



A message from 7th Grade Chair
Sue Fitzpatrick

Dear CRS 7th Grade Parents,

CATALINA RECAP:

The 2017 trip to Catalina was a success, I know that I loved seeing the countless photos of the kids in action! This year was Copper Ridge's final visit to Cherry Cove! Don't worry, future trips will be to a new location on the island where we will continue to have access to the same programs, as well as similar accommodations. We do not yet know the exact location, but all of that will be figured out before next years trip!

There was not much sleeping taking place on the buses on the way to California, as excitement was running high! They had a fantastic breakfast at the Anaheim Hilton, and were then on their way to Long Beach pier. This year's ferry crossing to the island was the calmest and smoothest journey that we've ever had! The water was quite calm, and the weather was absolutely beautiful. Shortly after leaving the pier, everyone was excited to see that we were being followed by a very active pod of dolphins! While at Cherry Cove, students participated in the following activities that were led by Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) instructors: kayaking, snorkeling, invertebrate & algae labs, tidepooling, astronomy hike, and squid dissection. Many students encountered deer and foxes along the road while walking to and from the waterfront. These are just a couple of the animals who are frequent visitors to the campgrounds.

This experience for our kids wouldn't have been possible without the support of our amazing chaperones!!

Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Middles School parent/teacher conferences are November 14th, 15th & 16th.

If you would like to know how your child is doing then please contact your child's homeroom teacher or one of their core subject teachers to set up a time. Middle school teachers do not send out a sign up for conferences like they do in elementary but they area available for conferences if you would like one.

NJHS INFO FOR FUTURE 8TH GRADERS:

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is an international student organization that consists of chapters in middle schools. The academic eligibility for NJHS is a 3.85 GPA during EACH of the 4 quarters of 7th grade. This equates to either straight A's, or all A's with one (ONLY one) B each quarter.

GPA is NOT CUMULATIVE, so if a student gets straight A's during quarter 1, but 2 B's during quarter 2, they are not academically eligible because their 2nd quarter GPA will be below 3.85.

Students who are academically eligible at the end of 7th grade will receive an application packet from Mrs. Boepple. Students must complete the packet, and return by the submission deadline (dates to be determined). Application packets are reviewed by the faculty committee with regard to leadership, citizenship, etc. Students are then notified of acceptance or non-acceptance by letter within the first week or so after school lets out for the summer. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Boepple at lboepple@susd.org.

CARNIVAL RECAP:

The carnival was a great success and was a fun event for the school. Thank

you to everyone who volunteered and donated, it would not be possible without your support! The middle school baskets consisted of two Apple watches and a Go Pro, congrats to the winners!!

HURRICANE RELIEF FUNDRAISER RECAP:

Our 8th grade Honors ELA classes organized a fundraiser for those affected by the recent Hurricanes. All of the middle schoolers participated in Penny Wars with the 8th graders coming out on top with -53,534, the 6th graders coming in second (barely) with -90,419 and the 7th graders coming in at -90,612. What this means is that they raised over \$6,000 for such a great cause!!! Way to go Trailblazers!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The end of the second quarter will be December 22nd. You can log onto Parentvue to check your students grades.

It is still not too late to contribute to the Middle School Funds. Any amount is appreciated, to donate please send a check written to Deb Baptiste and give to homeroom teacher.

I hope to see you at:

- **Kendra Scott Gives Back:** Thursday, November 9th 11-2pm at the Kendra Scott at the Scottsdale Quarter.
- **Mix and Mingle:** Thursday, November 30th 7-9pm at Ciao Grazie. This is for adults only

For up-to-date CRPTO information, events and activities, please visit CRPTO.com

If you would like to donate to the CRPTO Education Support Fund then please click [here](#). Thank you!

Kindly,

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