

The Carden Conservatory Chronicle

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Upcoming Events:

- ◆ 10/28 - Annual Monster Mash school carnival
- ◆ 11/7 - Make-up picture day and 8th grade pictures.
- ◆ 11/10 - 4th grade Veteran's Day assembly.
- ◆ 11/11 - Veteran's Day, NO SCHOOL.
- ◆ 11/16 - Fresh & Easy Shopping Night 4-8pm
- ◆ 11/22 - Thanksgiving Day assembly.
- ◆ 11/23-25: Thanksgiving Day break.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - by Mrs. Ghonouie

It's been an exciting first full month back here at Carden Conservatory, as we continue to have successful school-wide events! It was wonderful to see all of the parents at 2nd Grade's Columbus Day Assembly and the students really enjoyed all of the fun Spirit Day games.

We look forward to the Monster Mash Carnival and know the 4th grade will do a fantastic job in their Veteran's Day Assembly next month. Remember, make-up pictures are coming up on Monday, November 7th and Junior High

will be receiving their official progress report grades by mid November.

We anticipate another great all-school Thanksgiving assembly and hope everyone will enjoy the holiday next month.

Lastly, if you would like to let other parents know about your positive experience here at Carden, please post a comment on GreatSchools.com, and don't forget that we have a Facebook page at Carden Conservatory Huntington Beach, so look us up and join today!

CITIZENS OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER

We are proud to recognize the following students at each grade level for exhibiting fine citizenship this month! Congratulations students, on your excellent attitude and behavior!



- ❖ K - Sean Callender
- ❖ 1st - Viet Vu
- ❖ 2nd - Alex PhamTuong
- ❖ 3rd - Neel Dorawala



- ❖ 4th - Tristan Kennedy
- ❖ 5th/ 6th - Robin PhamTuong
- ❖ 8th - Conrad Artiss

PRESCHOOL NEWS

What a spooktacular month we have had a preschool. Pre-K and Preprimary has learned the letters f,g,h,j, recognizing numbers, and worked on left to right pick up, which is a prewriting skill. The two's worked on the letters d,e,f,g, the shapes rectangle and star, and practiced their cutting skills by using play dough. For science, each class will be craving a pumpkin to see what's inside.

All month we have been reading Halloween books such as "The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything", "Five Little Pumpkins", and "White Ghost, White Ghost". The children have had so much fun making Halloween art, crafts, and eating special Halloween snacks.

In music with Ms. Murga, the children have been working on the difference of slow and fast music. In Spanish with Mrs. Raitt, the children have been learning their colors and counting in Spanish.

We are looking forward to our annual Monster Mash! All the children are so excited to dress up, play games and celebrate Halloween with friends!

Thank you to all the parents for helping make this spooky event special!

Favorite Preschool Quote of the Month: "I am going to plant squash. The rain will make it grow. Me and Ms. Shaw can eat it!" By Drake Stoddard.

Kindergarten News - by Mrs. Loomis

We've completed our 2nd month of school, but when you look at the amount of knowledge the kindergarten students have absorbed, one might think we were several months into the school year. The students are participating in daily printing/phonics drills and the quality of work they produce is unlike anything you would see at other schools. They are ahead of schedule on their capital letters as well. The students are becoming confident readers and are taking pleasure in listening for and identifying blends not only in their readers, but in discussions during other areas of the curriculum as well.

October was Fire Safety month. The students learned about the properties of fire, how and when to use 911, and what to do in the event of a fire. We also had a very special visit from a real Firefighter Paramedic.

Perhaps most exciting was our field trip to Tanaka Farms. The students enjoyed a tractor-pulled wagon ride around the farm before taking part in other activities including navigating their way through a corn maze, picking carrots, onions, and radishes right out of the ground, and searching out the perfect pumpkin. Happy Halloween!!!

KINDERGARTEN ROCKS!!!



First Grade News - by Mrs. Raitt

Spooktacular First Grade News

First grade has had a busy October. We had a pumpkin week where we learned pumpkin facts and had a pumpkin tasting party. We got to try pumpkin cookies, pumpkin bread, pumpkin pie, pumpkin ice cream, pumpkin seeds, and a pumpkin smoothie. We even carved a pumpkin!

In science we studied animal classification. The first graders completed a science project that separated animals into mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and birds. We also learned some neat facts about bats. Here are some questions for you. Is a bat a mammal or a bird? What is a baby bat called? To find out the answers to these questions you can ask a first grader.

On Halloween we had a special visitor. Sama, from the Environmental Nature Center, did a presentation for our class called "Survive and Thrive." Students learned that different plants and animals inhabit many kinds of environments and have external features that help them thrive in various places. Finally, to end a wonderful month, there is Monster Mash. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who made this a fun event that everyone looks forward to each year.



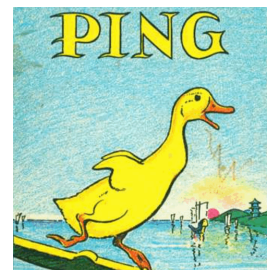
Second Grade News - by Mrs. Holloway

Our second grade class had such a great time putting on the Columbus assembly. Great job class!

They are now reading their own chosen book in preparation for the book report they have due in November. They seem very excited about this assignment. We have also been discussing fire safety tips in our reading groups. Parents please help your children understand where they should go and what they should do in case of a fire for them to be safe.

Check the smoke alarms in your house and discuss it with them.

We will soon be finished with our reading of Ping in literature. Ping's home was a boat with two wise eyes on the Yangtze River. Which means Ping was a duck that lived in China. So in geography we have taken a look at where China is on the map and on the globe. The students think it seems very far away from California. Our class is just about ready to do all their work in cursive, which is always very interesting as they get started and used to the process. This is always a challenge at the beginning, but the students progress wonderfully.



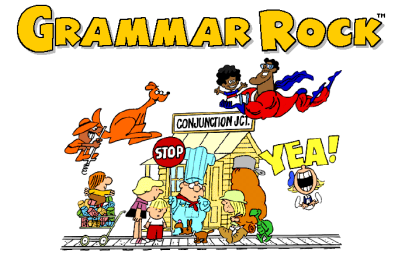
Third Grade News - by Miss Peters

The students started the month of October with a running start. We started Banana Split Math, a timed test for multiplication facts. The students love the idea of building a banana split sundae with their hard work that they will enjoy at the end of the lesson. We finished reading and learning about Native American Indians and are now onto the settling the Northwest and Pilgrims. We are increasing our knowledge and concepts in math and grammar and the students seem to enjoy these two subject matters. Since we read about land biomes, the students watched Planet Earth and loved seeing those biomes come to life. Next, we move on to the water biomes and a possible field trip to the wetlands of Huntington Beach. We are looking forward to great things in November.



Fourth Grade News - by Ms. Davies

The first month of school has been a blast! We have learned so much in such a short period of time. The fourth graders continue to excel at math. We have been reinforcing our multiplication speed and skills with “Math Bingo”, which has been quite a bit of fun. In English, we are finishing up our unit on parts of speech, and the students have enjoyed the “School House Rock” and “Mad Libs” exercises used to strengthen our understanding of core concepts. In Science, the students continue to excel in both their book work and lab work. I am extremely proud of the progress my fourth graders are making, and look forward to challenging them to grow even further. Have a happy and safe Halloween!



Junior High English and Literature News - by Mrs. Chapman

(Cue Movie Trailer Voice...) Carden Junior High English and Literature students. Studying hard. Playing hard. Reading their books, writing their papers, and creating their skits but something strange is in the air, something ghostly and ghastly. It ominously hangs in the air around the lockers, in the classrooms, and lunch tables it's...the Monster Mash!! (Cue Scary Movie Music...). Amidst all of this excitement about the Monster Mash and Halloween, Carden Junior High students have truly been working hard on their first formal writing units of the year, the Compare and Contrast essay and the Autobiographical essay complete with the frightening task of MLA formatting. In literature they have gone down the rabbit hole with Alice, on a “wild ride” with Toad, and descended into the depths of the human mind with Poe. With all this hard work, they certainly deserve the plethora of candy and fun that awaits them at this year’s Monster Mash. Be sure to stop by and see the 8th grade’s freakishly fascinating adaptation of Tim Burton’s *A Nightmare Before Christmas* puppet show! If you dare... Boo to you!



Spanish News- by Mr. Jensen

Wow, we are almost to Halloween! We have accomplished a lot over the past month, I can see the students speaking better Spanish each and every day. The 2nd graders are always having fun doing activities and learning new Spanish words. The 3rd and 4th graders work hard during the week so that we can play fun games on Fridays! The 5th and 6th graders are moving along in Spanish and had a fun project to do in History this month. The 5th graders picked a tribe and gave an oral presentation on it. They also made a poster to go along with it. The 6th graders created their own city and gave an oral presentation on it. The 8th graders are moving right through the Spanish book and should be fluent by the time they graduate! Very impressive!



Big Raffle Update!!!!

Our free raffle is still going and we are collecting tickets for the November drawing. Now we have a new way to get a raffle ticket! Just bring in five Fresh and Easy receipts totaling twenty dollars or more and you get another raffle ticket. You can win tickets to see Les Miserables and we will have other wonderful prizes as well - so get your raffle tickets in! If you need more information, please see the front office.



**** AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ****

Are you aware of all the after school programs available through Carden Conservatory? In addition to the ever-popular Homework Club where students do their homework under the supervision and help of a teacher, our school also offers programs such as choir, piano lessons, guitar lessons, voice lessons, art classes, computer classes, individual tutoring and Soccer Shots! We also have supervised after school care where your children can stay until 6:00pm.

If you would like more information about these and other programs, please inquire at the main office.



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Birthdays !!!



Special birthday wishes to
the following students:

OCTOBER

Alexeea Swisher
Liam Kinlan
Ryan Ritter-Diosdado
Borey Pin
Shirin Morakkabi
Jessica Resnikoff
Avery Ross-Ryan

Who's Cuisine Will Reign Supreme ???

Our Annual Dessert Contest will be this November with entries being displayed and auctioned off during the Thanksgiving assembly on the 22nd!!!

This year's prize is "The Big Easy Oil-Less Infrared Turkey Fryer" donated by a Carden family. This cooker can be used for various meats and roasts, it is modern and practical, healthier, and it has gotten great reviews and worth over \$150.00!! So get your cookbooks out and start planning your dessert!!!

Let's see which one of our Carden chefs will win the Golden Spoon award this year!!!! Good luck!

PSG News and Updates:

Thank you to all of the families that participated in our Innisbrook fundraiser.

Our top selling students were Ethan Fersh for the elementary/Jr. high school and Alexander Wood for the preschool. Congratulations to them! The top selling class was Mrs. Holloway's class - way to go 2nd grade!!

As you know, the PSG is a non-profit that tries to raise money in order to purchase equipment/upgrades/tools/experiences and other things to enhance our children's school experience. Please help by either volunteering or participating in our fundraisers and events. Many of them do not cost you a penny and can even earn you prizes. Getting family and friends to participate also helps! Here are a few coming up:

Monster Mash: 10/28 - Many more volunteers needed - please sign up!!!

Dessert Contest: 11/22 - Get those winning recipes ready!!

Fresh and Easy: Ongoing - Bring in any receipts totaling \$20 or more !!

Box Tops for Education: Collect Box tops and turn them in.

Ralphs, E-script, Screaming Daily Deals: These do not cost you a penny! Just sign up and elect Carden Conservatory for school benefits.

Skate Night Returns !!!

Remember how much fun the last skate night was? Well - let's do it again!!! Everyone is cordially invited to a fun night at our next skate night scheduled for November 9th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Friends and family are welcome to attend as well. Whether you are an avid skater or just learning - there is nothing like a skate night with good friends and family!



Quotes of the month:

*Content makes poor men rich;
discontent makes rich men poor.*

- Benjamin Franklin

Around here,
we don't look backwards
for very long...
We keep moving forward,
opening up new doors and
doing new things
because we're curious...
and curiosity keeps leading us
down new paths
(Walt Disney)

-Nelson Andela