

# Crocker/Riverside Elementary School



# October



## Parent Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following information is for your October calendar and planning:

### Celebrate



### With Us!



Wednesday, October 2, 2019

International Walk to School Day is October 2, 2019 so get ready to walk to school! This is a day for students, their families, teachers and staff to be part of a global event celebrating health, the environment, and social benefits of active transportation by walking to school. Volunteers will welcome walkers with stickers, treats for children, and coffee for grown-ups. If you walk to school on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, upon arrival, be sure to have your child write his/her name on the sneaker-shaped cut-out and paste it onto his/her class tally poster. The class with the greatest number of walkers will win the Golden Sneaker award. This prize will hang with pride in the winning classroom for the remainder of the year.

#### Reasons to walk to school:

- Get fit together as a family.
- Improve air quality and car traffic congestion at drop-off.
- Be green, use less gas, and save money.
- Even if you have to drive to school, consider parking slightly further away from the school to give your child an-out-of-car-experience!

#### And don't forget these important safety tips:

- Use sidewalks and crosswalks.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Plan your route and the time it will take you to get to school.



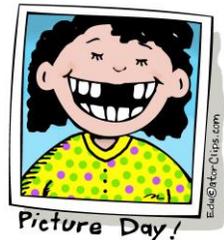
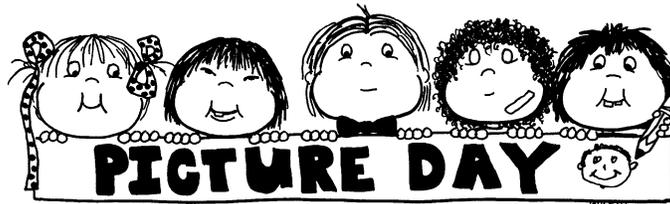


# Fall Carnival

Saturday, October 12, 2019  
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Everyone is cordially invited to our Fall Carnival. We will have games, prizes, food, Sweetshop and a Cake Walk. Thank you Evelyn Woodman, Carnival Chair, and all the volunteers for making this happen for our students and community. More information will be sent home with your child on how you can join in the fun as a volunteer with our Fall Carnival. **We need many volunteers to host this annual event! If you can help, sign up online:** [www.crockerriverside.org](http://www.crockerriverside.org), click on the Events Tab, Fall Carnival, Parent Volunteer which will take you to Volunteer Spot and follow directions.



Wednesday, October 16, 2019  
“FREE DRESS DAY”

Individual student pictures will be taken on this day. It will be a FREE DRESS DAY for students. Order forms will be sent home with students. **Please make checks payable to Excel Photographers. Students are to bring their order envelope on picture day and give their envelope to the photographer.** We will be using these photos for the school yearbook. Please make sure your child’s picture is taken for the yearbook even if you are not purchasing pictures.



The Great California ShakeOut  
Thursday, October 17, 2019

Crocker/Riverside Elementary School will be participating in The Great California ShakeOut. Millions of people worldwide will practice how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On at 10:17 a.m. on Thursday, October 17th during the Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills, which began in California in 2008.

Participating is a great way for your family to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes— wherever you live, work, or travel. For more information about The Great California ShakeOut go to [www.shakeout.org/California](http://www.shakeout.org/California).



# Halloween Costume Day

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Students who want to wear their Halloween costume to school may do so on this day. (Just an FYI, wear your costume to school at your own risk; the school and staff are not responsible for any lost/damaged costumes. **NO makeup, masks or weapons allowed!!** Students must be able to get in and out of their costume to use the bathroom by themselves and participate in P.E.!)

## REMINDER



**Thursdays are early out days for students**



**AM Kindergarten 8:00 am - 11:20 pm (M-F)**



**PM Kindergarten 11:40 am - 2:12 pm Thursdays**



**Grades 1-3 9:00 am 2:02 pm Thursdays**



**Grades 4-6 9:00 am - 2:12 pm Thursdays**



This information applies to everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

- **The parking lot is for STAFF ONLY!!**
  - **Do not drive, bike or walk through the parking lot.**
  - Walk on sidewalks *not* through the parking lot.
  - Use the crosswalk. **DO NOT JAYWALK.**
  - Drop and Go zone in front of school. **Keep moving!**
- No parked cars: you can be ticketed.



- **PLEASE BE COURTEOUS TO OUR NEIGHBOR'S. DON'T PULL INTO/BLOCK DRIVEWAYS OR MOVE THEIR GARBAGE CANS, FIND ANOTHER PLACE TO PARK!!**

- **Red zone for school buses only!**



Thank you for setting a good example for all our students by being considerate and thoughtful of others and keeping our neighborhood and school safe for everyone.

## School Lunch Menus



The lunch menu can be found on our school webpage [www.crockerriverside.org](http://www.crockerriverside.org). You can also go to the District's website at [www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu). Click on the following: Parent/Student, Student Online Tools and scroll down to Nutrition & Menus and then Menus.



## FREE Breakfast Program

Our school provides a FREE Breakfast Program for all students. Our school cafeteria serves FREE breakfast every morning starting at 8:15 a.m. You do not need to sign your student up for the program, just send your student to the cafeteria to eat a healthy breakfast to get a good jump on the start of their day!



## 24-Hour Absence Recording Line 916-395-4535, press one

It's flu season! If your child is sick, please keep them at home. Anytime your child will not be at school for any reason, please call our 24-hour Absence Recording Line at 916-395-4535, press 1 to leave a message with your child's name, teacher, the reason for the absence and how many days they will be out of school. If you would like to pick up your child's homework you may leave that information on the answering machine. This request has to be made by 10:00 am in order for the teacher to have time to prepare the assignments. Homework can be picked up in the school office at the regular dismissal time.

**If your child has a fever (100 degrees or higher), please keep them at home. No one should return to school until they have had no fever for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine, even if they feel better. Thank you.**



## A mandatory school uniform policy is in effect at Crocker/Riverside.



### The appropriate dress for school consists of:

- dark blue bottoms (navy blue); pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, leggings
- solid white, red or navy blue shirts
- Crocker/Riverside School Uniform Spirit Wear



**Crocker/Riverside 2019-2020 School Calendar of Events**  
Please check web page for updates [www.crockerriverside.org](http://www.crockerriverside.org).

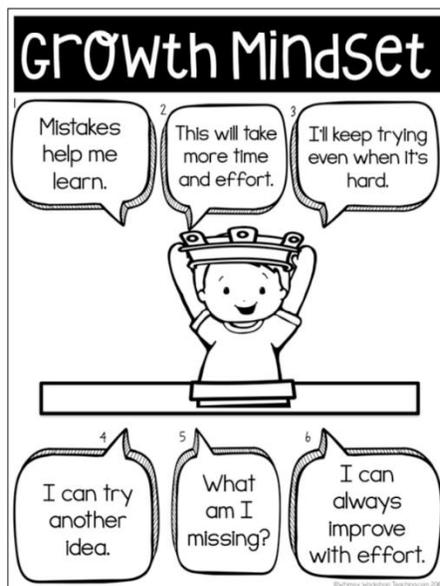


## Principal's Corner (October 2019):

What a great start to the school year! It never ceases to amaze me how the rhythm of a new school year really seems to hit its stride in October. For some of us, it takes a few weeks to settle in to the pattern of the school schedule, including homework. This is especially true this year with the advent of shortened Thursdays. Thanks for your efforts! Many thanks to our students who are capably handling our Drop 'n Go this year.

We're well into our *Annual Fund* giving campaign. Thank you for your generous donations that help sponsor the many enrichment programs, events, and classroom supplies here at Crocker/Riverside!

I also needed to recognize and thank our many family volunteers who host, promote, organize, cajole, commit, create, and otherwise lead the efforts to enhance our students' educational experience at Crocker/Riverside. Please consider volunteering. We have many, many opportunities for this. Please check the website or check with your students' teachers to see how your time can be valuably spent.



As questions arise regarding shortened day schedules, upcoming events, fundraisers, etc., please be sure to check [www.crockerriverside.org](http://www.crockerriverside.org) frequently for updated information.

New this year, we will be recognizing students from each class, on a monthly basis, who best represent the character theme for the month. For September, the theme was Kindness, which will be reinforced with new Kindness t-shirts that are once again being donated this year by one of many community partners, Giannetti and Booms Orthodontics. We hope to build on the Kindness theme in October with a focus on the theme of Responsibility.

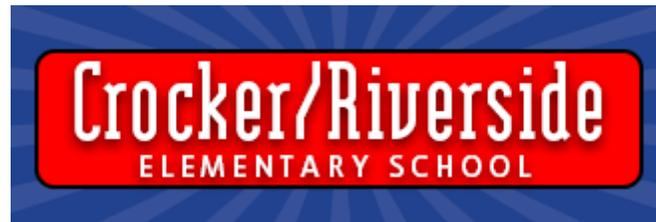
We are also in the process of getting approval from the District to be allowed to have trained therapy dogs on campus. Students and staff will have opportunities to voluntarily interact with the dogs, including reading to them, walking and talking with them, and learning how to treat and care for them, all under direct supervision. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Thank you again for your support of our neighborhood school.

--Mr. McCord



"Just a darn minute — yesterday you said that X equals two!"



Greetings and happy October from your PTO Board! With school in full swing, I'd like to provide you with some brief updates and reminders.

First, everyone is getting excited for our famous Fall Carnival on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 11-3! This is a signature Crocker/Riverside event that people look forward to every year, and in order to make it happen, **we need many parent volunteers**. We appreciate all of you that have volunteered for individual classrooms, but we also need volunteers for general set-up, running the sweet shop and prize center, and general clean up. Short on time? We're also looking for donations for the sweet shop and vendors for our craft fair! If you're willing to help, please contact Evie Woodman, the Fall Carnival Chair, at [evwoodman@yahoo.com](mailto:evwoodman@yahoo.com) or on Konstella. Thank you!

Speaking of the Fall Carnival, we will be rolling out our 2019 Brick Campaign there! This is an exciting opportunity to make a permanent mark on the Crocker/Riverside campus by purchasing a brick for installation in the front of the school. Donations will help pay for a major physical redesign of the front and back of the school, including a new place for our flagpole and upgrading the field in back. Look for more details soon!

Next, it's been a long time coming, but it's finally here—a new hydration station! Through the tireless efforts of several passionate parents and Mr. McCord, soon there will be a new sensor-activated hydration station outside the principal's office. We are excited to bring this feature to our school, which will make it easier for our students and staff to stay hydrated and reduce the number of one-time use containers. This project is supported by a grant from Raley's Extra Credit program.

**Volunteer Spotlight:** extra special thanks to Nick Millan and his family for leading the Back-to-School BBQ! This event required coordinating many details, from wheeling BBQs down the street to staying late to clean up. From the entire PTO Board, we appreciate you!

- Bryan Baldwin, PTO President