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INNSBROOK FUNDRAISER ENDS FRIDAY:

Friday, October 9th is the last day for our Fall Fundraiser. This fundraiser generates money for our field trips and assemblies every year. We are only at 50% of our goal at this point... Please support this fundraiser if you can, it makes a difference for every student at Center Street!

PARKING IN THE HORSESHOE

Please remember that there is no parking in the horseshoe during drop off and pick up times. The El Segundo Police will be giving tickets to cars that are not occupied during this busy time. Please help follow this rule for the safety of our students.

Board Meeting –District Board Room 7pm

HALLOWEEN PARADE

This year Halloween falls on a Saturday and there is a teacher in-service day the day before so we will not be having our Halloween parade. The Thursday before Halloween we will have Kindergarten and TEDDE students only, with all other students grades 1-5 encouraged to wear orange, white and/ or black. Careful consideration was given to this decision school wide with working parents, teachers' instructional minutes, and a potential weekend-long celebration schedule. We appreciate your understanding.

PLANET PALS NEWS: We had our first Trash Free Tuesday last Tuesday. We filled only 2 trash cans with trash, filled two recycle containers and added compostable items to the school compost bin. It looks like we are off to a great start. Examples of a trash free lunch are: reusable lunch box or sack, reuseable containers for food, reusable beverage containers, cloth napkins and real utensils. The only reason a trash free lunchers should get up from the table is to put something in the compost.

The winners of the first Walk to School Wednesdays are: Ms. LeMay's 3rd grade class with a total of 60% walkers, bikers and carpooler and Ms. Montrose's 1st grade class with a total of 72% in the TEDDE - 2nd grade category. Congratulations!! These classes have the honor to display the Walk to Wednesday trophy for a week. Who will win next week???? FYI-- Miss Parrish and Ms. Harper ran a close 3rd and 4th place.

Did you know that the use of landfills has doubled since the 1960's creating a huge smelly problem. Let's get to know a modern day landfill. Landfills are built into or on top of the ground. Trash is isolated from the surrounding groundwater, air, and rain by a bottom liner and a daily covering of soil. Landfills are designed to bury trash not break it down. With little oxygen and moisture available, garbage decomposes extremely slowly. For example, 40- year old newspapers with easily readable print have been excavated from landfills. Practice the "Three R's" in your home to reduce the ever-growing municipal solid waste stream at the source. Landfills can, do and will fill up quickly and be forced to close. When a landfill is closed, the site, especially the groundwater, must be maintained and monitored for up to 30 years. Check it out at E.P.A. Guidelines for Waste Disposal at Municipal Solid Waste Landfills: www.epa.gov. A simple home experiment to see how landfills work: <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu>.

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CALENDAR

October 7:

Band Parent Meeting 4th and 5th grade

October 8:

International Walk to School Day - Cliff Bars will be handed out for students walking, or biking to school!

October 13:

Board Meeting –District Board Room 7pm

October 15:

Great Shake Out – Earthquake Drill (More information to come this week)

October 16:

Picture Retake Day

October 21:

PTA Meeting 9:15 am

October 22:

School Site Council Meeting 3pm

October 26 – 29:

Red Ribbon Week

October 27:

Board Meeting –District Board Room 7pm

October 30:

Inservice Day – Pupil Free Day