



# C.L. Smith Elementary School

## Parent Newsletter

### September 29, 2008

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#### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- September 29 Extended Kindergarten Day begins (1:30 p.m. dismissal)
- September 30 Superstar Assembly (1:30 p.m.)
- October 1 C.L. Smith Night at Cal Poly Men's Soccer Game (7 p.m.)
- October 2 English Learner Parent Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- October 2 Title I Family Night (6:30 p.m.)
- October 6 PTA Meeting and potluck (6 p.m.)
- October 8 Fire Prevention Assembly (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades)
- October 9 K-1 Family Night
- October 15 Breakfast with the Principal (8:30-9:15 a.m.)
- October 17 C.L. Smith Night at Cal Poly Men's Soccer Game (8 p.m.)
- October 31 Teacher Work Day (no school for students)
- November 3-7 Parent-Teacher Conference Week (1 p.m. dismissal)

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#### From the Principal

As we reach the end of September, I would like to be able to report on the great cooperation among parents dropping off and picking up our students safely each day. Unfortunately, we still have a very unsafe situation for our students. Some parents are not following basic safety laws and putting our children in harms way. I stood out in front of the school last week with a parent new to our school. She had so many great things to say about our teachers and the families she was meeting. Her only concern was that parents are not being safe in front of the school and children's lives are in danger. I couldn't agree more. I am asking parents to please follow these 7 requests when dropping off or picking up students in front of the school:

1. The loading zone is for loading and unloading only. Do not leave your car unattended and please move up as space becomes available so others can pull into the loading zone behind you.
2. Do not stop your car in the street for your child to come to you and do not let them out in the middle of the street.
3. If you drop off or pick up across the street please walk your child all the way across. Do not call them over to you.
4. If there is a car stopped in front of you do not pass the car but wait until they move forward.
5. Give yourself extra time so you don't need to be in such a rush.

6. If you want to get out and meet your child or talk to the teacher, please park in the parking lot.
7. Do not attempt a u-turn after dropping off your student in the loading zone. It is illegal and unsafe.

If all our parents work together to improve this situation we can prevent an unnecessary tragedy from occurring. Thanks for your help with this matter.

Parents are always encouraged to call or e-mail me with concerns, complaints and even compliments about our service to you and your children. My e-mail address is: [ashields@slcusd.org](mailto:ashields@slcusd.org).

**Cal Poly Men's Soccer Team:** This Wednesday night is the first of two C.L. Smith Nights at a Cal Poly Men's Soccer games. Attached to this week's newsletter is a voucher form from Cal Poly. C.L. Smith will earn \$1. for each student who purchases a \$2.00 ticket to the game with the voucher. This Wednesday Cal Poly will be playing Cal State Fullerton. The game begins at 7 p.m. We will host a second C.L. Smith Night on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> when Cal Poly plays UC Santa Barbara.

**Everyday Etudes:** This week students will be listening to Old Dance Tunes from Fifteen Hungarian Peasant Songs by Bela Bartok (1881-1945). The piece features five short sections each played by the piano. Enjoy!

**Word of the Month** – Cooperation – “None of us is as smart as all of us.” - Ken Blanchard

## PTA NEWS

**Innisbrook sales** have ended and we're happy to announce that our students did an incredible job selling just about **\$17,000.00**. C.L. Smith PTA thanks *#1 Seller Owen Wesner* and a close second goes to **Caitlin Mendez and Tristan Sill**. Kristy Arellano would also like to thank Tawna Esworth, Kirin Armer, Julie Soules, Krista O'Neal, Moani Seely and of course Jamey Arellano for all of their hard work and support during the Innisbrook event.

Our PTA **membership drive ends tomorrow, September 30, 2008**. If you haven't had an opportunity to join and would like to do so, please complete a membership form at any time during the school year. Envelopes are available in the school's office.

**T-Shirt Update from Cheryl Howard....** Good news: There's been a run on C.L. Smith T-shirts and sweatshirts so we've run out of several sizes. We're about to order more from the manufacturer, so please get all new orders in by Friday, October 3 to be included. Order forms can be found in the main office. If you've not yet received an item you've paid for, please be aware that all backorders will be cleared up with this new order as well.

**Student Directory** information and Ad deadline **September 30, 2008**.

Sincerely,  
Denise Reynolds

