



# Locust Elementary School Lion's Roar News

School Hours  
7:40-2:13  
Tardy Bell  
7:40

## February 2010

Superintendent  
Cali Olsen-Binks

Principal  
Sandra Gray



Dear Locust families:

Our Third Annual Read-A-Thon is scheduled from Monday, **February 23<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**. Our goal is to raise \$1500.00 for Field Trips and end of the year activities. We would like everyone to participate and are asking for your support. Have your student ask friends and family members to support reading by giving a flat donation or a pledge for each page read. For example: \$5.00 total or .05c for each page read.



There will be prizes for individuals and classes who raise the most money. Prizes are:

1. Top Reader in each grade level will receive a Dr. Seuss book signed by the Cat in the Hat.
2. The top class who raises the most money in Pre-K thru 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4-6 will receive a trophy to keep in their classroom until the next year's Read-A-Thon.
3. The top 2 students who collect the most money will receive a \$50.00 gift card.
4. All students who participate will be entered into a school-wide drawing for prizes.

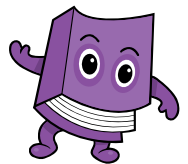
Schedule for the READ-A-THON:

**Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>—READING and PLEDGING BEGINS—forms will go home in the Monday envelopes. Read ALL WEEK and log on pledge sheets.**

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**Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>— Bring in your favorite Dr. Seuss book for 5 purple tickets.**

**Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>-- CRAZY hat day in honor of The Cat in the Hat & of Dr. Seuss' Birthday. Wear a CRAZY hat or a Dr. Seuss t-shirt!**

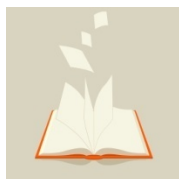


**Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>—Wacky Wednesday wear CRAZY socks in honor of the Wacky Wednesday and Fox in Socks books. Turn in money and pledge sheets to the office in the AM.**

**Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>— Color a Dr. Seuss picture to display in the cafeteria. Submit to the office for a purple ticket.**

**Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>—Crazy HAIR day (it is a minimum day!)**

Collect ALL money and pledge sheets by no later than **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** and return to the office.



If you have any questions, please call the office (909) 357-5650.

**LET'S MAKE THE 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual READ-A-THON A HUGE SUCCESS**



# Grade 3 News

In Open Court our unit focuses on money: its uses, circulation, history, and how children can develop wise spending habits. Encourage your child to read every night with supervision. Our goal this trimester is to improve our reading comprehension scores. You can help at home by discussing what happens in the story, why things happen, and what your child can infer (figure out) about the characters, motivations, and effects of events in the story.

Please remember to have your child practice counting and making change. Parents are encouraged to investigate money further at home and have students bring in any information or related items. Supervised internet use, library visits, and exploring articles from the newspaper or magazines are suggested activities.

In math, third grade is currently studying geometry. Help your child recognize shapes in their environment and measure distances, as well as perimeter and area. Third graders must also work every night to memorize and maintain their multiplication facts. They are expected to know the facts from zero to ten automatically, without hesitation or counting.

We would like to stress the importance of attendance and on-time arrival to class. If your child is tardy or absent they will miss crucial concepts as well as cause disruptions for the children already on task.

Remember, state testing begins shortly after we return from our next track break.

## Calendar of Events 2010

### February, 2010

- 2 **District History Showcase**
- 8 **Lincoln's Birthday—No school**
- 15 **Washington's Birthday—No School**
- 22 School Site Council Meeting
- 26 PTA READ-A-THON from 2/23-3/2

### March, 2010

- 1 **District Science Fair**
- 2 Dr. Seuss' B-day & end of Read-A-Thon
- 5 Minimum Day for grades 1-6 dismissal at 12:00  
Last Day on Track
- March 8- March 26st—NO SCHOOL/OFF-TRACK**
- 29 Return from Track Break

### April, 2010

- 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Academic Awards  
Grades 1 & 2-8:00  
Grades 3 & 4-8:30  
Grades 5 & 6-9:00
- 19 School Site Council Meeting
- 22 OPEN HOUSE and ACADEMIC NIGHT from 6-8 p.m.
- 29-May 9 CALIFORNIA STAR STATE TESTING GRADES 2-6.**
- 30 STAR Testing Rally and Super Spirit Assembly at 9:00
- 25 Progress Reports Go Home
- 26 District Writing Showcase
- 29-30 **CALIFORNIA STAR WRITING TEST FOR GRADE 4 ONLY.**

**Schedule is subject to change.**

(In case of inclement weather, some events may have to be rescheduled or held in the cafeteria. Updates will be posted on the marquee and in the Monday envelope.)

