

Shark Bytes

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Dates to Remember

Oct. 2

"Sharks Attack the Tank"
Jog-a-Thon Fundraiser

Oct. 5-9

6th Graders to Sly Park
Environmental Camp

Oct. 7

Family Reading Night
6:00-7:00pm

National Walk to School Day

Oct. 21

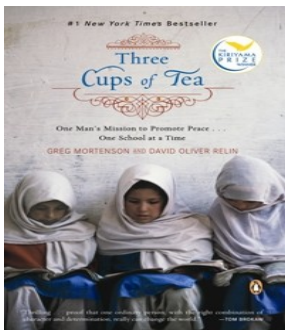
Family Reading Night
6:00-7:00pm

Oct. 26

Fall Carnival

Sierra Elementary Reads!

Modeled after the successful "One Book, One Community" events that occur throughout California and across the nation, Sierra Elementary Reads! promotes reading and multicultural awareness and understanding. Our initial book suggestion is *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson. All are encouraged to read and share this book together in preparation for upcoming events at Sierra. More details to come soon!



Fall Carnival

Monday, October 26th 3:30-6:30 pm

Mark your calendars. This is an event you won't want to miss!! It's a chance to wear your Halloween Costumes early, play games, and win prizes and CANDY!!!!

This year we will be having a costume contest and a class pumpkin carving contest. Be sure to get creative!!

Check out the website www.sierraptc.com for event details.



The Tour de Rocklin is coming!

Saturday, October 17, 2009
Whitney Ranch Park

Ride in the Family 5-mile ride

OR

Ride farther, going 10, 20 or 40 miles,
all through Rocklin

OR

Ride with your organization & raise funds

OR

Volunteer to help on race day

For details, go to
www.tourderocklin.org

Easy Ways to Help Sierra Elementary!

We have a number of fun family events planned this year! We hope you will support us with your generous donations and your involvement in our wonderful school. Here are some easy ways to help:

- * Amazon.com If you make your purchases via our website portal Sierra earns a commission.
- * Recycle grocery bags. Did you know that Sierra earns \$5 every time we fill the Wal-Mart recycle bag container, located in the front office? Bring in those white plastic grocery bags, do your part for the planet and let Wal-Mart raise funds for our school.
- * Recycle Ink Cartridges/Cell Phones Sierra earns between 10¢ and \$5 for each ink cartridge (empty or full) and cell phone we recycle! Please drop them in the front office.
- * Box Tops. Another easy fundraiser - just cut out the coupons from General Mills products and drop them in the box in your child's class.
- * ESCRIP. Remember to register your cards today, participating business partners contribute a percentage of your grocery loyalty cards, credit card, and debit/ATM card purchases to Sierra Elementary. More
- * SCRIP, SCRIP and more SCRIP, easy on line ordering now available!

For more information on all the options above, visit the Sierra PTC home page at:
<http://www.sierraptc.com/index.htm>



Principal's Corner

Greetings from your principal!

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at Sierra Elementary. This is going to be a BIG year at Sierra, as, among other goals, we gear up for our International Baccalaureate authorization. We expect a visit from the IB folks sometime during our first trimester. Meanwhile, our teachers are excited to be sharing all six units of inquiry with their students. Look for more information about Sierra's Programme of Inquiry on our school webpage and also on your child's classroom web page.

Sierra Reads—for the first time ever, Sierra is participating in the U.S. Library of Congress program, One Book, One Community. We have chosen the book, *Three Cups of Tea*, the inspirational story of “One man’s journey to change the world, one child at a time” as our first read. The book chronicles Greg Mortenson’s journey to build schools in the poor villages of the mountainous regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan. The book is available in three versions—for adults, young readers, and as a picture book, *Listen to the Wind*. We encourage you to pick up a copy and share and discuss it with your children. For your convenience, we have copies available for sale in the library and office.

Traffic—I’ve been monitoring the front parking lot both before and after school. Please remember to drive slowly and always watch for children! Consider parking on the street and walking in to ease congestion. Better yet, if you live in the neighborhood, think about walking to school. It’s good for you, your child, and the environment!

Welcome Mrs. Clarke—Sierra is pleased to welcome Mrs. Susan Clarke to our staff and 6th grade team. Mrs. Clarke is a member of the Rocklin community and has two sons, Tanner and Justin, in RUSD schools. After spending the past two years teaching at Rocklin Elementary, she is excited to get on board here at Sierra, and we’re thrilled to have her! Thank you all for your generous donations to help get our school year started. While state and district cuts have impacted our supply budget, we’re thankful to be starting the school year with our staff and programs intact! It’s going to be a great year!!

Karen Huffines



We Want To Hear From You!

Your 2009/2010 board members are listed below. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments. General questions and comments may also be directed to ptc@sierraptc.com

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Student Generated Action at Sierra Elementary

One goal of the International Baccalaureate program is to instill in students the desire to make a difference by reaching out to others in their own communities, nationally and even globally. Over the past few years our students have participated in many philanthropic efforts.

In 2004, Sierra students raised over \$6,000.00 for the **Asian Tsunami Relief fund**. Some of our recent projects have included;

Kids Can—collecting canned foods to help needy local families, especially during the holidays.

Coats for Kids—donations of new and gently used warm clothing to help local families make it through the cold winter months.

Habitat for Humanity—sponsoring a local family and helping with a variety of household and clothing needs.

Heifer International—helping a family, often in a third world, thrive by purchasing a farm animal for personal and/or commercial use.

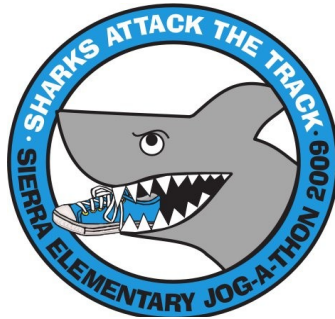
All these worthy endeavors help Sierra students reach out to other less fortunate families and learn the value and satisfaction of giving something of themselves to make a difference in our world. This trimester, inspired by our community read, *Three Cups of Tea*, our students have chosen to participate in a school-wide service project, Pennies for Peace. From now until the first of November, Sierra students will be collecting pennies to help purchase much needed school supplies for children in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Read more about the project at www.penniesforpeace.org

We are proud of our students for their commitment and desire to make a difference!!



A Letter from the PTC President

Hello Sierra Families,
Welcome back to school. The PTC is off and running, planning events to fill up the first half of the school year.



**Sharks Attack the Track
Jog-a-Thon 2009 Schedule
Friday October 2nd**

We just wrapped up the entertainment book sales. We expect a profit of 2700.00. Thank you to those families who bought books.

Next week is our biggest fund raiser for the year, the "Sharks Attack the Track" Jog-A-Thon. This event is on October 2nd during school hours. All the kids will receive a t-shirt to wear the day of the event! Come cheer your students on and then stay and have lunch with your child. Pre-order lunch forms are included in this newsletter! We hope this will be a successful fund raiser.

Then just around the corner is the Fall Carnival! Please look for more details about the fun annual event in the newsletter and in emails to follow.

We hope to see you at the next PTC meeting!

Lori Kambe
PTC President

Kindergarten/1st Grade

9:35 Classes to warm-up area; Proceed to Jog-a-Thon Start
9:50 Begin Jog-a-Thon {20 minute jog/run}
10:15 Finish Jog-a-Thon; Move through chute; Proceed to amphitheater area
10:25 Demo/Awards
10:55 Lunch/Recess
11:35 Teachers Line-up their class to return to the classroom

2nd Grade/3rd Grade

10:00 Classes to warm-up area; Proceed to Jog-a-Thon Start
10:20 Begin Jog-a-Thon {30 minute jog/run}
10:50 Finish Jog-a-Thon ; Move through chute; Proceed to amphitheater area
11:00 Demo/awards
11:30 Lunch/Recess
12:10 Teachers Line-up their class to return to the classroom

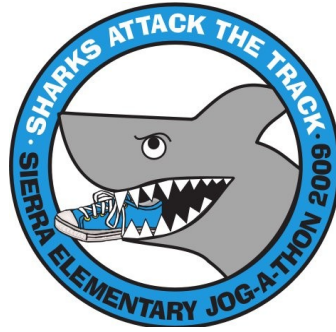
4th Grade/5th Grade

10:35 Classes to warm-up area; Proceed to Jog-a-Thon Start
10:55 Begin Jog-a-Thon {30 minute jog/run}
11:25 Finish Jog-a-Thon; Move through chute; Proceed to amphitheater area
11:35 Demo/awards
12:05 Lunch/Recess
12:45 Teachers Line-up their class to return to the classroom

6th Grade

11:10 Classes to warm-up area; Proceed to Jog-a-Thon Start
11:30 Begin Jog-a-Thon {30 minute jog/run}
12:00 Finish Jog-a-Thon; Move through chute; Proceed to amphitheater area
12:10 Demo/awards
12:40 Lunch/Recess
1:20 Teachers Line-up their class to return to the classroom

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**Sharks Attack The Track
 Jog-a-Thon
 BBQ Lunch Order Form -
 Friday, October 2, 2009**



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Sierra Elementary will be offering a BBQ lunch for all students following the Jog-a-Thon at regular lunch times. All the fixings for burgers, including lettuce, pickles, condiments, etc. will be set up as well as a fruit juice bar and milk.

Parents and siblings are welcome. Students may use their lunch accounts. Parents and siblings may purchase pre-paid lunch tickets. The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for siblings (non-Sierra students).

If you would like to join your child for lunch, please return this form and payment to your teacher by Tuesday, September 29.

Child's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

(If you have more than one child, just list the child you would like to have tickets delivered to).

Number of lunches:

Adults: _____ X \$3.50 = \$ _____

Children: _____ X \$2.50 = \$ _____

(Do not purchase pre-paid lunch tickets if your student is using his/her lunch account.)

If you have questions, comments or concerns regarding the Sierra Elementary Newsletter, or if you have information you would like to add to next month's Newsletter, please contact Heidi Dailey at heididailey@yahoo.com

