



The Ladera News



Ladera Elementary School PTO Newsletter

October 2008

Principal's Message

By Ryan Bollenbach

*Leopards are Respectful
Leopards are Safe
Leopards are Responsible*

Positive Behavior Support

Positive Behavior Support (PBS) is comprised of a broad range of strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes while preventing problem behavior for students. Last school year, a PBS team (which included teachers, the school psychologist and myself) was formed at Ladera. The foremost charge of the team was to analyze our current behavior system and make modifications in order to provide a system for our students which would set them up for success. Through feedback that was provided by all staff members, the PBS team developed 3 positively stated expectations (Leopards are Respectful, Leopards are Safe, Leopards are Responsible). Using these positive characteristics as our guide, the team developed a teaching matrix that outlines the expected behaviors of all Ladera Leopards (students, staff and parents) throughout the campus. In addition to the staff being trained in PBS, our Leopard Leaders also went through training (volunteering a day during their summer vacation). On the first Friday of the school year, the entire student population took an "Expectations Tour" which was led by our Leopard Leaders. It was a great opportunity for the students to hear the expectations from their peers. The Leopard Leaders did a phenomenal job of modeling the expected behaviors. The focus of PBS is to reward the students who are meeting and exceeding the expectations. Students who are "caught" doing the right thing, will receive an RT (right thing) card, from either a staff member or a Leopard Leader. The RT cards can be redeemed for prizes. Students who collect five cards in a month will be invited to attend our "Five for Friday Movie Day," in which we will show a principal approved movie in the Multi Purpose Room (with our new audio/visual system) on the last Friday of each month. The students and the staff are all very excited with the implementation of PBS. Please visit the Ladera website (laderaleopards.org) for more information on PBS and the teaching matrix that accompanies it.

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Attention
New Families to Ladera

**Please join the Welcoming Committee
for a New Family dinner
in honor of you!**

When: Oct. 2, at 6:00pm
Where: the Ladera lunch tables
Who: families who are new to Ladera
this year
RSVP: adjaquez@msn.com or
714-665-8386



Welcome New Ladera Families!

To those of you new to our school -- welcome to Ladera! We are so happy to have your family be a part of this outstanding school. We have many fun things to look forward to this year from restaurant nights, family nights, coffee with the principal, and many more -- all of which are a great way to meet fellow Ladera Leopard families and hear about the wonderful things happening at our school. Be looking out for all the latest news coming your way through the school newsletter and by visiting our school website (www.laderaleopard.org).

Please feel free to contact the Welcoming Committee with any questions you might have.

Thank you,

The PTO Welcoming Committee

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The Ladera News is a monthly online newsletter posted by the Ladera PTO. To submit an article, please email it to Kim Patrick at kimpat3@mac.com or drop it off at the school office. The submission deadline for the next issue (November) is October 20, 2008.

President's Letter

By Kirsten Jessel, Ladera PTO President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 1 Walk to School Wednesday
- 2 Assembly - "Indigestion Joe and the Pyramid of Food"
New Family Welcome Dinner @ 6:00pm - Please RSVP
- 8 Walk to School Wednesday
- 9 **No School (non-student and non-teacher)**
- 10 **No School (non-student and non-teacher)**
- 13-17 **Minimum Days - Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- 15 Walk to School Wednesday
- 16 PTO Meeting 8:30am
School Site Council 3pm
- 20 Assembly - "It's Ok to be Different", Izzi Tooinsky
- 21 School Pictures
- 22 Walk to School Wednesday
- 27-31 Red Ribbon Week
- 24 Art Masters - Paul Cezanne
- 29 Walk to School Wednesday
- 30 Family Night Halloween Magic and Chili Cook-off
- 31 **No School (Staff Development)**

NOVEMBER

- 2 Dino Dash
- 5 Walk to School Wednesday
- 10 **No School (non-student and non-teacher)**
- 11 **No School (non-student and non-teacher)**
Veteran's Day Holiday
- 12 Walk to School Wednesday
- 19 Walk to School Wednesday / Assembly - "Theatre Through the Ages"
- 20 School Site Council Meeting 3pm
Principal's Chat 6:30pm
PTO Meeting 7:00pm
- 26 Walk to School Wednesday
- 27 **No School Thanksgiving Holiday**
- 28 **No School Thanksgiving Holiday**

DECEMBER

- 3 Walk to School Wednesday
- 5 Trimester Ends / PTO Fundraiser - Spirit Run
- 9-16 Winter Book Fair
- 10 Walk to School Wednesday
- 11 Cozy Story Night 6-7:30pm
- 17 Walk to School Wednesday
- 18 PTO Meeting 8:30am
School Site Council 3pm
- 22-31 **Winter Break (school resumes Jan.5)**



The Month of October is filled with many exciting PTO sponsored activities:

- The first educational assembly of the year is Thursday, October 2nd. The Southland Opera performance "Indigestion Joe and the Pyramid of Food" will inform Ladera 1st-3rd graders about good health and proper nutrition through a lively musical performance.
- On Thursday, October 16th at 8:30AM in the Multi Purpose Room we will have our second PTO General Meeting of the year. A major agenda item will be the purchase of a permanent shade structure for the Kindergarten/SDC playground. Attending PTO meetings is a great way to get involved in the PTO budgeting process. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- On October 20th the school wide assembly "It's OK to be Different" featuring Izzi Tooinsky will use music, storytelling and juggling to show the value of uniqueness in oneself and others.
- Our second Art Masters Lecture is scheduled for October. 24th and features nineteenth century French Impressionist Paul Cezanne. In class instruction is scheduled for the following week.
- Be sure to attend the Halloween Magic and Chili Cook-off Family Night which takes place 5:30-8:30pm on Thursday, October 30th. If you've got a great chili recipe this is your chance to share it! Come in your Halloween costume, watch a spectacular magic show and play games. School will be closed the following day, Oct. 31st. See page 10 of this newsletter for more details.

Other upcoming events include:

- The last week of October is Red Ribbon Week. This week is a nationally recognized as a time for communities to focus on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. For more information on Red Ribbon Week, visit www.nfp.org/redribbon.
- Sunday November 2th is the Dinosaur Dash, the annual 2k, 5k, and 10k run/walk. Please register online at www.tpsf.net by October 29th and designate Ladera to ensure that \$6 goes back to your child's teacher for classroom supplies. See page 4 of this newsletter for more information on the Dinosaur Dash.
- The Dino Dash is the Tustin Public Schools Foundation's (TPSF) largest fundraiser of the year. TPSF is a nonprofit organization solely dedicated to furthering excellence in TUSD's 27 schools through grants and other programs. Last year's State-wide budget cuts necessitated a reduction in TUSD funding for after school sports at elementary and middle schools. In response, TPSF initiated the Save our Sports (SOS) program. TPSF hopes to raise a total of \$60,000 to fund these programs throughout TUSD this year. One means of fundraising is encouraging Dino Dash participants to obtain pledges. These pledges can be designated to the SOS (Save our Sports) Initiative, or to technology. There are two ways to collect pledges for Dinosaur Dash. Visit www.tpsf.net to download a paper pledge form or to set up an online page that will send out e-mails requesting electronic donations. Registrants should collect pledges and submit them when picking up their packet the two days before or the day of the race.

Thank you to all the volunteers who make these and so many other events possible! Please feel free contact any of the PTO Board Members or myself, Kirsten Jessel (kjessel@earthlink.net or 714-669-4523) for additional information.



Save the Date
Sunday, November 2,
2008
Dinosaur Dash XVIII
Run for Education

Tustin Public Schools Foundation (TPSF) will be sponsoring the 18th "Dino Dash" at the Market Place Sunday, November 2, 2008. It will consist of a 5K and 10K Run/Walk, and a 2K Kids' Fun Run.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the Ladera community to show its pride and enthusiasm for education and our fabulous school. Last year Ladera had the highest percentage of registrants and presently is in possession of the coveted Dino Dash trophy. **Since Ladera's opening, there has only been one year when we have not been the proud possessor of the trophy and we certainly don't want to lose it.** The challenge this year has been made for each school to increase its participation by 25%. This year, the TPSF will return **\$6.00** for each ONLINE REGISTRATION to our teachers for the purchase of instructional materials. Just \$5.00 will be contributed to your child's teacher for paper registrations - **PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE** at www.tpsf.net. **ONLINE REGISTRATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 29TH.** The paper registrations deadline is October 17th.

When filling out the registration form or when registering online be sure to fill in "Ladera" and your child's teacher on the line stating "Please credit my TUSD School/Teacher." Each registrant will receive a commemorative T-shirt with this year's Dino Dash logo.

The student **incentive awards** this year include a **dinosaur cut-out** placed predominately at school, a **dino charm** for each child that turns in a registration form, (one per student, not per registration), and **½ hour of P.E. time with Mr. Bollenbach** for all classes with 100% registration. The primary (K-2) and upper (3-5) **class with the highest registration percentage** will receive an additional half hour of P.E. with Mr. Bollenbach as well as a dining out gift card.

The Dino Dash poster contest details will be sent home in your child's Friday folder.

We are looking forward to a fabulous morning on November 2nd when the Ladera family will join together and enthusiastically share our pride as proud leopards!

- Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Neuer, Ladera Dino Dash co-chairs



The Masters are Here!

Did you know that America's leading educators have identified art as a way to keep students interested in school, to help them think more creatively, to raise academic achievement, and to reinforce self esteem?

Throughout the year our students will be "meeting" master artists in an *Art Masters, Inc.* program designed to teach children to create, understand and appreciate works of art. Students will "meet" master artists at assemblies through interactive slide presentations with visiting lecturer Poli Rizco. Then students will be treated to exciting studio art lessons using artist's quality materials in the same manner as the masters.

This Art Master program involves students, teachers and parents alike. Parents are welcome to attend the slide assemblies or help with the studio art lessons. For assembly schedule, visit www.laderaleopards.org. Please support this valuable program by volunteering!

Ladera's Harvest Week



The week of **October 27 – 30** will be filled with a lot of fun events planned to celebrate Fall. This year we want the students to draw a picture and create a theme that reminds them of Fall. All participants will receive a Fall charm. Look for additional information to follow in your child's Friday folder.

We are also looking for additional volunteers during that week to help with the children's activities. Time commitments are during morning break and lunch time. If you are available to help, please contact Kathy Winters by email at Scoolwinters@cox.net.

Ladera Laps is Back on the Track



Beginning October 14th, Ladera students in grades 1-5 can participate in the Ladera Laps Running Club during lunch recess, every Tuesday and Thursday.

The Ladera Laps Running Club (LLRC) is a popular program that promotes physical activity. Each participating student receives a 5K card and a hole is punched in the card every time they run one lap around the track. Cards are in 5K increments up to 30K (20 laps/card); and 10K increments up to 100K (40 laps/card). As an award for completing a card, the kids receive a "Shoe Tag" presented to them at Friday Flag Ceremonies. Runners will collect these on a keychain or necklace to display their accomplishment! This program provides children a sense of accomplishment, recognition, and a source of positive image building.

We are beginning our 4th year of this extremely successful program. Last year we had 221 runners, and as a school we ran over 1900 miles! This year Ladera has a new goal of 2000 miles. This would be enough miles to reach Hall, Indiana, where the author of "Inch and Miles" (Ladera's Pyramid of Success Program), John Wooden was born. Let's join together to teach our children about the many avenues of working hard, setting goals, and achieving success!

If you are interested in volunteering your time at the track please contact Nicole Stepanian njstep@gmail.com

A Reminder from the Tustin Unified School District Nurse

When most adults think about exercise, they imagine working out in the gym on a treadmill or lifting weights. But for kids, exercise means playing and being physically active. Kids exercise when they have gym class at school, soccer practice, or dance class. They're also exercising when they're at recess, riding bikes, or playing tag.

The Three Elements of Fitness

If you've ever watched kids on a playground, you've seen the three elements of fitness in action when they:

1. run away from the kid who's "it" (endurance)
2. cross the monkey bars (strength)
3. bend down to tie their shoes (flexibility)

Parents should encourage their kids to do a variety of activities so that they can work on all three elements.

Tustin Unified School District's Wellness Policy Recommendations for Classroom Parties



Please note: Always coordinate your plans with your child's teacher well in advance!

Suggestions for Healthy & Nutritious Snacks

Green Light Foods: Full Steam Ahead

- Fresh fruit is naturally sweet—so most kids love it! You can serve it whole, diced, cubed or wedged.
- Canned, frozen and dried fruits are good too—fruit cups, frozen fruit, fruit leathers.
- Fresh vegetables can be served with low fat dips such as fat free dressings, hummus, bean dips, or salsa.
- Make your own salad! Let the students build their own salads.
- Whole grain products—popcorn, whole wheat crackers, baked tortilla chips & salsa.
- Low-fat dairy foods—cottage cheese, yogurt, cheese, milk

Yellow Light Foods—Now and Then

- Pretzels, breadsticks, flatbreads
- Goldfish and graham crackers
- Fruit yogurt
- Low-fat pudding
- Trail mix, nuts, seeds **

Healthier Beverage Choices

- Water
- Fat-free milk, soy milk
- 100% fruit juice
- 100% fruit smoothies

****Warning:** A small but growing number of children have severe peanut and/or tree nut allergies. Before bringing in peanuts, peanut butter, or other nuts as a snack, check to see if any children have allergies.

Volunteers are Needed

We still need volunteers in many different areas! Parent support and participation play a very important role in the success of Ladera Elementary School. There are many ways to help.

- **Jr Great Books parent volunteers needed for your child's class!** Jr Great Books is a 6 week program for reading and discussing great literature. The Junior Great Books program is proven to help students develop essential literacy skills, critical thinking, listening, speaking and writing persuasively. Volunteers will be trained to lead small discussion groups in the classroom. Talk to your child's teacher today about this rewarding volunteer opportunity. Or contact Sara Martinez 714-713-9558 or varelamartinez@yahoo.com
- **School Garden Committee** needs helpers. Help your child's classroom decide how to plant their garden space. One parent volunteer from each class is needed to help students plan for and work in the garden. This job will require approximately two hours per month. The volunteer will work with their child's teacher to decide when and how they will work in the garden. No experience necessary and all materials are supplied. Contact Kathy Winters 5coolwinters@cox.net or (714) 389-5916 or speak to your child's teacher.
- **5th Grade Promotion** needs a chairperson and volunteers. Work with 5th grade teachers and parents to implement 5th grade promotion and related activities.
- **The Ladera PTO's Fundraising Committee** is looking for committee members and volunteers. Help is needed for both the fall "Spirit Run" and the Spring dinner/dance/auction fundraiser at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club..Please contact Nancy Mallory at 714/669-5492 (nancymallory@cox.net) or Kathy Kendall at 714/955-8142 (skendall@aol.com) to signup!!!
- **Helpers are needed for the 5th grade Mother / Daughter Tea.** Please contact Gita Kalili at gkalil@yahoo.com or Marilyn Monroe at mhellman@spicehunter.com



Ladera's Restaurant Nights are Back

Restaurant Nights are back and we've got lots of food and fun in store for all of our Leopards.

Pat and Oscars was the destination of our first restaurant night of the year and we're happy to report it was a fun and successful evening. Our sales for the day totalled \$2065.94 so the PTO will be receiving a check from Pat and Oscars for \$413.18.

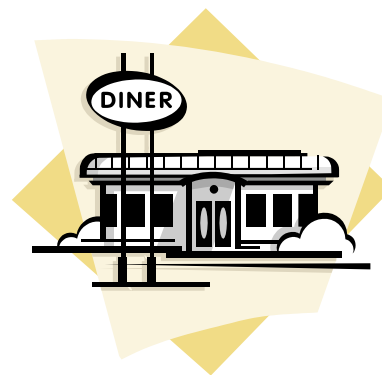
Management at Pat and Oscars was very pleased with the event and stated that Ladera drew a crowd of more than double most of their other fundraisers. Thanks for the great support! 76 students have a chance to win one of two dinners for two donated by Pat and Oscar's. The restaurant gave a free meal for one to the teachers attending our fundraiser as well.

It was exciting to see so many familiar faces and lots of new ones. Thank you so much for dropping your cookbook, stepping away from the oven and joining us to support Ladera's Restaurant Night.

Exciting plans are in the works for our next event in Mid-October. Look for details in your child's Friday folder in the early part of October.

We still have a few dates/locations open for restaurant night this year so if you own a local restaurant or have an affiliation with one please contact one of us. We'd love to talk to you! Please contact Linda Beck at (714) 366-9633, lindabeckreo@cox.net or Judy Wiese, judithwiese@cox.net.

We look forward to seeing you at our next exciting event!



Library News



The Ladera Birthday Book Club (BBC) was started the first year Ladera opened its doors in 2001. Since that time, Ladera families have donated nearly 1,000 new books to the library's collection. This is a large part of the total collection of more than 8,000 books.

We are so thankful to the families who have participated and invite every student to celebrate their birthday in the Ladera library. If your child wishes to participate in the BBC, he/she can simply bring in a **new, hard bound, gift wrapped book** to the library during their birthday month*. Students can choose their new favorite book from the bookstore or get ideas from Mrs. Shaw's BBC Wish List (see the Ladera website library page). A letter will go home to your child during their birthday month reminding them of the opportunity to participate; the Wish List will be included at that time as well.

During your child's weekly class visit to the library, they (along with the librarian, Mrs. Shaw) can present the book to the library in front of their class. Mrs. Shaw will then take your child's photo to add to the Birthday Book Club window and add the book to the library's collection, marking it with a special spine label and donation book plate inside the front cover that includes the student's name, teacher and the year they donated the book. Students who participate in the Birthday Book Club will also receive recognition in the monthly Ladera Newsletter.

This is a great way to share the love of reading with the whole school!! Feel free to come in and see the great books we have received from our very generous Ladera families!

This year we also have another special request...since Polaroid will no longer be making instant film, the BBC will need to find a new way to produce photos of the students for the window. Therefore, we are asking if you or anyone you know has a simple camera that you are willing to donate (digital preferred), please contact our librarian (Mrs. Shaw - gshaw@tustin.k12.ca.us) or Elizabeth Stevens at jk.stevens@cox.net.

If you have any other questions about the Birthday Book Club, feel free to contact our Chairperson, Elizabeth Stevens or stop by and see Mrs. Shaw.

We're looking forward to a great year in the Ladera library!! Thanks for your support.

*All students may participate any time of year, so summer birthdays (and others who are unable to bring a book during their actual birthday month) are invited to bring their books anytime they wish. Since the library closes the last week in May for inventory, we request that all donations be made prior to mid-May. In particular, May and June birthdays should consider making donations in April and early May 2009.

Come visit the Library!

Welcome back to the Ladera Library. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer filled with great adventures and good books. As we return to the library, we are reviewing the rules for good library behavior and responsible book care.

Library Rules include:

- Be respectful, kind and courteous
- Be a good listener
- Use quiet voices
- No running
- Ask for help

Tips for caring for books include:

- Hold books properly
- Turn pages carefully
- Use a bookmark
- Keep books away from food and drinks
- Keep books away from small children and pets
- Return books on time (preferably the day before your class visit)

Working together to care for the library and the books provides a pleasant environment for engaging students in the wonders of books.

Again, welcome back and keep on reading!



Birthday Book Club

Thank you and Happy Birthday to the following Ladera students who contributed a book to the Ladera Library in June and over the summer.

Julie Chun

Olivia Patrick

Julia Patrick

Liam Kirkwood

Nikolas Kirkwood

Negin Favakehi

Ali Raoufi

Samantha Schwartz

Addison Schwartz

Sooji Shin

Kade Wagatha

Juliette Waldman

Please visit the Birthday Book Club library wish list link when considering a library donation.



FALL FUNDRAISER...
“RUN WITH LADERA PRIDE!”
Ladera PTO’s Spirit Run

The Ladera PTO’s Fall Fundraiser will be held on **Friday, December 5th**! We invite and encourage all students to participate in our **SPIRIT RUN**. In early November, each student will receive a sponsor envelope to use for collecting donations for the Run. It is our goal that each child will raise \$100 or more each by asking their parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles, etc. to sponsor them. Then, on December 5th, the children will meet at the track to “*Run with Ladera Pride.*” Refreshments and snacks will be provided that day.

Our goal is to have 100% participation from all students.



SPRING FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendar! The PTO’s largest fundraiser of the year will be held on Friday, March 20th at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club. This event is great fun for all parents and includes a dinner, auction & dance. Last year’s rockin’ event netted \$65,000, and we need your help to make this another incredibly successful year. You can support the event by being a sponsor or by donating an auction item, and, of course, by attending the event. Detailed information will be sent home at a later date.

Volunteers & committee members are needed for both events! Please contact Nancy Mallory at 714/669-5492 (nancymallory@cox.net) or Kathy Kendall at 714/955-8142 (skendall@aol.com) to signup!!!



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Red Ribbon Week October 27-31, 2008

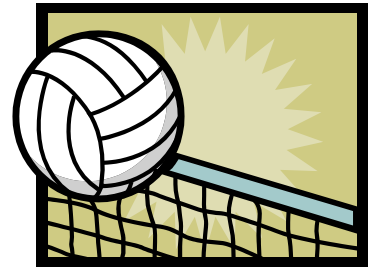
The Red Ribbon Week campaign is designed to encourage healthy, drug-free and violence-free lifestyles among youth. It is a national event honoring Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration special agent who was killed in 1985 by drug traffickers. This year Red Ribbon Week will be October 27-31.

Are You Receiving E-Mail Blasts?

Have you signed up yet for Ladera's e-mail information service? If not, please sign up on Ladera's website to start receiving weekly e-mail reminders of upcoming events and important school news. If you returned the e-mail authorization form that came in 1st day of school packets but have not yet received any e-mail blasts from Ladera, please visit the website and re-enter your contact information.

Check out the Ladera Website!

Please check out the Ladera website (www.laderaleopards.org) for important information, updates, and links. PTO news, meeting minutes, newsletters, program information, school calendar, and more are all available on the website.



Girls' Volleyball Team Selected

News from Mrs. Whitfield

Volleyball tryouts have come and gone and Miss Sommers and I were so impressed with all the ladies who tried out. Thank you so much for dedicating your time and effort. We are very excited about our upcoming season. Congratulations to: **Ashley Beck, Natalie Erickson, Autumn Heil-Carr, Kaylee Higgins, Julia Jessel, Anna Krechetova, Leah Messenger, Alana Monroe, Lexi Neary, Lauren Nguyen, Liah Nguyen, Priscilla Nguyen, Jade Nunez, and Samantha Sherman.** The team's managers and alternates are **Jorde Merner and Nina Patrick.** Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, starting the end of September with matches (best two out of three) against other TUSD elementary schools. Go Lady Leopards!

Walk to School Wednesday

Walk to School Day is a weekly event. Students are encouraged to walk, ride, carpool, or ride the bus to school every Wednesday (and even more if you can!). Each class will track the number of participants. Monthly, the classes with the highest participation rate overall and for foot power only will receive one of the coveted Walk to School Trophies.

REMINDER: Teachers are not available for babysitting after school. Please be prompt to pick up your child or consider after-care with the Ladera CDC (714-505-8098).

Ladera PTO FAMILY NIGHTS Proudly Presents:

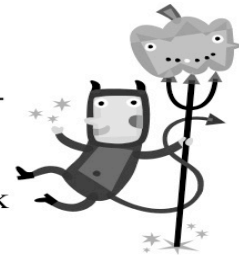
Ladera Halloween Magic and "Chili Cook Off"

Thursday Oct 30, 5:30-8:30 at Ladera Elementary School
Multipurpose Room

FREE ADMISSION FOR LADERA STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Come in **Halloween Costumes**, watch **Exotic Animals Magic Show** with a disappearing 6 foot Burmese Python. Play games, win prizes, Compete in the Chili Cook-off with your family's favorite recipe or just taste them all!

Dinner: Hotdog, Pizza (cheese or pepperoni), Dessert and Drink for only: \$3 per child and \$5 per adult



CALLING ALL CHEFS!!!



CHILI CONTESTANTS WANTED!!!

LADERA FAMILIES AND TEACHERS WELCOME to enter chili cook-off !!!All contestants must provide at least 6 quarts of chili to the school HOT in pan or crock-pot and ready to serve by 5:00 for judging. Please fill out form and return in your child's folder to school.

Contestants may also provide toppings for their chili if so desired.

Please contact Tori Crummack if you have any questions: tori@choice1group.com

Name _____

Type of Chili _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Other fun Family Nights coming up include:

December 11 - Cozy Story Night. Kids come in their PJ's and hear stories by Poli Rizco

January 23 – Bingo Night

May – Date TBD for an Angels game

Please Join Us!