



# November 2018 Newsletter

## Principal's Message

Greetings. November was a short but busy month. I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving break, had some time to visit with family and friends, and celebrated our students, because at Coeur d'Alene, they are one of the many reasons we love what we do. There is a purposeful hum in our classrooms as our students investigate, problem solve, question, reason, write, create, and innovate. We are also grateful for our families who took time out of their busy schedules to meet with their children's teachers to discuss student growth and set goals for the new reporting period. These meetings are critical to the success of our students, which is why we are equally thankful for our teachers and staff who continually go above and beyond, particularly in the areas of professional learning. Four of our teachers attended a weekend math conference; and three of our grade level teams spent a day of study, planning and trying out lessons for and teaching moves with our students in science and literacy. We truly understand that every minute counts.

We are so grateful to all of our families and staff for also modeling for our students the spirit and importance of giving during the holidays. We must always be mindful that "as much has been given us, much will be expected from us", and as we move into the winter holidays, thinking of ways big and small to share our bounty will mean so much to those who are not so fortunate as we. Our families show this in so many ways, volunteering in classrooms, coordinating and supporting our fundraisers, and thinking of ways to beautify our school. Our teachers model this through the countless hours they work beyond their contractual time and the myriad of ways they devise to engage and excite our students. Though their combined efforts, we raised over \$20,000 in our annual Teacher Time Auction fundraiser, and our Booster Club could not be more pleased with a fundraising total for Spooky Saturday of \$17,000. Our students continue to be the beneficiaries of all of this goodwill. Let's work together to ensure that they do their part through kindness and purpose in all that they do.

We look forward to seeing our students perform at our annual Winter Program on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please take note of the schedule and be aware that each class will perform once. Make sure to visit our Ms. Nelson's Book Fair in the library and our holiday basket auction near the auditorium. Have a wonderful three-week break, and we will see you in the new year for more fun! Thanks so much. ❤️ *Principal Jenkins*

## Attendance

Our goal is for 71% or more of our students to be in attendance 96% of the time. Our school-wide attendance rate is 71.3%, which is a drop of 7.5 percentage points from last month, but still above our goal. **An attendance rate of 96% is no more than 7 absences in a year.** We are pleased that 2/3 of our grade groups are on track to meet that goal, which we hope to improve. Attendance is such a critical factor in our students' success. Thank you for supporting us in this effort. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade win the extra PE class, and all the classes with the best attendance will get an extra 10 minutes of recess. We will also be awarding students for perfect attendance each month with our very own CDA trading cards. Finally, Ms. Welch's class gets a Mad Science class for their attendance rate. **No more than 7 absences. Keep it under 7.**

## Cumulative Attendance Data as of November 30, 2018

The class with the best attendance wins a Mad Science class and all classes below get 10 minutes of extra recess.		The grades with the best and most improved attendance get a PE class with Coach Jordan.	
Percentage in Attendance by Class		% of Students with 96% Attendance	
Lira	97.43%	Kindergarten	68.3 (-5.2)
Kauffman	98%	First Grade	69.5 (-10.6)
<b>Welch</b>	<b>98.18%</b>	Second Grade	74.4 (-7.7)
Romero	96.31%	Third Grade	72.5 (-7.8)
Tepas	97.54%	<b>Fourth Grade</b>	<b>77.6 (-6.9)</b>
Buck	94.5%	<b>Fifth Grade</b>	<b>71.3 (+3.1)</b>

## Winter Program

Thanks to PSArts, Ms. Babchenko, our teachers, and our students for ensuring our families are able to enjoy some holiday cheer at our winter program. Please see the schedule below for Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will make sure families of classes performing first are seated first. As the performances end, guests can exit through the north side of the auditorium. Please make sure to visit our book fair! Thanks.

8:30 AM	10:30 AM	1:30 PM
Fielding	Neri Muñoz	Mackavoy & Mead
Pippin & Lira	Payne	Kauffman & Gill
Ruttenberg & Masi	Gonzalez	Oppel & Welch
Rothschild & Flaxman	Tepas	Jenkins & Aver
Block & Romero	Buck	
	Alberi	

## Volunteer Requirements and School Experience Survey

The district has new requirements for volunteers, which include a fingerprint clearance. If you wish to volunteer, please start the application process now at <https://volunteerapp.lausd.net/>. Once that application is complete, and you have provided a copy of it with your proof of a TB screening, we can schedule a fingerprinting appointment, the fee for which is now being waived. Families who paid a fee will be reimbursed.

Please make sure to either turn in your School Experience Survey by 12/5/18 or complete it online by 12/7/18. Thanks.

<http://achieve.lausd.net/SchoolExperienceSurvey>

## Important Dates

12/01/18 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ping Pong Fundraiser	12/17/18 Winter Break Begins
12/04/18 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Safety Assembly	01/04/19 Winter Break Ends
12/05/18 Mad Science Ends (Gr. 1-5)	01/07/19 School Resumes
12/07/18 Mad Science Ends (TK/K)	01/07/19 Spelling Bee Pledge Drive Begins
12/10/18 Ms. Nelson's Book Fair Begins	01/07/19 Coffee & Tea with the Principal
12/10/18 Booster Club Meeting (8:45 AM)	01/10/19 SSC/ELAC Meeting
12/12/18 Emergency Drills	01/11/19 Mid-Term Notices Go Home
12/13/18 Winter Program	01/14/18 Booster Club Meeting (8:45 AM)
12/14/18 Minimum Day (8:05 AM – 12:35 PM)	01/16/18 Prospective Family Tour
12/14/18 Dance Session 2 Ends	01/17/18 Emergency Drills

