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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ALL FRIDAYS – 1:06 DISMISSAL
WED 1/20 H1N1 Flu Clinic 3-4 pm
WED 1/27 PTG Meeting – 3:15 pm
THU 1/28 SKI DAY #2
MON 2/1 Project Pluton grades 4-5-6 to Crane Flat
TUE 2/23 Project Pluton grades 4-5-6 in El Portal

H1N1 Flu Clinic – 1/20/10 HERE!

An H1N1 FLU CLINIC will take place right here in the school's multi-purpose room on Wednesday, January 20, from 3-4 p.m. If you haven't already done so, please come to be vaccinated and bring your children so we can prevent a second round of the flu at school. Parents must accompany children. This clinic is for all children and their parents.

Sustainable Action is holding a fundraiser event at the El Portal Community Hall on January 23rd starting at 7 pm. Join us for a bicycle repair workshop and live music featuring Adam Burns followed by The Astral Force. There will also be fun games, refreshments and more. Get all this for a \$12 entrance fee and help support our cause to give more people in the community access to bicycles for transportation. Children 12 and under can enter for free.

THANK YOU SKI DAY VOLUNTEERS!

We can't have Ski Days without you! Please let us know if you are unable to volunteer so we can find a substitute.

PLEASE SAVE FOR SCHOOL:

- BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION
- PIONEER MARKET RECEIPTS
- INKJET CARTRIDGES
- DISCARDED CELL PHONES

SAMPLE NOTE

*Alice Jones was absent 2/4/08 because she had a doctor appt.
Mrs. Jones*

WHEN YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN ABSENT:

Please remember to send a note with your child after he or she has been absent from school. The note should state the child's name, the date of the absence, the reason for the absence and must be signed by a parent or guardian.

CLASSROOM NEWS

From Mr. Marcis: We enjoyed a fabulous day of skiing last week – Thank you to all the parent volunteers who came to enjoy the sun and snow with us. The children loved it! If you took the bus and have to miss a ski day in the future please let me know so that we can make seats available to other parents in your absence. Have you started planning for the End of the Year project with your child? Some families are planning an additional project to present, also. Please speak with me if you need suggestions or to make arrangements. Due to our ski day schedule we will not be going to the library on those ski Thursdays. Please bring books back each week, though, to return.

From Mrs. Bown: First grade are working on opposites and creating WOW sentences using our Step Up to Writing program. A WOW sentence uses adjectives and adverbs to paint a picture with words for the reader. Our spelling this week is color words and in grammar, we are learning about opposites. These are great words to use in WOW sentences! If your child needed review on sh/th/ch sounds following our phonics pre-test, you will see additional spelling in his/her folder. Book orders are due tomorrow.

From Mrs. Sprague: The second grade is happy to be back at school and is very excited about ski days! In math we will be finishing up adding two-digit numbers this week and we will be starting to learn about subtracting two-digit numbers soon. We are also starting to work on writing non-fiction. In reading we just finished reading the book Officer Buckle and Gloria. Ask your child about some of Officer Buckles safety rules.

From Mr. Moore: Last week the 4th grade worked on long division. The 3rd grade has been measuring perimeter, area and volume. Both grades should continue to practice multiplication at home. The 3rd grade has started a reading unit called Seeds of Science Reading. We will read 5 different books, learning reading and science skills at the same time. In social studies we studied the relationship between California Native Americans and their environments.

From Ms. Medema: Fourth graders had an excellent week. We all had fun at ski day with fresh snow! In science we continued our study of magnetic force. Our experiment last week answered this question: How can the force of attraction between 2 magnets be measured? Students used a balance and washers to develop an experiment to answer this question. Ask your child how many washers it took to break the force. In language arts, we wrote 4-5 paragraph essays on our New Year's resolutions. We set class and individual goals for the rest of the year. We also drew a map of our new mission, *Mission Del El Portal*. We will be making a clay model of this mission in the upcoming weeks.

From Mr. Sakols: Last week 5th and 6th graders took math tests. Fifth graders were tested on mean, median, mode and graphs. Sixth graders were tested on proportional shapes. In language arts we wrote a multiple paragraph essay on the causes of the American Revolution. During library time all students chose a person to write a biography about. This week I will hand out the biography guidelines.