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September

October

October 6, Thursday
SIPAT Board Mtg., 6-8 p.m.,
Staff Room 20. All are welcome.

October 6, Thursday
6th-grade parents: Events Planning
Mtg. , 7-8:30 p.m. in the MPR.

October 13, Thursday
1st Picture Day
AND
October 17, Monday
2nd Picture Day



October 28, Friday
NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day

October 31-November 4
Parent-Teacher Conference Week
Dismissal is **1:30 p.m.** for grades 1-6.
Kindergarten dismissal remains same.

November

November 1-4
Parent-Teacher Conference Week
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Kindergarten dismissal remains same.

November 11, Friday
NO SCHOOL - Veterans' Day Holiday

November 21-25
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday

November 29, Tuesday
Picture Re-take Day



Students Contribute Over \$2K For Katrina Victims

Mil gracias! The "Coins for Care/Cambio para Katrina" fund raiser was a huge success! The students at César Chávez Elementary donated a total of \$2,515.89, of which \$1,606.89 was in the form of coins.

The school staff is very proud of the students for showing such generosity and empathy. We also wish to thank First Northern Bank who offered its services free of charge. Bank employees counted all the money and issued a cashier's check to the American Red Cross for the total amount. Gracias!

- Ana Maria Currea and Lynn Angelo

Garden Party Orientations

To all classroom garden parents:

Please contact Garden Coordinator Melody Matthews to schedule an orientation soon. You will learn where to locate your class' garden plot, how to get supplies and garden help, and what has changed since last year. For more information, contact Melody at 297-1766 or melodynathan@sbcglobal.net

Breakfast Is Served Daily

Studies have shown that students who eat a nutritious breakfast every morning concentrate and perform better in school. At César Chávez, breakfast is provided to students before school each morning from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. in the MPR. Cost for each breakfast is \$1.25.

Library Seeks Parent Help

Our school library is looking for a few good volunteers! If you love books and kids, this is the place for you to spend a little bit of your spare time. In order to keep the shelves in good order and serve students, we need to solicit help from our parent community.

If you would be willing to help, please stop by the library so that we can arrange a time that will fit your schedule. Thank you in advance!

Reduce Lunchtime Waste

Welcome to the 2005-06 school year from the **RISE (Recycling is Simply Elementary) Program**. As the RISE coordinator this year, my job is to encourage reusing and recycling materials and to reduce the amount of waste that is thrown away.

Lunchtime visits so far this year have shown that a considerable amount of good food gets thrown away every day. A few examples are whole or half sandwiches, baggies of fruits and/or vegetables, completely uneaten fruits, unopened containers of yogurt, and the crackers, cheese, and meat from Lunchables (which means that the pudding or candy and Capri Sun drink were the only items actually consumed).

Did you know that every day over 10 pounds of uneaten or unfinished fruits and vegetables are added to our compost bin?

In an effort to make parents more aware of their child's lunchtime habits, our school (with support from Sra. Beck) **will not allow students who bring their lunch from home to throw away uneaten food during the month of October.**

Perhaps this will be a good opportunity to have a discussion with your child about how hungry they are (or aren't) at lunchtime and how everyone can avoid wasting food.

Options might include sending half of a sandwich instead of a whole sandwich, allowing students to choose the fruit or vegetable they bring, or remembering to put an ice pack in the lunch box if yogurt is being sent.

Let's all work together to ensure that our children are actually eating the lunch that we pack for them. If you would like to volunteer during the lunch hours and help with our waste-reduction and recycling efforts, please contact me at 757-6920 or dmaustin@sbcglobal.net.

- Debbie Austin, RISE Coordinator

**TWO
Picture Days
Offered This
School Year!
(and a re-take day)**



Picture days are special for everyone. We know that they are important to all families. In order to better serve the families of our school we have scheduled more than one picture day this year. Students will be able to have their pictures taken on **Thursday, October 13** and **Monday, October 17**.

The Oct. 17 date will allow us to make sure all students have an opportunity to get their picture taken. This second date, October 17, is not for re-takes but for initial picture taking. The pictures for these two days will be sent to the lab and pictures will be returned to us. After reviewing the pictures taken, for those who have concerns about the quality of their first picture or are not quite satisfied with it, picture **re-take day** will be on **November 29**. We hope everyone brings their best smiles!

Sixth Grade Planning Mtg.

All sixth-grade parents are invited to attend a very informational planning meeting regarding this year's event calendar for our children. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 6 at 7 p.m. in the school MPR**. Committee topics will be: fund raising, ice cream social, Sly Park, community service project, graduation and more.

Set Events On Calendar

As Events Coordinator for SIPAT, my duties involve trying to keep up the school-wide calendar in hopes to avoid conflicts in schedules. It will be very helpful if anyone is planning any type of big event, either school wide or even one class or grade, to inform me. This could be anything i.e. a field trip, a class play or coordinator meeting, etc. I hope to have the calendar posted in the "parents room" (which is the new Circulo de Lectura room behind Building C), and in the staff lounge, Room 20. Please contact me with any planned event, the sooner the better, at karen.mo@sbcglobal.net.

~ Karen Mo

**Cajun Dinner To Support
Red Cross, Katrina Relief**

The community is invited to attend a Cajun dinner to support the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund on **Sunday, September 25 at 6 p.m.** at the University Covenant Church, 315 Mace Blvd.

The evening's program will include delicious Cajun cuisine and homemade pie, a Red Cross presentation describing its relief efforts, a slide show of New Orleans, and both live and recorded jazz and southern music.

The event is entirely non-profit; all donations received for the dinner will go to the American Red Cross. **Donation amounts are at the discretion of the guests.** University Covenant Church is located at 315 Mace Boulevard, just north of I-80 in Davis. The church has graciously provided the dining facilities. RSVPs are appreciated to help plan for enough food, but are not required. To RSVP, to volunteer to help with the meal, or for information, please call Toni Rey at 750-1798, or Audrey Nelson at 757-2820.

Chavez Students Can 'Trick-Or-Treat For UNICEF'

Want to go trick-or-treating and save lives at the same time? Read on! The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is the leading children's organization in the world. A recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, UNICEF works in more than 160 countries and territories to provide children with life-saving medicine, nutrition, clean water, sanitation, education and emergency relief.

An estimated 7 million children are saved each year by the efforts of UNICEF and its partners. UNICEF is currently working to help children affected by Hurricane Katrina — the first time in its 55-year history that UNICEF has provided humanitarian aid within the United States.

But I'm just a child, how can I save lives? "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF" was created in 1950 when a group of kids in Philadelphia collected \$17 in decorated milk cartons on Halloween to help children whose countries were devastated by World War 2. Over the years, more kids got involved.

The pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters collected by children add up. Since 1950, young people have raised over \$125 million through "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF."

For the last 25 years, Davis children have collected an average of \$3,000 a year by Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF. Last year alone, they raised over \$13,000! In fact, the children of Davis have been named official "UNICEF Emissaries" by the U.S. Fund for UNICEF in recognition of their contributions. Last year our César Chávez students collected over \$1,500! How much do you think we can raise this year? I'm convinced that kids can help kids. How do I sign up? Simply return the permission slip (below) to your teacher by Friday, October 14. Afterwards a collection box will be issued to you. Questions? Contact Melanie Bowden at melaniebowden@earthlink.net.



Cesar Chavez Permission Form for 'Trick-Or-Treat for UNICEF'

I give my permission for _____
to collect money/coins for "Trick-of-Treat for UNICEF" on October 31.
He/She will return the collection box to school on November 1.

Teacher _____ Room _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone _____

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