



# Cougar Corner

MARCH 31ST 2010

*Spring is in the air*

## Spring Athletics

Soccer is winding down and we are currently taking sign ups for Track and Field. At this point we have 160 students signed up to participate!! Track and Field is a great opportunity for all students since it focuses on setting personal goals and students don't have to try out for the team. As long as you are motivated and meet the schools academic and behavioral requirements, you are on the team!!

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and things begin to warm up everyone is pulling out their spring and summer clothing. Please remember that we will still be enforcing our dress code and students need to wear clothing that is appropriate for school. Our dress code is located in the front of the student planner for you to reference.

## Progress reports

We are almost half way through our last grading period of the year. Progress reports will be mailed home to parents on April 16th. As the days get longer and warmer, kids spend more

time participating in outside activities. Please make sure that you continue to monitor your established homework and study routines.

Longer days means more activity time, but it is important not to forget that school work and academics still needs to be a priority.

## Spring Break

Spring break is April 5th through April 9th. Enjoy your week off and spend some quality family time together. We will see you back at school on April 12th.

## Alice and Wonderland was a huge success!!

Friday March 26th and Saturday March 27th the CA Jacobs drama class performed "Alice in Wonderland" at the Dixon High school theater. Mr. Goodwin was very pleased and proud of his class as they all did a wonderful job. Humpty Dumpty, the caterpillar, the cards, Alice, and many other memorable characters made the play enjoyable to the audience. Mr. Goodwin would like to give a big thanks to Mr. Mendisco. He volunteered to make and paint all of the sets for us. Thanks for your support!! Mr. Goodwin would also like to thank Mr. Hofhenke, Mrs. Harrison, Ms. Diane Burke-Huzieff, James Barber, Kurt Riedel, and Kelly Navarro for their help. Our next event will be the CA Jacobs talent show on April 30th at 7pm at the Dixon high school theater. Come see the great talent we have. Tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1 for students, children 5 and under are free.

*It is state testing time!!*

## What

The tests in the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program are an important part of the state assessment system. These tests are administered each spring to measure how well students in California's public schools are achieving the California content standards. These achievement tests target English-language arts and mathematics in grades two through eleven. In addition, tests in science and history-social science are given in selected grades.

## When

The week of April 19th through the 23rd C.A Jacobs will be taking the California Standards Tests. All students will be testing through out the morning each day of the week until testing is completed. At this time, we anticipate we will have all of the required state testing completed by the end of the day Friday April 23rd.

## How to prepare

Please make your best effort to ensure your child's attendance during testing week. Once a

child begins a test, the state does not allow them to stop and come back to it later. If you need to pull them from school during the middle of a test, they will only be scored on what they completed and you will not receive accurate performance results. High stakes testing can be very stressful for students and teachers as well. You can help relieve some of the stress by not planning major events or activities during testing week. This will allow your child to focus on the tests without any outside distractions.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

4/5—4/9 Spring Break

4/16—Progress reports  
mailed home

4/19—4/23 Testing Week



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There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.



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Your Address Line 3  
Your Address Line 4  
Phone: 555-555-5555  
Fax: 555-555-5555  
E-mail: someone@example.com

**WE'RE ON THE  
WEB!**

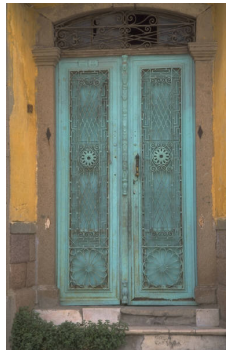
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YOUR BUSINESS TAG  
LINE HERE.

*This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.*

*It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.*

### *Back Page Story Headline*



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This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a

good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

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