



MUSTANG WEEKLY

March 4, 2010

Loomis Basin Charter School

Direct From the Director...

Going once...Going twice... I can't believe how many generous families we have here at LBCS! There will be something for everyone at the Auction. Thank you to all the moms, dads, grandmas, and grandpas who have donated to this wonderful event. It is a good thing that we moved it to the Blue Goose because ticket sales are way up! I hope to see you there in your jeans and real or like me, fake diamonds.

A Walk through the Revolution... If your child comes home today saying there were soldiers and strange old people on campus, they were right! Our fifth graders turned into famous American Revolutionary men and women then participated as teams and as individuals as they traveled together on an imaginary walk through the American Revolution. All that participated felt they were given a unique view of American History.

Classroom Observations... For the past two weeks I have been spending time observing IB units in action. I can't tell you how pleased I am to see our IB units becoming a reality.

- In first grade, they are starting a unit on weather: People use science and technology to observe weather. Not only are they studying weather, they are developing an awareness that weather is different in different parts of the world. It may be sunny here, but snowing in Chile.
- Second grade is finishing an IB planner on: The constant changes of the Earth's minerals & rocks that can be observed and measured. They are finishing with creating claymation movies to show the rock cycle. WOW...they really have created some great movies! Claymation movies, created independently by second grades!
- Third grade is starting a unit on habitats: Survival depends on how we adapt. I observed an activity that showed the teacher what they already know about habitats throughout the world. This allows the teacher to adapt their lessons accordingly. Crayfish and snails just invaded their classrooms, so they can see how organisms adapt to their environments.
- Fourth grade just started their unit on energy: Energy fuels conflict. To start the unit they had me be the bad guy and the one who turned off their water and electricity because they were wasting it! They came up with some great ways to save water and electricity. We have some very creative thinkers! Next week, I will share what is happening in kindergarten and fifth grade. I have to say, our students are not only learning lessons they are experiencing lessons!

How very lucky they are... *Cindy*

Education is what remains

after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.

~Albert Einstein

Lost Visitor Badges...

Please remember to return all visitor badges to the office when you are finished volunteering. Thank you

To View This Week's Teacher's Websites

Click Here:

- Mrs. Bills www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/juliebills
 Mrs. VanBreemen www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/DeVanBreemen
 Mrs. D'Ambrosio www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/MrsD
 Ms. Diepeveen www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/ddiepeveen
 Ms. Culhane www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/kculhane
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 Mrs. Holm www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/sholm
 Mrs. Fletcher www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/pfletcher
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 Sombrero Time www.sombrerotime.com

ATTITUDE OF THE WEEK

CONFIDENCE

**I AM A GOOD LEARNER.
I TAKE RISKS, AND USE
WHAT I LEARN TO MAKE
GOOD CHOICES AND
DECISIONS.**

UPCOMING DATES

- 3/5 – 4th Grade to Belle Yang @ Mondavi
- 3/6 – PTC Spring Fundraiser 6:00
- 3/10 -- 5th grade to Old Oak Ranch
- 3/18 – 1st grade to Crest Theater
- 3/18 – Assembly for Drama Performance
- 3/19 – Drama Family Performance 6:30
- 3/22 – 4th & 5th Grade to Mondavi Center
- 3/26 -- 2nd Grade Nicolson Blown Glass
- 3/29 – Start of Spring Break



Volunteer Opportunities...

- Lunch time Yard duty (Especially on Thursdays)
- Week-end Weed Pulling



L.B.E.F.

Loomis Basin Education Foundation

LBEF will be holding the Electronic E-Waste Recycling Drive

When: Saturday April 17th, 2010, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Loomis Grammar School, 3505 Taylor Road, Loomis



Sombrero Time would like to help maximize your students' language learning process. Below is a link to the weekly newsletter archive. The newsletter contains weekly updates in vocabulary, themes and target words for Spanish 1 & 2. Students are responsible to know these concepts in class. Please feel free to utilize this information regularly to work with your student at home.

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs024/1102875308552/archive/1102991457779.html>