News and Views  
By Cristy Warner

It is hard to believe we are in the last month and a half of the school year. I hope the year has gone well for all of you. I would like to thank you on behalf of our PTSA “for pitching in to make a difference.” With busy lives and demanding schedules it is often difficult to find time to volunteer. Many of our Los Cerritos Families found time on April 24 to support an excellent cause….Recycling and each other. Our Ewaste/Recycle Day/Rummage Sale AND Bake Sale brought shoppers from as far away as Oxnard. Our rummage sale made about $1500 for the school tech fund. The PTSA bake sale made $220. That money and $440 in gift cards and cash was donated to a Los Cerritos family who lost everything in a fire. Our school knows the meaning of giving back. Thank you to Domino’s Pizza for donating lunch to ALL our wonderful volunteers for the Ewaste event. And thank you to Cisco’s restaurant for its donation of dinner for two and congrats to Tracy Jack for winning the dinner.

Los Cerritos Middle School PTSA has been awarded a California State PTA Spotlight Award for Family Involvement. We are very excited to be recognized for the work we’ve accomplished on behalf of children. Our application featured our PTSA’s Charity Softball Game which raised $630 that was donated to a local food bank. The Los Cerritos Middle School PTSA is part of California State and the National PTA, a 113-year-old household name and the nation’s oldest and largest volunteer association working on issues affecting education, youth and families. Winners will participate in May 2010 California State PTA Convention workshop on the Spotlight Awards. Awards will be presented on stage during convention before more than 3000 delegates. Winners also receive two registrations to the annual convention.

We couldn’t do any of these amazing things without the teamwork of our amazing volunteers. If you are interested any volunteer opportunity, please don’t hesitate to contact me by email at cwarner246@verizon.net. Please don’t forget to check the website for updates on upcoming events.
Triple Fundraiser an Earth Day Success
By Sherrill Hyink

Mother Earth was smiling at Los Cerritos Middle School last Saturday. Kids, teachers, staff, and families set up a Triple Trash to Treasure Day. The E-waste collection was successful as folks were eager to have a safe way to get rid of their old electronics. Our All School Rummage Sale was a great way to turn our “trash” into someone else’s treasure. About 15 huge bags of bottles and cans was collected for redemption. Thanks to Kiwanian, Greg Sincock, who transported the bags.

PTSA moms had a delicious bake sale with profits supporting a school family whose house burned down. And drinks and slushies were sold by the Builders Club to support the March of Dimes. Let’s not forget the carload of MANNA food items to help our community food bank. Last but not least, our tower of old tennis shoes (4 huge garbage bags) was collected and will be used for road pavement.

To keep up our working energy, delicious pizzas were donated by Dominos. What a welcome treat! Thank you!

Yes, the earth, our community, and all those wonderful kids and adults at Los Cerritos were smiling last Saturday. Let’s make everyday Earth Day, starting TODAY!

Express Your Love for Mom in the Acorn: Deadline May 3

The Acorn newspaper is having a “tell us why your mom is the greatest in 100 words or less” edition. If you want to appreciate your mom and let all of Thousand Oaks know why she is the greatest, then email tomoms@theacorn.com. Submissions must be received no later than noon, Monday May 3rd. Mother’s Day is Sunday May 9th. The newspaper will try to publish as many entries as possible. The Acorn and LCMS want your moms to get the recognition she deserves!

Upcoming Teen Center Programs

May Carnival Dance, Saturday, May 15th, 7-10pm, $10 admission
This dance is for 7th & 8th grade students, school ID required, school dress code applies.
Program features include: DJ Dance, inside, outside carnival activities, such as Jousting, Dunk Tank, High Striker, Bounce House, and Oversized Boxing.

6th Grade Welcome Celebration, Saturday, June 5, 7-10pm, $10 admission – 6th Grade only.
A program designed as a first time Teen Center experience/orientation. Features DJ Dance, Live Entertainment, Inflatables, Rock Climbing Wall, Pizza, Soda.

American Red Cross First Aid Certification, Saturday, May 8th, 11:00am-2:00pm.
Learn emergency first aid techniques. The cost is $50.00. Instruction and certification from American Red Cross.

Self-Defense/Rape Prevention Workshop, Saturday, May 8th, 1:00-2:00pm.
Designed for female participants. Streetwise self-defense techniques that are simple and effective. The cost is $15.00. Instructor: Omid Moradshahi, Owner of Onguard Self-Protection Services.

American Red Cross Babysitters’ Training and Certification, Saturday, May 15th, 12:00noon-5:00pm, Age 12-15.
This 5-hour course provides teens with the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or guardians. Bring a lunch and wear comfortable clothing. The cost is $50.00.

The Thousand Oaks Teen Center is located at 1375 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks. For further information, please call (805) 494-5156. Check out our website and register for classes at thousandoaksteencenter.com or crpd.org.

GOT OLD SPORTS EQUIPMENT?
LCMS Needs Your New or Used Tennis Balls, Golf Clubs (particularly left handed), Softie Golf Balls, Hackey Sacks, Quality Frisbees, Badminton Birdies
Leave in the office or contact Mrs. Frey at ext. 2210.
Builder’s Club Update
By Kyle Warner

Builders Club is a club that meets every Thursday in room 31. We are a community based club that holds recycling every day at S.S.R. Recently, builders club participated in the E-waste recycling event. There, builder’s club members helped work the slushy stand, and sell lemonade. We earned $28 (1 dollar per cup.) All of the profits went to March of Dimes. In March, builders club members got sponsors to support them in the annual Crop Walk. We had a huge turnout and Mrs. Hynk was a great group leader. We couldn’t make these events possible without the volunteers! Builders club has been very busy and can’t wait to do another project. Remember be a builder not a brick!

Math League Competition Results
By Cheryl Logan

The results are in!! Congratulations to our LCMS 7th and 8th Grade Math League teams! We competed with 96 schools in California. Our region includes 8 Counties. Here’s how we did:

7th Grade Competition
• Nash Iyer ranked 2nd among students in our Region!

8th Grade Competition
• Bharath Mohan ranked 3rd among students in our region!

Way to go team! We are so proud of you!!

Choir News

The Los Cerritos Choir impressed many with their amazing performances in the Musical and the All District Choir Festival. The Bernard’s Café Musical was a huge success, selling out both nights. The Choir dazzled the audience with the wonderful music of the 1920’s filled with whimsical tap choreography and glamorous costumes while educating them about the greatest American songwriters, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and the Gershwins.

The Choir also participated in the All District Festival this month at the Civic Arts Plaza. They performed beautifully as they hoped to inspire many elementary choir students. The next goal for the Choir is to receive high ratings while competing in the Disneyland’s Music in the Parks Festival on Friday, April 30th. They’ve been very diligent under the direction of Janice Hague, always striving to be excellent, but never losing the joy to sing and perform. The last choir concert is scheduled for June 9.

Escrip: It’s Never Too Late to Sign Up
By Danita Sam Lai

eScrip is an important fundraising opportunity for Los Cerritos Middle School PTSA. The eScrip program delivers marketing programs that bring retailers, manufacturers and service providers forward in support of education of youth. To date, the eScrip program has generated more than 250 million in merchant contributions to schools and organizations across the country. In this age of shrinking budgets, community participation and outside sources of funding are a necessity for all schools.

Los Cerritos Middle School would like to recognize Vons for their commitment to education. Due to our community’s participation and commitment to the eScrip program, Vons has contributed over $14,900 since 2009, and we are one of the top 50 earning schools in Southern California. Vons’ dedication to the eScrip funding program allows our students to continue to learn and thrive in an enriched curriculum that helps to foster a well rounded education. Without their participation, our funding would be drastically reduced.

It’s never too late to join eScrip. Sign up at www.escrip.com and add (or change) Los Cerritos Middle School PTSA Supporter ID 5122818 to your list of supporters. For more information, you may contact your eScrip chair, Danita Sam Lai, at eyedocdanita@yahoo.com.
Reflections Reception Honors All Participants
By Rhonda Bryce

On Wednesday May 12th the Los Cerritos PTA will host a dessert reception honoring all Reflections art program participants. The event will be held in the Library media lab or as we like to call it our “Beauty is...” gallery. All participants and their families are encouraged to come and enjoy this year’s collection of art, photography, literature and film. Light refreshments will be served. Please come, encourage our students and support the arts at Los Cerritos.

The event will be Wednesday, May 12 from 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

May

1...........Conejo Valley Days (Conejo Valley Days)
3...........Sky High Dance Class (auditorium), 3:30-4:30 pm
  8th Grade coed volleyball practice (gym), 5-6:30 p.m.
4...........Student of the Trimester Awards Breakfast (library), 8:15-10 a.m.
  7th Grade coed volleyball practice (gym), 5-6:30 p.m.
5...........LC Parent Tours (call office for appointment),
  2:30-3 pm
  8th Grade coed volleyball practice (gym), 5-6:30 p.m.
7...........Trimester 3 progress reports walked home
  LCMS 5K Run (auditorium and fields), 9 am
8...........Westlake High School Jazz Festival
10.........Sky High Dance Class (auditorium), 3:30-4:30 pm
11-14 ...STAR testing
  Minimum Day, 1:05 pm dismissal
12.........Reflections Reception, 6:30-7:30
13.........Volunteer Tea
17.........8th Grade Promotion Pictures
18.........Strings & Symphony Concert
24.........All District Band Festival (NPHS)
25.........All District Band Festival (TOHS)
26.........Fun Run Teen Center

June

2..........7th Grade Awards Night
3..........8th Grade Awards Night
4..........Raging Waters (8th Grade Trip)
9..........Minimum Day
12..........Choir Performance
13..........Magic Mountain (8th Grade Trip)
15.........Last Day of School–Minimum Day
11..........8th Grade Promotion, 1 pm

IMPORTANT 8TH GRADE PROMOTION INFORMATION

8th grade promotion will be on June 11, 2010 from 1 pm to approximately 2 pm. There will be chairs set up in the softball fields. There is no reserved seating and seating is limited. Additional spectators may stand during the ceremony. Students should arrive at school at 12:15 pm dressed appropriately; dress code applies to this day as well.

Parents and families should not arrive at school before 12:15 pm as school is in session for the 6th and 7th graders. If you are carrying an umbrella for rain or shade, you will be asked to stand behind the crowd.

Every Tuesday is LCMS Day at Goldenspoon

Tell your server that you are from Los Cerritos and they will give 20% back to our school!
Arboles location only.

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With the help of Los Cerritos eScrip Supporters, we have been given the designation of one of the top 50 earning schools in Southern California. In 2009, Los Cerritos Middle School earned $14,972.99 from Vons.