



Cornerstone Academy PTG Newsletter



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Dates to Remember:

November

- Thursday, November 18th
PTG Meeting 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, November 24th
Report Cards
- Thu and Fri, Nov 25th & 26th
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Recess
- Monday, November 29th
NO SCHOOL
Professional Day
- Tuesday, November 30th
Parent Teacher Conference
3:30 – 8:00 PM

December

- Thursday - Friday
December 23rd – 31st
NO SCHOOL
Winter Vacation

* Please see journals regarding changes

Love of Learning!

What a child learns during elementary school years is the foundation for all the future learning experiences. One of the most important lessons we can pass on to our children is that learning is fun!

Enjoying learning new skills at home translates into believing that learning in school is fun! Family activities that build upon classroom learning always help kids excel! We can use the information provided by our child's teacher to plan family activities and reinforce the lessons.

A child's capacity for learning is enormous, so have fun helping your child learn! Encourage learning by incorporating fun. Laugh with them; laughter releases an array of positive chemicals along with boosting immunity.

Going the extra mile

Along with academics, Cornerstone students are exploring new adventures and experiences to develop important life skills.

Chess Club: *This club was started by Mr. Bedrosian and Mr. Krishnan on 10/22. This important program teaches students how to focus, visualize, plan, strategize and analyze patterns.*

Destination Imagination: *An exciting new season of DI was launched with 2 Elementary level teams and 2 Rising Star teams. Parents volunteering as team managers have the privilege of witnessing students master creativity, teamwork, critical thinking and problem solving.*

Knitting Club: *This club fosters creative expression and cultivates a student's interest in pursuing life-long hobbies.*

Fundraising Updates:

2010 -2011 Budget:

Projected Expense - \$9,504

Fundraiser Target - \$10,836

UNO's Night:

UNO's night raised \$246.80 for Cornerstone PTG. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Spring Fundraiser:

A social event is being planned for Cornerstone parents on **May 15th from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM.**

Please mark your calendars and make plans with your kid sitters.

Help Needed: We need 5 committee volunteers to help plan and coordinate the Spring fundraiser. Please contact Linda via email to volunteer - linda@gwynfisher.com

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the PTG. Donations may be made online on the PTG website or through a check.

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Budding Journalists



First and Second grade Cornerstone Students wanted to spotlight their teacher. Hence these go-getters decided to take the matter into their own hands and orchestrated an interview with their beloved teacher. Here is what these promising journalists wanted to know about their teacher, Miss Houle:

Amrita started the interview with- "Do you like to be a teacher?"
Miss Houle - "Yes, I love being a teacher! I look forward to seeing your smiling faces and exploring new ideas with all of you each day. You come to school to learn from me, but I also am learning from all of you all the time. We're a good team."

Gabriel asked - "When you were little, did you like to read?"
Miss Houle replied - "Believe it or not when I was little I did not like reading very much. I liked listening to my parents read to me as a child, but I didn't enjoy reading until I was about 18 years old! Once I found a genre and authors that I greatly enjoyed, that's when I was hooked and couldn't get enough. Now, I wish I had more time to relax with a good book!"

Aarushi inquired - "What is your favorite thing to do when you're not teaching?"
Miss Houle - "I enjoy spending my spare time outdoors. Whether I'm coaching and umpiring softball teams, training for a triathlon, I love outdoor activities!"

Sidhant asked - "When did you start teaching?"
Miss Houle - "I started preschool in 2007. I came to Cornerstone in 2008 and this is my 3rd year teaching 1st and/or 2nd grade."

Anna wanted to know - "What was your favorite subject in school when you were little?"
Miss Houle - "My favorite subject was and still is science. For a while I thought I was going to be a meteorologist because I have always thought weather is fascinating."

Inspiration Corner

"What ever your mind can conceive and believe it can achieve." ~ Napoleon Hill

"It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters." ~ Epictetus

"Make each day your masterpiece." ~ John Wooden