

# CLEAR CREEK COUGAR NEWS

APRIL 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

By Mr. Lay

The staff, school board, and students of Clear Creek School are proud to announce that Susan Lemmons is our 2016/17 Teacher Who Makes a Difference! Mrs. Lemmons is currently our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher and Student Council advisor.

Mrs. Lemmons is a bundle of positive energy who makes learning an exciting adventure in her classroom. The students' day starts off with a rousing rendition of the "Pledge of Allegiance" around the flagpole. This is followed by high energy learning based around solid academic units. The students are always the center of the classroom. This may include presenting a science experiment to the class, showing their computer generated Presidents report, or performing a play to the school.

A dinner to honor her will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> in Nevada City. Well done Mrs. Lemmons!

I would also like to congratulate our amazing Clear Creek students who earned several honors at the Nevada County STEAM Expo last weekend. CJ Dvorak, Olivia Petty, and Bradley Gribas all earned a spot at the state science fair in Los Angeles for their outstanding science projects! CJ Dvorak, Macey Fowler, and Sam Swink earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade group math competition. Grace Ballou, Molly Fowler, and Dayanara Moreno also earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade group math competition. A fantastic accomplishment for all!

*State Testing  
starts April 24<sup>th</sup>  
and ends May  
25<sup>th</sup>. Please plan  
accordingly.*

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR APRIL

- 3 PTC Mtg
- 4 Special Board Meeting
- 6 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade & 6-8<sup>th</sup> Field Trips
- 9 Daffodil Run
- 10-14 No School-Spring Break
- 17 Staff Inservice-No-School
- 18 Board Meeting
- 19 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
- 24 State Testing Begins
- 25 Site Council
- 27 Variety Show @ 1:45pm

## State Testing

Please review the testing windows for each grade. If your child needs a doctor's appointment please do so before or after your student is testing week. Thank You.

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade: April 24<sup>th</sup>-April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade: May 8<sup>th</sup> - May 11<sup>th</sup> & May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade: May 22<sup>nd</sup> - May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade: May 1<sup>st</sup>-May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade: May 15<sup>th</sup> - May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade: May 22<sup>nd</sup> -May 25<sup>th</sup> & May 12<sup>th</sup>**

## Daffodil Run



The 16th Annual Penn Valley Daffodil Run is being held on Sunday, April 9th at Western Gateway Park. The top three school districts participating in this run will win money for their school. Clear Creek Elementary School has won the last four years. This money goes towards the purchase of new sports equipment for all the students at Clear Creek. We have registration forms in the office.

## Track & Field

All girls and boys grades 3-8 are eligible to participate on the Clear Creek Track Team. Track consists of running events ranging from 100m to 1 mile and field events (long jump, shot put, discus and high jump). Practices start Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3-4pm. Practices are every Monday and Wednesday from 3-4pm. The season runs through the first week of May.

Stop by the office if interested to pick up a Track packet.

## Clear Creek Yoga Mat Donation

Thank you to Warmth Studio in Grass Valley for the donation of the yoga mats for 6<sup>th</sup> grade P.E. The 6<sup>th</sup> Graders love their new yoga classes during PE! Thank you to Jinnae Anderson for volunteering teaching the kids yoga. They love it!



## **Math-A-Thon Success**

The Math-A-Thon fundraiser last month raised an amazing \$1725. All funds are donated to the St. Jude's Children Hospital.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser Coming Up**

The Class of 2017 presents an opportunity for your family and friends to dine out while supporting the 8th grade fundraising efforts!

On Wednesday, April 5th, the Panda Express on Brunswick and Sutton will donate 20 % of each meal purchased to the 8th grade class provided the attached flier is presented to the cashier either physically or through your smart phone.

All funds raised will go directly toward the 8th grade trip and graduation.

Please feel free to pass the invitation and the flyer on to friends, family and coworkers.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **April PTC News**

Sunny days bring outdoor activities alive. The Garden Club has begun clearing the garden and working on the expansion effort to build outdoor learning environments for this Spring and next year. Contact Kerin Fegley to be added to the contact list of helpers.

PTC has begun planning May and June events and needs your help.

- May 9th – Staff Appreciation We need decorations and breakfast or lunch items.
- May 11th - Open House BBQ – Lots of help needed to prep, cook and serve.
- June 7th - Cougarpawlooza – 30 volunteers needed to cover all areas, lunch provided for volunteers!

These events take many helpers to be successful. To volunteer to help please email [ptc.chair@clearcreekschool.org](mailto:ptc.chair@clearcreekschool.org) or call Marty Earhart at 530-274-3602.

Need an activity to do over Spring Break? Take a tour of the Rood Center and hunt for Clear Creek students' art that is on display.

Silver Graphics orders are due to arrive this month, thank you all for ordering. You can still order online just cover the shipping costs.

Mixed Bags orders are due soon please consider supporting Clear Creek PTC with an order.

If catalogue purchases and candy orders are not your favorite way to support student programs PTC understands. Sign up for Benefit Mobile app and start supporting Clear Creek with everyday purchases. Benefit Mobile adds up quickly, earning \$250 to \$500 for Clear Creek every year without it costing you anything. Just log onto the Benefit Mobile app and use a store gift card rather than your ATM card to purchase items. Contact Suzy Rogers to learn more.