



# COUGAR TRAX



Winter 2010

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## Important Dates

- 12/10 Dance
- 12/13 Spirit Week
- 12/13-12/15 Book Fair
- 12/15 End Of Grading Period
- 12/16 ELAC 5:30
- 12/16 HPE Family Night Holiday Team Building 7:00-8:00
- 12/17 Assembly
- 12/17 Minimum Day
- 12/17 Progress Reports Mailed Home
- 12/20-1/7 Winter Break
- 12/13 PTO
- 1/12 Wrestling Home
- 1/17 Martin Luther King Day No School
- 1/18 Home Basketball Game
- 1/20 Home Basketball Game
- 1/24 Staff Meeting
- 1/25 Academic Talent Search Test
- 1/27 ELAC 5:00
- 1/27 PE Family Night 7:00-8:00
- 2/1 Home Basketball Game
- 2/3 Home Basketball Game
- 2/3 SSC 5:00
- 2/3 PTO 6:00
- 2/8 Home Basketball Game
- 2/11 Dance
- 1/24 ELAC 5:00
- 2/24 HPE Family Night 7:00-8:00

## Reminder

If your student is absent please call Attendance at ext. # 100 as soon as possible. Your student still needs to bring in a note with a brief explanation of the absence when he/she return. **Please write your student's first and last name clearly on the note, Parent and/or guardian full name and the reason for absence.**

Thank you

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH—NOVEMBER

<u>Department</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>
ELA	Bartolome Martinez	Sophia O'Neal
Math	Jaret Wedow	Desiree Cox
Social Science	DaVonte Haywood	Brad Tenbrink
Science	Marco Hernandez	David Carrazco
PE	Claudia Robinson	Max Montoya

## COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

The C.A. Jacobs annual Cookie Dough fundraiser brought in approximately \$4,000 in profit. These funds go to the Cougar Club (student body) and are used for student activities, student recognition, etc. The Cougar Club is already making plans for a Sprit Week, looking into recognizing student attendance and much more. Special thanks goes to Jill Camp, C.A. J's office manager, for all her help in making this fundraiser be successful. Thanks also goes to the many parents/guardians who supported the school in this fundraiser.

## CALIFORNIA JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION

The C.A. Jacobs Intermediate chapter of the California Scholarship Federation, honor society, sponsored a canned food drive. The students collected over 1,082 canned foods! The canned foods were donated to Dixon Family Services. The CJSF advisors Amy Whorrall, Jennifer Fung and Megan Mckenzie and the members of the CJSF are very proud of the staff and students who participated in the canned food drive! Thank you to all who participated!

## PARENT ORGANIZATION NEWS

On Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, the CAJ's Parent Organization sponsored its first dance of the school year. The dance was a huge success with 325 students in attendance. Throughout the evening, our students danced to the music of a D.J. (who happened to be a CAJ student), played air hockey, and foosball, while eating lots of Halloween snacks. Parents who supervised made more than their share of positive comments. Two comments e-mailed after the dance stated:

*"..... was having so much fun, and watching 325 kids enjoying and having a good time, made all the work and effort that we as parents put in to it, so worth it."*

*"I was there and I was so impressed at how 325 kids handled themselves! "*

A special thanks to the CAJ parents who made this event such a success. Without their involvement, we would not be able to provide this activity to our students.

# School Information

## IMPRESSIVE RESULTS

On CAJ's first trimester grading report, 446 students received a GPA of 2.5 or better. 81 students earned a G.P.A. of 2.5 – 2.9; 130 students earned a 3.0 – 3.4; 165 students earned a 3.5 – 3.9. Most impressive is the 4.0 G.P.A. results. 71 students received a G.P.A. of 4.0! Way to go CAJ students!

1<sup>st</sup> trimester results for the students who attended the Summer Math Academy - CAJ's Summer Math Academy was designed to accelerate the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders' math skills. Of the 47 students who completed the Academy, 45 were deemed ready to be placed into an advanced math program (Pre-Algebra) for their 7<sup>th</sup> grade year at CAJ. Our first data collected is impressive with 23 of these students receiving an A on their 1<sup>st</sup> trimester report card in pre-algebra, 18 receiving a B, and four receiving a C. Overall GPA results were also impressive regarding these students with 27 students earning a GPA between 3.0 – 3.9 and 11 students receiving an overall GPA of 4.0. impressive

## CROSS COUNTRY

CAJ's boys won Cross Country Championships for their 5th year straight!!! All of the boys received a YCAL Cross Country Champions tee-shirt. The boys who placed in the top 5 received medals. The boys representing C.A. Jacobs at championships were: Coy Chance, Jose Duran, Gonzolo Morales, Austin Rooney, Justin Kemper, Kobe Andrade, and Brevin Hensley. Awesome!

## HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

### FAMILY NIGHTS!

H.P.E. night is designed to engage the 7th grade parents in the California Standards and curriculum that their students adhere to on a daily basis. On the last Thursday of each month, Mrs. Turner and Mr. Ngo host parents from 6:30 - 7:30 here at CA Jacobs for some fun interactive learning. Students are welcome and encouraged to join them and help teach their parents. August began with putting the parents through the rigors of the California State Test of the PACER. October saw the parents struggling with the team building activity of "Mission Impossible". During the cool October evening, students taught their parent to play the game of Disc Golf on our certified 9 hole course. In November parents had an opportunity to get into their "Healthy Fitness Zone" with a workout in the Cougar Fitness Center located on the stage behind the gym. Parents can get a head start on December and freshen up on your cup-stacking skills as we will host a parent cup-stacking tournament. All parents are encouraged to attend. Have some fun, get some exercise, and experience what your child does in H.P.E.

## Sports

Boys' and Girls' Basketball as well as Wrestling is currently under way. Soccer try outs will begin in January.

## Uniform Complaint Procedures

The Board of Trustees recognizes the District is primarily responsible for complying with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs. Any individual, public agency or organization may file a written complaint of alleged noncompliance by the District. Uniform Complaint Procedures can be accessed on the District's website or copies can be obtained in C.A. Jacobs main office.

## Student Support

CAJ is the recipient of two Educations Plus! Mini-Grants. Ms. Jennifer Fung (science teacher) was awarded \$500.00 for her project titled: Hangs On Optics! and Ms. Maenz (Melanie Maenz - Speech Therapist) was awarded \$461.17 for her project titled: Social Skills Group. We would like to thank the Solano Community Foundation and the generous donations of the community individuals and businesses that make these grants possible. We would also like to thank Ms. Fung and Ms. Maenz for taking the initiative and time to apply for these grants in order to provide additional services and learning opportunities to our students.

## Music

On Wednesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> parents and community members had the opportunity to hear the sounds of C.A. Jacobs band students under the direction of Mr. Russo and the special guest salsa band *Sapo Guapo*. It was obvious that our students had been working hard to provide the audience with a quality performance. The professional band was quite impressed with our students stating that, "it was good for their hearts to know that the future [of music] was in good hands." *Sapo Guapo* allowed our students to see what could occur in their futures and had audience members dancing to their salsa tunes and singing to their signature song. It was a delightful evening for all.

## Testing

Each year students in the Dixon Unified School District participate in a variety of assessments. The results from these assessments give parents, teachers and students an indication of the student's performance in specific curricular areas. The writing portion of the STAR program will be given to all 7th graders on March 1st. Please remember that you are the most important partner in your child's learning process. In order to ensure that every student has the opportunity do his/her very best on these assessments, we ask that you help by:

- Stressing the importance of being serious about test taking
- Making certain students come to school well rested
- Giving students a healthy breakfast
- Scheduling doctor and dentist appointments after school.