

*STONE RIDGE ELEMENTARY*

*PRINCIPAL'S REPORT*

*November 2007*

*Thank you PTO for the Carnival!*

**WE WERE ALL VERY BUSY DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. OUR FIRST EVER CARNIVAL AT STONE RIDGE AND WHAT A SUCCESS! PTO PARENTS, STONE RIDGE TEACHERS AND STAFF, AND OUR STUDENTS MADE THIS A WANT-TO-REPEAT EVENT. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN ANY WAY. HATS OFF TO MRS. ROSE AND MRS. LOPER WHO ORGANIZED EVERY FACET OF THE CARNIVAL. YOU BOTH WERE GREAT AT ORGANIZING THE TROOPS. IT WAS A BLOW-OUT SUCCESS. IT WAS SO MUCH FUN FOR EVERYONE.**

***THANK YOU TO STONE  
RIDGE TEACHERS***

**ANNIE FARRIS, GINGER DOWLING AND AMY BIXLER ARE TEACHERS FROM OUR SCHOOL WHO WERE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S, SANDY GARRETT, MASTER TEACHER PROJECT. I NOMINATED ALL THREE OF THEM LAST YEAR ABOUT THIS TIME FOR THIS RECOGNITION AND RESPONSIBILITY. I NOMINATED THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE TEACHERS WHO ALWAYS EXHIBIT THE QUALITIES THAT ARE REQUIRED TO CREATE EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS FOR OUR**

**STUDENTS. THEY KNOW THE RESEARCH ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING AND APPLY THE RESEARCH TO THEIR CLASSROOMS. THEY HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER AND FALL MONTHS WITH TEACHERS FROM AROUND THE STATE. THE MEETINGS INCLUDE TIME TO LOOK AT CURRICULAR TOPICS AND DISCUSS "BEST PRACTICE" FOR IMPLEMENTING STATE MANDATED PASS OBJECTIVES INTO THE CLASSROOM.**

**THEY ARE RECOGNIZED IN OUR STATE AS TEACHERS WHO ARE ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF TEACHERS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THIS RECOGNITION HAS THE ADDED RESPONSIBILITY OF TEACHING THEIR COLLEAGUES. THEY HAVE LED BOOK STUDIES USING ROBERT MARZANO'S BOOK, *BUILDING ACADEMIC VOCABULARY*. THE STONE RIDGE TEACHERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE BOOK STUDY OUTSIDE THE REGULAR TEACHING DAY. ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS YOU WILL FIND THE FOLLOWING LADIES STUDYING TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR SCHOOL ONE OF THE BEST IN THE STATE. THEY ARE JULIE ROTHER, CATHEY CUNDIFF, DIANNE HUGHES, CINDY LACEFIELD, LYNN MCCAULEY, BRENDA PAYTON, LAURA BUTLER, LAURA STONE, SHELLI SMITH, MELVINA MOORE, ERIKA THOMAS, AND LINDA POWERS. ALL OF THESE TEACHERS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC AND EAGER TO BEGIN THE NEXT BOOK STUDY BY DR. MARK A. FORGET ENTITLED *MAX TEACHING WITH READING AND WRITING*.**

**THIS PAST WEEK-END, BRENDA PAYTON AND LYNN MCCAULEY MET ON SUNDAY BEFORE AND AFTER THE BOOK STUDY TO GIVE THEIR TIME TO PLACE 18 COMPUTERS IN THE LIBRARY AND INDIVIDUAL CLASSROOMS FROM FIFTH GRADE DOWN TO SECOND GRADE. I AM THANKFUL I GET TO WORK WITH STAFF WHO ARE NOT COUNTING THE MINUTES IN THE CLASSROOM BUT ARE BUILDING THEIR CAREER FOR THE ONLY PROFESSION THAT HAS THE GREATEST IMPACT ON OUR SOCIETY.**

**I AM ADDING THIS MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT FOR OUR DISTRICT TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE SOUTH-SIDE OF PIEDMONT.**

## ***EL CHICO FUND RAISER***

**OUR FUNDRAISER AT EL CHICO'S CONTINUES TO BENEFIT OUR CLASSROOMS. THIS PAST MONTH OUR SECOND AND THIRD GRADE TEACHERS SPENT THE EVENING CHIPPING WHILE MAKING MONEY TO EQUIP OUR SCHOOL WITH THE READING A TO Z COMPUTER PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM WILL HELP US GET LEVELED READERS FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS. THE LEVELED READERS DO HAVE TO BE REPRODUCED BY COPY. THAT IS A PLUS AND A MINUS. THE PLUS IS THAT WE CAN GET BOOKS INTO THE HANDS OF EVERYONE OF OUR STUDENTS FOUR NIGHTS A WEEK WHICH ARE AT THE STUDENT'S READING LEVEL. EVEN IF**

**THE BOOK IS LOST OR DESTROYED, IT WILL NOT AFFECT OUR READING LIBRARY OF OUR PRECIOUS-FEW LEVELED BOOKS. WE WILL HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF COPYING ANOTHER BOOK. THE MINUS IS THAT WE WILL HAVE TO COPY THE BOOKS. THE PLUS OF THIS PROGRAM FAR OUTWEIGHS THE MINUS. WE HAVE LONGED FOR LEVELED READERS FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS. EL CHICO MONEY HAS GIVEN US A WAY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS. THE CHIPPING IS HARD WORK BUT WELL WORTH IT. THANK YOU TO ALL THE TEACHERS WHO VOLUNTEER TO SUPPORT THIS FUND RAISER. MY CONCERN IN THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER WAS THE STUDENTS READING BELOW GRADE LEVEL. THESE BOOKS WILL MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE STUDENTS.**

## ***EVENTS OF NOVEMBER***

**THE UPCOMING EVENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- MRS. DALE, MRS. CRAIG RIDE THE HORSE TO SCHOOL NOVEMBER 5**
- MAKE CINNAMON ROLL FUND RAISER NOVEMBER 9**
- ARTIST IN RESIDENCE FOR KINDERGARTEN: THIS WEEK**
- ARTIST IN RESIDENCE FOR FOURTH GRADE: NOVEMBER 12-15**
- VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 9**
- STEVE LITTLE NATIVE AMERICAN DANCING NOVEMBER 9**
- SCHOOL BOARD NOVEMBER 12**

- **CELEBRATE FREEDOM WEEK  
NOVEMBER 12-16**
- **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES  
NOVEMBER 13 AND 15**
- **SCHOOL OUT FOR STUDENTS  
NOVEMBER 16**
- **TEACHERS WILL WORK  $\frac{1}{2}$  DAY  
NOVEMBER 16**
- **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY  
NOVEMBER 15**
- **THANKSGIVING (NO SCHOOL)  
NOVEMBER 21-23**
- **CENTENNIAL ASSEMBLY/READING  
CHALLENGE NOVEMBER 28**
- **EL CHICO NIGHT  
NOVEMBER 30**

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SUPPORT.***