 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

**PICTURES.** Friday, October 21, 2011 will be Picture Day. This is going to be a FREE dress day, meaning your student may wear clothes that are NOT Common Dress.

**HALLOWEEN PARADE.** On Monday, October 31, 2011, we will have the Halloween Parade from 9:45-10:30 AM. Parents need to sign in at the office and get a visitor's badge. If you do not wish for your student to participate in Halloween activities, please notify the office or your teacher. Alternative activities will be provided. Students not attending school will be marked unexcused on their attendance.

## Puntos importantes del boletín de octubre 2011 de Cherrywood School

**REGRESO A LA ESCUELA (BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT).** Por favor venga el jueves 6 de octubre, 2011 a la noche académica de 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

**FOTOS.** El viernes 21 de octubre, 2011 será el día de fotografías. Este día los estudiantes podrán usar la ropa que desean, o sea que no necesitan usar el código de vestimenta.

**DESFILE DE HALLOWEEN.** El lunes 31 de octubre, 2011, se llevará a cabo el desfile de Halloween de las 9:45 a 10:30 AM. Los padres deberán registrarse en la oficina y obtener un pase de visitante. Si usted no desea que su niño participe en las actividades de Halloween, por favor notifíquelo a la oficina y al maestro de su niño. Habrá actividades alternas. Los estudiantes que no acudan a la escuela serán marcados como ausencia sin excusa.

## Điểm Tin Quan Trọng của Trường Cherrywood - Tháng 10 Năm 2011

**ĐÊM TRỞ LẠI TRƯỜNG.** Vui lòng tham gia cùng chúng tôi vào Thứ Năm Ngày 6 Tháng 10, 2011 trong một buổi tối rất đặc biệt: Đêm trở lại trường sẽ bắt đầu lúc 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

**CHỤP HÌNH.** Thứ Sáu, Ngày 21 Tháng 10, 2011 sẽ là ngày chụp hình. Ngày này sẽ là một ngày TỰ DO ăn mặc, có nghĩa là học sinh có thể mặc quần áo KHÔNG phải ăn mặc được phổ biến.

**DIỄN HÀNH HALLOWEEN.** Vào Thứ Hai, Ngày 31 Tháng Mười, 2011 chúng tôi sẽ có cuộc diễu hành Halloween từ 9:45-10:30. Phụ huynh cần đăng ký với văn phòng để nhận huy hiệu/badge là khách đến thăm. Nếu bạn không muốn cho con em mình tham gia vào sinh hoạt Halloween, xin vui lòng thông báo cho văn phòng hoặc giáo viên em ấy. Có những sinh hoạt thay thế sẽ được cung cấp cho những học sinh không tham gia vào sinh hoạt Halloween. Học sinh không đi học ngày đó sẽ được đánh dấu là vắng mặt không lý do.

## Cherrywood 小學校訊重點 - 2011年10月份

**回校夜.** 請在2011年10月6日星期四來參加這一個非常特殊的夜晚：回校夜將從下午6:30開始至下午7:30結束。

**照相.** 2011年10月21日星期五是學校照相日。這一天是自由服裝，學生可以穿不是學校規定的制服上學。

**萬聖節遊行.** 2011年10月31日星期一，上午9:45-10:30我們將舉行萬聖節遊行活動。家長們需要到辦公室登記，並佩戴訪客的名牌。如果您不希望貴子弟參加萬聖節活動，請通知辦公室或孩子的老師。學校將提供替代活動。學生未到校上課將被視為無故曠課。



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Dear Cherrywood Parents and Staff,

We are off to an awesome start this school year! We have all of our classes set. We have discussed behaviors and goals with the students. We have discussed ways in which we can keep our campus clean .Student Council officers have been selected. Teachers have been attending professional development workshops and are diligently preparing for upcoming Back to School Night.

As a school, we are continuing to look at how we support all students and make sure that their educational needs are being met. We, also, know that in addition to the hard work that we as a school do to educate your children, we need parental support, guidance and positive relationships formed between teachers, parents and staff. We are looking at various ways in which to further engage our parents. We are working in partnership with the Santa Clara County Office of Education to ensure that all parents feel valued and that their volunteer efforts can be fully utilized. Please see in the newsletter an informational

piece about a Parent Education Night being held at the District Office on October 20, 2011 from 6:30 to 7:30. **Childcare will be provided.** The session is entitled, "How to Support Your Child's Academic Learning". Come and hear about ways in which you can assist your child's teacher in order to help your child succeed. Remember, the more we work together to support our students, the more they succeed in becoming lifelong learners.

Sincerely,

*La Keisha Blackshire  
Principal*

### Why Can't I Skip My Twenty Minutes of Reading Tonight? Let's Figure It Out Mathematically!

Student A reads 20 minutes five nights of every week; Student B reads only 4 minutes a night ... or not at all!

**Step 1:** Multiply minutes a night X 5 times each week.

Student A reads 20 mins x 5 times a week = 100 mins./week

Student B reads 4 minutes x 5 times a week = 20 minutes

**Step 2:** Multiply minutes a week x 4 weeks each month.

Student A reads 400 minutes a month.

Student B reads 80 minutes a month.

**Step 3:** Multiply minutes a month x 9 months/school year. Student A reads 3600 minutes in a school year, which is the equivalent of ten whole school days a year.

Student B reads 720 minutes in a school year. Student B gets the equivalent of only two school days of reading practice.

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade if Student A and Student B maintain these same reading habits, Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student B will have read the equivalent of only 12 school days.

One would expect the gap of information retained will have widened considerably and so, undoubtedly, will school performance.

## Happy Halloween - Be Safe!

### Dates to Remember...

- Oct. 5-19 FALL FUNDRAISER
- Oct. 6 Title 1 Meeting 6:00 PM in Multipurpose Room
- Oct. 6 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT at 6:30 -7:30PM
- Oct. 7 FUN DAY – 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM
- Oct. 7 Spirit Assembly, 11:05 am in Multi
- Oct. 12 School Site Council Meeting Training Mtg. 3:30 pm-4:30 @PMS Library
- Oct. 13 Cow Assembly at 8:30 AM
- Oct. 18 Board of Trustees Mtg. 7:00 pm at DO
- Oct. 20 Parent Education Night
- Oct. 21 PICTURE DAY

Oct. 22-30 RED RIBBON WEEK  
 Oct. 31 HALLOWEEN Parade  
 at 9:45 -10:30 AM  
 Oct. 31- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp  
 Nov. 4 return from Science Camp

**NEW STUDENT BODY OFFICERS-Congratulations!**

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Body Officers for the 2011-12 School Year. Every candidate should be very proud of how they handled themselves during the assembly. They were prepared, poised and showed leadership. Congratulations to all for your excellent presentations.

Our new officers are:

- President – **Janet Vo**
- Vice Pres. – **Jerome Madrid**
- Secretary – **Alex Ordoz**

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**ILLNESS – ILLNESS**

Parents please do not send your student to school if they have had a fever or were vomiting during the night. Each time your child is ill please call the office immediately. We do have a message machine that is available 24 hours.

**Call 923-1915** and indicate the child’s name, class teacher, and specific illness and phone #.

**Student Drop off Information**

Please pick up your children at dismissal time. **If you have questions about your child’s schedule, please contact the**

**office.** There is only 15 minutes of supervision after dismissal time. Parents, please make appropriate plans for your child’s safety. Sometimes the office staff have meetings after school and there will be no one to supervise your child. Thank you for your attention. Also, if your child is required to cross the street when they’re being dropped off and picked up, please make sure they use the crosswalk.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MTGS**

LOCATION: 1376 PIEDMONT RD  
 TUESDAYS @ 7:00 pm, BOARD RM

DATES: OCT 18, NOV 15,  
 DEC13, JAN 17, FEB 14, MAR 13,  
 APR 17, MAY 15, JUNE 5

Open session starts at 7:00 p.m.  
 Agendas are posted 72 hours in advance

**CHERRYWOOD HALLOWEEN PARADE**

**Monday, October 31  
 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Parents please join us!! Please remember to come to the office and obtain a “Visitors” badge before going out to the yard, visiting classrooms or the lunch area.

Children are welcome to wear costumes for the parade, but no toy guns, swords or other weapons are allowed. Children should change into their regular clothes after the parade.

NOTE: If you do not wish your child to participate in the parade or other Halloween activities, please send a note to your child’s teacher.

Your child will be provided with alternate activities. If you choose to keep your child home, it is listed as an unexcused

absence on the attendance records.



Volunteering in your child’s class or at the school is a great way to show your child how much you value their education. If you would like to help... a current Tuberculosis test is required. They are good for 4 years. Please bring your immunization card to the office **BEFORE** you volunteer in your child’s classroom. We will keep a copy on file.

**Picture Day will be October 21.**



Envelope will be going home soon. Complete the information to order the picture packet that best fits your needs. Don’t forget pictures make great gifts for relatives. The order must be brought the day of pictures. **LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

**THIS IS A FREE DRESS DAY!!! COMMON DRESS NOT REQUIRED!**

### **RED RIBBON WEEK**

National Red Ribbon Week will be Oct 22-30. Students will receive information and participate in activities leading into a discussion of "101 Things to Do Instead of Drugs". Cherrywood acknowledges this significant program with activities and discussions in the classroom. I would like to invite you to check out the drug free banners posted all around the school.

### **Back-to-school night**

**Mark your calendar now**

#### **Curriculum**

**Night**, on October 6 at

6:30 pm. You will receive information about your child's class, meet his/her teacher, and hear about the instructional program.



### **CHERRYWOOD HEALTHY SNACKS**

In an effort to stay in accordance with our Board Policy on Nutrition and Health, we are implementing the following policy with regards to student's daily snacks and class celebrations. There will be more information to go home throughout the year. In the meantime, we ask and need all parents to adhere to the following directions:

**Suggested Snacks for Recess (10:45 – 11:00)**

- Baby Carrots
- Cherry Tomatoes

- Dried Cranberries
- Yogurt or Go-gurt
- String Cheese
- Pop Corn
- Triscuits
- Pretzels
- Gold fish Crackers
- Granola Bars
- Apple Juice
- Rice Cakes
- Bottle Water

#### **Celebrations**

Please check with your teacher for classroom specifics.

- MUST inform the classroom teacher at least one week in advance.
- No surprise drop-ins
- Consult with your child's teacher as to what health food items would be appropriate.

#### **Resources on the web**

[www.kidsrunning.com/columns/krccolumns0623snack.html](http://www.kidsrunning.com/columns/krccolumns0623snack.html)

#### **Foods with little or no nutritional value:**

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|---------------|-------|
| Chips/Cheetos | Soda  |
| Dry noodles   | Candy |

### **Administration of prescribed medication for pupils**

(Education Code 49423)

A *Permit To Take Medication in School* form must be completed by the parent/guardian and physician for all prescription drugs (as well as over-the-counter medication) to be dispensed at school. This form may be obtained from the school office. Medication must be sent to the school office in the original pharmacy container, including the student's name and the doctor's instructions. **Do not** send medication including cough drops to school in a lunch box or with

your child, as it may be hazardous to another student if ingested.

### **SCIENCE CAMP DONATIONS**

Every year fifth graders go to Walden West for five days to receive an intensive curriculum in science within a natural setting. Each year we have students that are unable to afford the entire amount of approximately \$250.00 to attend Science Camp. We are asking if you would consider a monetary donation which could be used for these students who cannot afford partial or full funding. Please consider donating to Science Camp fund. If you are interested, please contact the office at 923-1915. This year our 5<sup>th</sup> grade will attend Walden West on October 31– November 4, 2011.

**We Love Reading Every Friday**  
Names will be drawn



**Don't Forget to turn in Your Blue Reading Logs To your teacher**



**Donations of hand soap, tissues & copy paper for the classrooms would be greatly appreciated**

**Parent Education Night How To Support Your Child's Academic Learning**

Parent training will be October 20, 2011 at 6:30-7:30 PM at the District Office Board Room. Don't miss it!!! Childcare will be provided.

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### Bear Hugs

Each week, our teachers select a student from their class to receive special recognition with a Bear Hug certificate. Students may be recognized for effort, being a good friend, academic excellence and many other things. Students receive a Bear Hug Certificate, a pencil, and a hug or a high five from the Cherrywood Mini Bear.

### Traffic cautions



For safety reasons, we **DO NOT** allow cars into the front **STAFF ONLY PARKING LOT** area or the circular driveway by the Kindergarten building for pick up or drop off of students. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE IN THE WHITE ZONE LOADING ZONE- IT WILL BE TICKETED! COME EARLY!**

- ◆ Watch for children crossing the street.
- ◆ Drive slowly and legally when near the school.
- ◆ Let your child know where you will meet him/her after school each day. Be on time so your child is not alone out on the street or playground.

- ◆ Do not drive past the cones that are at the main driveway entrance and exit. Do not come IN the EXIT driveway!
- ◆ **PARKING COMPLIANCE OFFICERS WILL BE HANDING OUT TICKETS**
- ◆ **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR IN THE LOADING ZONE!**

*Thank you for keeping our children safe!*



### Fall Fundraiser Coming Soon!

**The gifts catalog for our Fall Fundraiser will be coming home soon! The proceeds will go for classroom supplies and Science Camp. Sales begin Oct. 5 -19, 2011.**

### CAFETERIA CORNER

The Fall is a busy time for our department as we are processing the free and reduced price meal applications for the 2011-12 school year. If your children qualified for free or reduced price meals last school year and have not yet reapplied for this school year, please do so immediately. On September 27th, those students who did not have a 2011-12 meal application in were automatically returned to full paid status (\$2.50 for lunch). The 2011-12 meal application can be picked up from your school office, from the District Office, or downloaded from the Child Nutrition Services webpage. For the quickest response time, please submit the completed application directly to Child Nutrition Services at the District Office.

Also, October is Verification month! Verification is the

confirmation of eligibility for free and reduced price meals as required by the federal National School Lunch Program. A sample of BUSD households that currently receive free or reduced price meals was chosen randomly for the verification process. A verification packet was mailed home to these households on October 1<sup>st</sup>. If your household has been chosen for verification, you must provide proof of income eligibility or confirmation that your household receives assistance under the Food Stamp Program, FDPIR and TANF program. If the required documents aren't completed and submitted, the eligibility status of your child(ren) will be changed to full paid. Please observe the deadline as stated on the verification letter.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Child Nutrition program, please contact us at 408-923-1875.

### DO YOU LIKE COFFEE?

Please visit Aroma Coffee and Snacks located at 301 N. Jackson Ave. and bring the attached flyer. Besides coffee they delicious sandwiches, desserts, smoothies & appetizers. Cherrywood will receive 10% of your purchase price. The money raised will go towards classrooms and field trips.

### COMMON DRESS

Don't forget your Common Dress. Shirts are White or Navy Blue, any style except tank tops. Pants/skirts/ Dresses/jumpers/shorts are Navy blue, denim or tan colored. Shoes must be closed toed and

can be any color. Backpacks &  
Jackets can be any color. **BE  
SURE TO MARK YOUR  
CHILD'S NAME IN THEIR  
CLOTHES SINCE MANY  
STUDENTS HAVE THE SAME  
TYPE OF CLOTHING.**

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### **Lunches from Home**

If you are bringing lunch from home for your child, be sure to bring it to the office. PLEASE TELL YOUR STUDENT IN ADVANCE THAT YOU WILL BE BRINGING LUNCH SO THEY CAN COME TO THE OFFICE TO PICK IT UP. THE OFFICE STAFF DO NOT HAVE TIME TO CALL ALL STUDENTS TO THE OFFICE. Parents are **not** allowed in the lunch area.