

# Shark Bytes

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## Dates to Remember

Deadline to order Yearbooks  
March 22

Dads Workday  
April 24  
(More Info Coming Soon!)

## Please Note!

**In an effort to conserve our paper supply, we are no longer sending the monthly Shark Bytes Newsletter in hard copy form. Please refer to our Sierra Elementary website to view, either in the Virtual Backpack or at the PTC webpage at: <http://ses/rocklin.k12.ca.us>**

## 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

Hello Sierra Families,  
Sierra teachers just completed two days of inspiring training with a consultant from the International Baccalaureate organization.

We were excited to finally get a date for our IB authorization team visit. Sierra teachers and staff are gearing up for an April 19 and 20 visit from an IB team. The team will tour the school, talk with teachers, students, parents, and site and district administration. We will then receive their feedback including commendations and recommendations. We continue to appreciate the support we receive from our PTC, SITE Council and school community. You have truly made the difference as we've progressed along the path to IB accreditation!

Last week Sierra students were thrilled to attend our first Spanish assembly. Beginning March 5, Sierra students will attend Spanish assemblies twice a month until the end of the school year. We all had a great time learning new vocabulary, practicing colors and numbers and learning new songs. What a fun way to increase our Spanish instruction!

In addition to showcasing the incredible student talent here at Sierra, our 2010 Talent Show raised over \$700.00 toward the purchase of a new sound system for the multi. A BIG thank you to Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Winter, Ms. Budge and of course Mr. Dickey for the many hours they put in to making this our best Talent Show ever. And those teachers...talk about risk-takers!!

On a more serious note, after much public comment and deliberation, the RUSD school board voted on March 3 to eliminate the early /late schedule in second and third grade beginning with the 2011 school year. Kindergarten and first grade were excluded, thereby protecting the configuration of our K/1 program. The extended day K class was eliminated. As a staff we will work together to embrace the changes and continue to offer a high quality program that insures success for students at all grade levels.

As the reality of tight budgetary times continues to challenge us, we depend on your support more than ever. We are fortunate to be part of such an amazing school community!!

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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## 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

The count down has started in our house! Three months of school left. It is hard to believe for me, it seems like the school year just started.

Not only are there only three months of school, there are only two PTC meetings left. While we have had many parents take on a PTC role for next year, we still do not have a PTC board. The current board have been asking the parents we know, with the success of filling most PTC non board positions.

Please, if you have an interest in a PTC board position, email me at [lori@kambe.org](mailto:lori@kambe.org). I can help answer any questions. The positions are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Historian. Without a PTC board the school cannot do any fundraising or spend any of the money in the PTC account.

I am excited to attend the Evening Under the Stars event this Friday night. Thank you to Rachel Lund and Leslie Domingo for heading up what looks to be a very fun night. The committee has received many exciting items for the silent auction, as well as a live auction.

I had a very fun night at "Evening Under the Stars" last Friday night. Thank you to Rachel Lund and Leslie Domingo for charing such lively evening. I heard many positive comments throughout the evening. There were great instant raffle items flying off the table. The silent auction had a wide variety to give everyone a choice and the live auction was fun to watch! Thank you to everyone who worked on the event, Robert and Darcy Wharton, Arlene Hill, Lynn Fox, Lisa Nivinski, Inga Templeton, and our MC of the evening Eric Carlson.

Spring, here we come!

Lori Kambe  
PTC President

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FAMILY RESTAURANT NIGHT!

We had a great turnout at The Habit in February with our families spending over \$400.00 that evening! Twenty percent of that comes right back to our school. Stay tuned for Monthly Family Restaurant Nights and support them when you can.

## WANTED: Flat Screen Computer Monitors

Flat Screens take up much less room, therefore giving much needed workspace to the students. If you have a flat screen monitor that you're no longer using, or know of an organization looking to donate some, please let us know.



## 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 Reads!

Sierra Elementary Reads! is modeled after the successful "One Book, One Community" events that occur in communities throughout California and across the nation. The purpose is to promote reading and increase multicultural awareness and understanding.

### Join us as we read our winter 2010 selection:

Wangari's Trees of Peace (grades K-3)

Planting the Trees of Kenya (grades 4-6)

This is a true story of Wangari Maathai, a Kenyan environmentalist and founder of the Greenbelt Movement, who began replenishing the land by planting trees in her own backyard. Subsequently, 30 million trees have been planted in Kenya.

### IB Corner

"Our kids spend their time trying to figure out what answer the teacher wants to hear rather than what they want to say. We need to be asking our kids questions that don't have predetermined outcomes. We need to let them explore and construct and investigate and try, and most important, fail."

-Excerpt from Intelligent Design, Stanford University's K-12 Teaching Laboratory; EDUTOPIA.ORG Feb-March 2010

