



November 6, 2008

Thank you for attending **Parent-Teacher Conferences** last week. We had a high number of parents able to attend and discuss progress at school. We thank you for your strong support of the students' education.

We will emphasize two **Building Blocks of Success** for November, **Loyalty** and **Cooperation**. Our students will focus on being honest and fair to build trust with each other. Cooperation focuses on students working together to find the best way to work and solve problems rather than remaining focused on having their own way. As we teach these character traits, look for ways to encourage your children to practice them at home and in their sports so that they become lifelong values.

Thank you for your strong support to PTA and Springbrook students during our annual **Pledge Drive**. We are close to our goal of \$20,000 and will continue to collect residual donations. In addition to our Pledge Drive there are four local businesses that will give a portion of purchases to Springbrook School if you use their store card and have indicated that you would like contributions to go to Springbrook. The businesses are Ralphs, Albertsons, Office Depot, and Target. Ralphs requires that you update your Ralphs Card to their new Reward card. You can visit the following websites to sign up and additional information is also available in the front office.

www.Ralphs.com

www.Albertsons.com

www.Target.com/redcard

Thank you for recycling aluminum cans this month for **Cans for Cash**. Without counting what was turned in at the end of last week, Springbrook students had recycled close to 80 pounds of aluminum. We recycled more aluminum cans than most other schools in the district. Our Community Service Club is beginning a campaign to regularly recycle water bottles that are used at school as well. In addition to active support for recycling, the Community Service Club planted a mulberry tree at the end of the parking lot earlier this month.

Each year we celebrate **Loved Ones Day** the day before Thanksgiving since many families have visiting out-of-town guests or relatives. Loved Ones Day will be held on Wednesday, November 26th and is an opportunity for grandparents, aunts and uncles, or other special family friends to visit students' classroom. Many classrooms have student presentations or joint parent/student activities. Most classes will be open for visitors from 10:30 to 11:30 in the morning. You will receive more detailed information about specific times each grade level will host families and guests. You are invited to visit the campus during this time of the school day and get a glimpse of students' lives here at Springbrook.





If you will be travelling around the upcoming holidays and your child will be absent for 5 but no more than 20 school days, stop by the office and pick up an **Independent Study Contract**. The contract must be completed and signed by the teacher, parent and student for the work that the student will complete while they are absent. Please complete this early enough so that the teacher can coordinate this work for you before you leave for your trip. All work must be returned the day the student returns to school in order for the contract to be valid. All absences for family trips are recorded as 'Family Business' and by definition are classified as **unexcused absences** however, an independent study contract changes the absence status to 'Independent Study Complete' which is a non-absence.

Please check the **Lost and Found** that is stored in the primary and upper grade pods. Unclaimed items will be donated to shelters and charitable groups on November 14th so that they can be given to those in need around Thanksgiving.

In March, our 6th grade students will attend **Outdoor Education** at the Pali Institute in Running Springs. The cost for Outdoor Education this year is about \$150 more than past years, due in large part to insurance rates charged to camp programs. To support our 6th grade students, we will hold a fundraiser at Claim Jumper on Tuesday, November 18th. A portion of the proceeds from the evening will offset the costs to the students. Invite neighbors and friends to join us at Claim Jumper that evening.

Keep up-to-date with all the **events** going on at **Springbrook**. Visit our updated website with an enhanced PTA page and a new link to the Second Grade webpage at <http://www.iusd.org/sp/>. You are also encouraged to attend the next PTA meeting on Thursday, November 20th. PTA meetings are held in the Multi-Purpose Room just after school begins.

Bob Curley, Principal





Winter Calendar Update

4th –6th grade music classes are held on Wednesday and Friday, remind your student to bring their instrument.

November 10th/11th

Observance of Veterans Day

November 18th

6th Grade Claim Jumper fundraiser

November 20th

PTA meeting, 8:20 in the MPR

November 26th

Loved Ones Day

November 27th/28th

Thanksgiving Holiday

December 1st - 5th

Holiday Gift Boutique

December 9th

Outdoor Ed Parent Night

