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CHARTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We are looking for three Charter School parents that would be interested in serving on a joint committee consisting of site council members and school staff. We meet once a month on the first Thursday from 3:15 – 4:30 in the school library. This year we will be focusing on updating our District Wellness Policy, and putting out a community survey to evaluate our school programs. Interested? Please contact the school office.

KIDS AND TEXTING

Do you know what your kids are texting to each other? Most texts are harmless, but some "Chain Texts" come with unfriendly or threatening warnings if your child doesn't pass it forward, i.e. "Your mother will die" or "You will have seven years bad luck." While adults may not take these threats seriously, kids sometimes do. Along with texting comes texting shorthand. Have your kids declared a P911? Again, many are harmless but some deal with drugs and sex. Know what someone may be sending to your child. If you answered IDK to the P911 question, you may want to become familiar with some of the common shorthand and their meaning:

LOL – laughing out loud, **IMHO** – in my humble opinion, **TIA** – thanks in advance, **VBG** – very big grin, #-) – wiped out, partied all night, %-} – inebriated, %\ - hangover, **Robotripping** – drinking prescription cough syrup to get high, **DOM** – dirty old man, **IPN** – I'm posting naked, **LMIRL** – let's meet in real life, **KPC** – keeping parents clueless, **POS** – parent over shoulder, **F2F** – face to face, **NAZ** – name, address, and zip code? **WYRN** – what's your real name?, **ASL** – age, sex, location, and there are many more. By the way **IDK**, means I don't know and **P911** stands for parent emergency. We are not trying to scare anyone, we just wanted to let you know what kids may be challenged with today.

TAKE A KID MOUNTAIN BIKING

On Saturday, October 6 from 8:30-12 noon, there will be a mountain bike riding event at Lyman Gilmore School in Grass Valley. There are informational flyers available in the school office, or you can go to <http://ybonc.org/events/bike-safety-rodeo/>

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports for six-week grades are being mailed home today for students in the 4th – 8th grades with a C- or below, in one or more subjects. To keep up to date with all of your child's grades you may go to <https://homeaccess.njuhsd.com/homeaccess/>. If you have questions regarding Home Access or need a new password, please call the school office at the 346-2153. Please contact the office or your child's teacher if you would like to schedule a teacher/parent conference.

BIKE DAY

Our first Bike Day of the year will take place on October 5. If your child has a bike they would like to ride around the track during breaks, feel free to bring it to school along with a bike helmet (mandatory to ride) on the 5th. Please do not bring bikes with flat tires or that are in need of repair. We are looking to borrow an "Easy-Up" shade tent for the day. If you can help with this request, please let us know in the office at 346-2153.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held Tuesday, September 25th through Thursday, September 27th. Minimum days are scheduled for these dates; first through eighth grade students will be released at 12:30. If you have a child in the kindergarten – fifth grade, you should have been notified of your conference date and time by your child's teacher(s). If you have a child in the sixth through eighth grade, you are invited to meet with the teachers on Tuesday (25th) – Thursday (27th) from 1:00 to 3:30 on a first come first serve basis. As always, you are welcome to schedule an appointment at anytime with your child's teacher.

NURTURED HEART

Here are some great words to use to acknowledge your child's successes and also build confidence: inspiring, compassionate, brave, thankful, gracious, courteous, loving, aware, attentive, intelligent, considerate and creative. Remember, commenting often when your child is demonstrating responsible behaviors will encourage them to remain on this path.



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MATH AND SCIENCE CONNECTION

During the summer we received a science grant that allowed us to subscribe to a monthly newsletter that builds excitement and success for young children in the areas of math and science (grades K-5). We have recently gotten our September edition which you will find in your Friday Folders today. Throughout the year, you will not only receive a monthly copy of the newsletter loaded with enriching activities to do at home with your child, there will also be supplementary hand-outs as well, so keep your eyes open for these wonderful teaching tools to use at home.

PTA CORNER

DINNER, WINE AND A FREE MOVIE

Chicago Park parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors please join us for an adult evening under the stars, complete with a free movie. We will meet at Montoliva (15629 Mt. Olive Rd, just up the street from the school) at 6:30 on September 29th. A pizza dinner and a 3oz. wine pour are on the docket along with a free viewing of *American Graffiti* in the vineyard. The cost of the dinner is \$20 and any wine purchased, at the event, from Montoliva Winery will provide a 20% return to the PTA. Tickets may be purchased in the school office. We hope to see you there!

HELP NEEDED!

The PTA is looking for volunteers to help with the following:

Boxtops: Looking for a parent or two to help with collecting and redeeming box tops.

Volunteer hours : 1- 2 hours a month.

eScrip: Looking for 2-3 parents to help signup parents for eScrip. Duties would include sending out reminders via principal newsletter and Friday folders, registering parents and family members with eScrip and grocery cards. Volunteer hours: 2-3 hours month depending on # of volunteers involved

Contact Cyndi Peach for more information @
530-575-2155

CLASSICAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Week of: Sept. 24 – 28

Composer: Copland

Piece: Rodeo: Four Dance Episodes 4. Hoe-Down

Week of: Oct. 01 – 05

Composer: Mozart

Piece: Serenade in G "Eine kleine Nachtmusik"
3. Menuetto

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

24 – Girls' Bball vs GVC @ Home 4:00

26 – Girls' Bball vs MSM @ Home 5:15

27 – Cross Country @ Colfax 4:00

29 – PTA Fundraiser @ Montoliva 6:30

OCTOBER CALENDAR

01 – Girls' Bball vs YRC @ Home 4:00

02 – Cross Country @ Empire Mine 3:45

03 – Girls' Bball vs RS @ Ready Springs 5:15

04 – Site Council/Charter Advisory 3:15

Cross Country @ Gateway Park 4:00

08 – Girls' Bball vs CC @ Home 4:00

09 – Cross Country @ Wiemar Hills 4:00

11 – Board Meeting 4:30

11-12 – Girls' Bball Tournament @ NU TBA

15-19 – October Break

22 – School Resumes