

CROCKER CHRONICLES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

Dear Crocker Farm Families,

Welcome to the new school year! We had a great start on Tuesday despite the rainy weather. Our staff “stepped up” by escorting our young students to their new classrooms upon entering the building. It was great to see how our community supported students in this way. I visited each classroom on the first day of school and was impressed with both students and staff; kids were having fun and working hard and new communities of learning were being built.

In addition to this biweekly newsletter, I am exploring other ways to communicate information about Crocker Farm “in real time”. To this end, I have started utilizing a *Twitter* account to share news from our school. To follow, please go to: <http://twitter.com/#!/cfprincipal>. It is free and easy to use. I hope it will keep families more engaged in the day-to-day life of Crocker Farm.

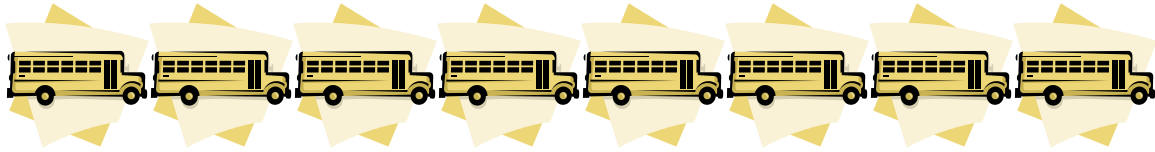
I want to share a few updates. First, our parent/guardian organization, or PGO, has two new co-chairs. Angela Mills and Justyne Ogdahl have taken on leadership of the PGO, which supports our students and teachers in a myriad of ways. Thanks to Angela and Justyne and to previous leaders of the group...your work is valuable and appreciated tremendously!

Curriculum Night will be held on Wednesday night, October 12th in the evening (specific schedule to be released soon). There are two early release days (1:20 dismissal) on October 27th and November 1st for fall parent-teacher conferences.

Finally, many of you have been receiving this newsletter via email—thank you! It allows us to dedicate more funds to student supplies and materials instead of to paper for printing newsletters. To sign up for the digital copy of the *Chronicles*, please send an email to Catherine Aldrich with your name, your child(ren)’s name(s) and grade levels, and type in the subject “subscribe”. Her email address is aldrichca@arps.org. Thanks for your participation!

Sincerely,

Michael Morris
Principal, Crocker Farm Elementary School



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Queridas Familias de CrockerFarm,

¡Bienvenidos a un nuevo año escolar! A pesar de haber llovido el martes, tuvimos un comienzo maravilloso. Nuestros miembros de personal “se intensificaron” al escoltar a nuestros estudiantes jóvenes a sus nuevos salones de clases mientras entraban al edificio. Fue estupendo ver como nuestra comunidad apoyó de esta manera a nuestros estudiantes. Yo visité cada salón de clases el primer día de escuela y estuve impresionado con ambos estudiantes y miembros de personal; los niños se estaban divirtiendo, trabajando duro y nuevas comunidades de aprendizaje se estaban formando.

Además, de este boletín quincenal, estoy explorando nuevos métodos de poder comunicar información acerca de Crocker Farm “en tiempo real”. Con este fin, he estado utilizando una cuenta Twitter para compartir información de nuestra escuela. Para seguir, por favor vaya a: <http://twitter.com/#!/cfprincipal>. Es gratis y fácil de usar. Espero que mantenga a las familias mas envueltas en la vida de día-a-día de Crocker Farm.

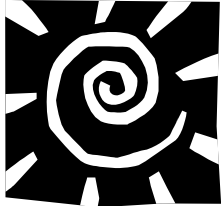
Quiero compartir algunas actualizaciones. Primero nuestra Organización de Padres/ Guardianes, o PGO, tiene dos nuevos co-presidentes. Angela Mills y Justyne Ogdahlhan asumido el liderazgo del PGO, lo que apoya a nuestros estudiantes y maestros en una miríada de formas. ¡Gracias a Angela, Justyne a lideres previos del grupo...su trabajo es valioso y apreciado tremendamente!

La Noche de Currículo será llevada a cabo el miércoles, 12 de octubre en la tarde (el horario específico será publicado pronto). Hay dos días de salida temprana \ (hora de salida 1:20) el 27 de octubre y el 1 de noviembre para todas las conferencias de padres-maestros.

Finalmente, muchos de ustedes han estado recibiendo este boletín vía email — ¡gracias! Esto nos permite dedicar más fondos a utensilios y materiales para el estudiante en vez de en papel para imprimir el boletín. Si desea registrarse para recibir la copia digital del *Chronicles*, por favor envíele un email a Catherine Aldrich con su nombre, el nombre (s) de su niño (s) y el grado (s) y escriba como sujeto “subscribe”. Su dirección de email es aldrichca@arps.org. ¡Gracias por su participación!

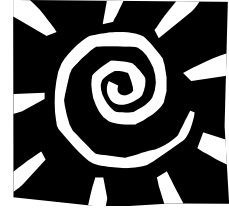
Sinceramente,

Michael Morris



CROCKER FARM SCHOOL SUMMER

Read-a-thon



Dear Families,

Thanks so much for your family's participation in the ***Crocker Farm School Summer Read-a-thon!*** We hope you had a wonderful summer full of good books and relaxing days of reading.

It's time to begin contacting your sponsors and collecting the funds that will be donated to our school library. Please return all cash and checks (made payable to the ***Crocker Farm PGO***) in an envelope. On the front of the envelope, please write:

Crocker Farm Summer Read-a-thon

Your child's name and current grade

You can return the envelope in one of two ways:

1. Susan McQuaid, librarian, will have a table set up on the playground by the morning buses on Tues., Sept. 13th, Wed., Sept. 14th, and Thurs., Sept. 15th. Children can drop off their envelopes with Susan.

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2. Students can return their envelopes to their classroom teachers, who will deliver the funds to the library.

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Are all your forms sent back?

- Health/Emergency forms
- Reduced/Free Lunch form
- Summer Read-a-thon form
- Insurance form
- Internet/Video Release form
- Handbook sign off form



ABSENT LINE: Parent/Guardians are required to call the absentee line, 362-1659 if your child will not be in school. If your child is tardy to school, please have him/her stop by the office for a pass before going to class.

Linea para reporter ausencias: Se les require a todos los padres/encargados que se comuniquen con la escuela llamando al telefono 362-1656 si su hijo(a) va a estar ausente. Si su hijo(a) va a llegar tarde a la escuela por favor asegurese que su hijo (a) se reporta a la oficina primero.

SAFETY:

- Please enter and exit through the **main entrance** during the school hours, 8:30-3. All doors will be locked from 9-2:45, including the main entrance.
- All visitors/parents entering the building are required to stop into the main office to sign in and receive a visitor's pass. **DO NOT** go directly to your child's room. We will be happy to assist you!
- If your child will be taking an alternate route home please send a note to inform the teacher otherwise they will go home their regularly scheduled route. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

The Enchanted Forest: The Forest That Stinks! A Non-Scary Halloween Event for families. On **Friday, October 14** and **Saturday, October 15** from **5-8:30**, the forest at the **Hitchcock Center** will come alive with creatures that stink – or at least use smell to survive! Adults and children of all ages will enjoy meeting these enchanting and magical characters as you are guided along pumpkin-lit trails. Walks leave every 15 minutes and last approximately 45 minutes. Inside the Center there will be simple crafts and games and an opportunity to visit with a fortune teller. Snacks and drinks will be on sale. Pre-registration required. Register early as this event fills fast. Call 413-256-6006.

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