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NEWSLETTER

Submissions:

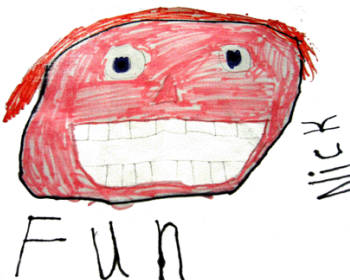
Please send newsletter articles as WORD documents or text of an e-mail; photos as full size JPEGs to NL editor

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Next deadline is Monday Apr 18th, 6 p.m. Questions? 707.769.8115

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What we intend to manifest in our lives:



Green Team News

Cool the Earth ROCKS!!! Four weeks in and our school has pledged to take **571 actions** for a yearlong savings of **383,487 pounds of carbon dioxide!!!** It's not too late to join in or do more. Keep bringing those action coupons in every Wednesday until our grand finale at the Earth Day Carnival. Plus, show us your waste free lunch on Wednesdays to get your name entered in the raffle to win a gift certificate for ice cream at *LaLa's Creamery*.

This week's *ACTION HIGHLIGHT*: Compost your kitchen scraps

While tallying the coupons I notice what a big number is attached to this easy action. At 1,400 pounds of carbon per year composting is an easy way to make a BIG difference. And here in Petaluma we're lucky enough to have curbside composting through North Bay Corporation. Did you know you can compost all of the following in your green bin? Bread, grains, pasta, coffee grounds and filters, eggshells, fruit, pits, nuts, tea bags, soiled napkins and paper towels, not to mention, fruits, vegetables, spoiled food, weeds, leaves and yard trimmings! Just please don't include dairy products, meat, waxed cardboard, and any "compostable" or "biodegradable" plastics. (And remember, at school we are a part of North Bay's pilot vermiculture composting program so we CAN compost meat and cheese on campus.)



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HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. Use your Cool the Earth Coupon Books and return the actions each Wednesday at lunch in front of the lodge. If you didn't get one, contact your teacher or stop by the office for an extra copy.
2. Compost at home. For more information visit North Bay Corporation at www.unicycler.com
3. Don't forget to keep packing those waste free lunches. Visit the Cool the Earth table on Wednesdays for a free reusable container! (while supplies last)
4. Join the Green Team or volunteer to help with this event by emailing natasha_juliana@hotmail.com We'd love to have your involvement!

Keep up the great work Cherry Valley!

Natasha Juliana and Heidi Rhymes

-Your Green Team



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From the Educational Foundation at MCCV



Hello Cherry Valley Families! It's time for the Foundation's Annual Fundraising Drive! All money pledged and donated will go toward programs for the 2011-

2012 upcoming school year. Mrs. McGahey recently sent out a letter to all MCCV families outlining next years budget needs. We hope that the MCCV community can all come together to help make the 2011-2012 Foundation Fundraising Drive as successful as last years was. In fact, we

"...[to] impel students to satisfy their curiosity to be willing to be responsible for others within the society to make it better for all." ~Mary Collins

are hoping to raise even more money this year through your generous pledges and donations. So, please keep a look out for the giant thermometer that will be going up soon in front of the school. It will track our progress as we make our way to our goal of \$125,000. We can do it! No donation is too big or too small. Think about

pledging a certain amount per month that you can budget

into your finances or you can make a one time contribution. Have a philanthropic relative, friend or neighbor? Let us know... *Paige Walters*



PTA NEWS

Spring has finally arrived and what a better way to celebrate than to come to the **Earth Day Celebration on May 7th!** There will be a barbecue, live music, games, prizes & much more!

I want to thank every parent, teacher and child for participating in this years Variety Show! Our children were amazing on stage and back stage! A great big THANK YOU to our director Barton, who truly made this show happen! Stay tuned to our List Serve for more Variety Show News.

Thankfully yours,
Deanna Ford PTA Prez

Check out Cindi de Channes' photography of the Variety Show at <http://cindidechannes.com/031111/>



Library News

-Wow...we are one lucky school. Check out the new books recently adopted for our library. Thank you for helping us build a strong and interesting library for our kids.

The following families have recently adopted books for our library:

Elly Weinberg - "Maximum Ride: Saving the World & Other Extreme Sports" ...thank you Mrs. Weinberg!

Maggie Browning - "Just Listen" ...thank you Maggie!

Grace Heaton - "Barefoot Book of Fairy Tales" & "Listen to the Wind" ...thank you Grace!

Erica Skubic - "The Red Blazer Girls" & "Cloudy with a Chance of Boys" ...thank you Erica!

Erica Skubic - "Little House on the Prairie" & "Just Grace & the Terrible Tutu" ...thanks Erica!

Feel free to purchase a favorite book at Copperfield's, Costco, visit our Wish List on www.

Amazon.com under "Friends of the Cherry Valley Library," or come visit Mrs. Derby in the library and browse through the new books still waiting to be adopted.


Book Swap - Our annual Book Swap will be

held on **Friday, May 6**. Book levels K-8 plus adult books will be "swapped." Please bring your gently used books to the Lodge beginning at 8:00 am on Monday, May 2. We will continue collecting books before and after school until the morning of May 6. Students will attend the Book Swap in the morning with their class.

Adults are invited to swap until noon.

Remember our Book Swap motto: recycle, reuse and "relove!"

Our Earthday Carnival is almost here...it's on Saturday May 7th!

Mark your calendars for this extra special celebration of our community and commitment to environmental education. We have some good planning underway but are happy for any new energy or ideas as well. Currently, we are seeking volunteers to prepare salads ahead of time (supplies will be reimbursed), crafty folks interested in selling wares at the marketplace and volunteers to help sell wristbands the week before. Please also start decluttering your toy collections, dress ups and funky purses for the ticket/toy swap! Items can be brought to Mrs. Eichert's class any time before the day of the carnival. If you have ideas, time or questions please contact Deanna Ford or Liza Eichert. 

Adopt-a-Book Program

Upcoming Literary Events



John Flanagan, Author of "The Ranger's Apprentice" series, MCCV (4-8th graders), Fri, April 29 Book Swap at MCCV - Friday May 6

Happy Spring Reading!

Mrs. Derby

Mr. Wicks has some hoppin-en artists in his class



Skate & Donate Friday, April 8th 5:30-7:30 p.m.

We have a Cal Skate event this Friday. The class with the most attendance wins a prize from Cal Skate. Admission is \$5.00/Quad skate rental free! Rollerblades \$4.00. Cal Skate is at 6100 Commerce Blvd in Rohnert Park. Info: www.calskate.com or 585-0500. Also, Parents; please take a moment at the end of the evening to pick up trash. Skate nights are popular events and lots of fun, but we also need to make sure we clean up after the fun is done!

See you there!

Heidi

From Salad Bar to Earth Day & Beyond!

This has been a very productive year in the garden and we've made wonderful new connections with families, farms and the *School Garden Network*. This Saturday, April 9th we are having a work day from 10-1ish to put in a new tomato patch by the greenhouse, some potato beds and lots of weeding and seeding. Our energetic School Garden Network mentor will be there and she will keep us all going, learning and inspired.

We will provide snacks and sunscreen!

A huge thanks to the many salad bar volunteers!

The schedule through the end of the year is:

April 13th 2/3

April 20th 4/5


April 27th 6/7/8

May 4th k/1

May 11th 2/3

May 18th 4/5

Last Week of School? Too Crazy!!

Come to our **salad bar meeting on April 20th at 1pm** in Liza Eichert's room (we may move out to the garden if the weather is good etc.). We will celebrate, brainstorm, trouble shoot and plan for the future! 



Mary Collins School Earthday Marketplace Booth Request Form May 7, 2011 11-3

If you or your uncle, grandma, sister or grandpa is crafty and would like to sell their goods at the Earthday Carnival, please fill out this request form and return it to the school office by April 28th. We will provide tables and ask that you provide or team up with friends to person the booth. There is no booth fee, but we do ask for a 20% donation to our school Environmental Education Program. Thank you!

Your Name:

Crafter/Artisan's Name:

Your Phone:

Description of Goods to be sold:

Table needs (circle one): whole half quarter

Other needs or questions:

I do promise that the goods are locally made and I will donate 20% of all the profits made at Earthday to the school Environmental Education Program:

_____ Crafter's signature