

# Shark Bytes

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## Dates to Remember

Wednesday February 10  
Kindergarten Information Night  
6:00pm

Monday February 22  
Family Restaurant Night  
4-9pm @ The Habit  
4600 Douglas Blvd

Thursday February 25  
6:00 & Friday February 26  
9:30  
Talent Show

Wednesday March 3  
PTC Meeting  
6-7pm  
Teacher's Lounge

Friday March 12  
Evening Under the Stars at  
Bistro 33  
7:00pm

## Spirit Wear Fridays!

Wear our school colors or your Sierra Elementary sweatshirts and t-shirts. Sierra Elementary spirit wear still available for sale in the office!

## Entertainment Books!

There are still a few 2009/2010 Entertainment Books available for sale in the office. **\*They are currently on sale for \$20.**

## Bring in New/Used Sweatpants and Sweatshirts

The front office needs to replenish their supply, which is used when kids come in with very wet or muddy clothes.



## Principal's Letter

Greetings Sierra Families!  
As we creep slowly towards spring, Sierra students are busy as bees!

- Fifth grade students in Mrs. Balzer's class organized a Help Haiti fund drive raising close to \$1000.00!
- Mrs. Breckenridge's K class collected over 150 household and food items to donate to needy families through Home Start.
- Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders venture to San Francisco this week to visit the newly refurbished California Academy of Sciences and the King Tut exhibit at Golden Gate Park.
- Students in Mrs. Johnson's class planted daffodil bulbs in the orchard area of the garden, while Mrs. Winter's class helped prune the fruit trees!

There are also many things on the calendar;

- Kindergarten Information Night is Wednesday, February 10 at 6pm.
- President's/Furlough week is February 22-26
- Spring Conferences are March 1-5

Be sure and check the Sierra web page and school calendar frequently. We've added a new feature—Virtual Backpack—where all current school and community notices will be posted. *Plan on checking the backpack frequently as Sierra transitions to fewer paper copies of notices being sent home.* As the weather warms up, please consider walking or riding bikes to and from school with your children. It's good for you, it's good for the environment, and it certainly cuts down on traffic congestion!!

Karen Huffines  
Principal

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES!

We are in need of one or more parents to share in the responsibility of managing our SCRIP program. Involvement is 2-4 hours per week at home/school.

Please contact Lisa Nivinski  
[nivinski@starstream.net](mailto:nivinski@starstream.net)

Do you have a business or a product that you sell that can generate a percentage of proceeds back to our school? We are creating a place for that on the PTC website as well as the newsletter! For more information, please contact

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### **More Opportunity to Support Sierra Elementary!**

AVON is your connection for highly advanced hair and skin care, fragrance and gifts for the entire family. Orders shipped directly to you, and guaranteed satisfaction. Visit [www.youravon.com/mpanasyuk](http://www.youravon.com/mpanasyuk), enter code Give2Sierra at checkout, and 15% of your purchase price will be given back to our school! (unless product is already dedicated to support another noted cause)

### **NEARLY EFFORTLESS FUNDRAISING**

- Clip BOX TOPS and CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS (drop in office)
- Recycle INK CARTRIDGES (drop in office)
- ☎ Buy SCRIP! Purchase pre-paid cards. Available in the office. (Details available at <http://www.sierraptc.com/index.htm>)



PTC President's Letter

Hello Sierra families,

I have certainly enjoyed all the rain and snow that California has received this Winter, but I am looking forward to

Spring! In the next few months as the warmer weather arrives, the PTC has a few more events planned.

On March 12th I am looking forward to attending "Evening Under the Stars". This is the annual parent night out/silent auction. It will be held at Bistro 33 in Rocklin. There are many items to bid on. The teachers will also offering teacher services again this year! Tickets, at only 30.00 per person, are on sale now, so hurry and purchase yours. All in information can be found on the web site. Additional invitations and response cards are located in the office.

March 17th will be the Family Science Night. This is a fun night for families to come out and explore science together. The event is free for all Sierra families to enjoy.

The PTC is actively searching for new board members for next school year. The term starts in May of this school year. We need to vote in a board at the April meeting. The positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Historian. Any of these positions can be shared by two people. If you have any questions about any of the positions, please feel free to contact any members of the current board.

I look forward to seeing new faces at the next PTC meeting, which is on March 3rd at 6:00 in the teachers/staff lounge.

Lori Kambe  
PTC President

### **Family Restaurant Night**

Monday February 22

This month our family restaurant night will be held at The Habit on Douglas Boulevard in Granite Bay from 4-9pm.

The Habit features incredible hamburgers, but also has exceptional salads and sandwiches, malts and shakes. Come join us and bring your Family Restaurant Night flyer, present it at time you place your order and our school will receive 20% back! Check out their menu at [Habitburger.com](http://Habitburger.com).



## We Want To Hear From You!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments. General questions and comments may also be directed to [ptc@sierraptc.com](mailto:ptc@sierraptc.com).

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## Sierra Elementary School Daily Bell Schedule 2009 - 10

### Monday Schedule

8:25am School starts for Kinder & 1-6  
10:05-10:20 Primary Recess  
10:20-10:35 Intermediate Recess  
11:45-12:25 AM Kinder release and primary lunch  
12:25-1:10 Intermediate lunch  
1:55 All school release

### Tuesday-Friday Schedule

8:25am School starts for AM Kinder, "Early" primary and 4-6  
9:25 School starts for "Late" primary students  
10:05-10:20 Primary Recess  
10:20-10:40 Intermediate Recess  
11:45-12:25 AM Kinder release and primary lunch  
12:25-1:10 Intermediate lunch  
1:55-2:05 "Early" release and primary recess  
2:55 "Late" primary and 4-6 students dismissed

### Minimum Day Schedule

8:25am School starts for AM Kinder & 1-6  
10:05-10:20 Primary Recess  
10:20-10:40 Intermediate Recess  
11:45-12:25 AM Kinder release and primary lunch  
12:10-12:50 Intermediate lunch  
12:55 1-6 Release

