

# NEWSLETTER

## Cal Young Middle School

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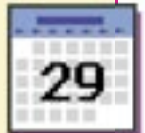
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### Mark your Calendars

#### November

- 2 Th Beginning Band Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- 3 F Activity Day
- 9 Th NO SCHOOL,  
Progress Reports
- 10 F NO SCHOOL, Veterans Day
- 13 M Mix It Up at Lunch Day
- 16-21 W-Tu Book Fair, 8 a.m.- 6 p.m., Library
- 16 Th Parent Conferences, 4 - 8 p.m.
- 20 M Parent Conferences, 12 - 1 p.m.
- 23,24 Th,F NO SCHOOL,  
Thanksgiving
- 29 W Site Council, 3 - 5 p.m.
- 29 W PFCY, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



#### December

- 5 Tu GeoBee
- 7 W Holiday Concert, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 8 F Activity Night
- 9 Sa Jazz Band @ Holiday Market,  
4:45 - 5:45 p.m.
- 15 F NO SCHOOL,  
Progress Reports
- 18-Jan 2 NO SCHOOL  
Winter Vacation

#### January

- 3 W Classes Resume

### Book Fair

Wednesday, Nov. 16 through Tuesday, Nov. 21

This year the annual Cal Young book fair will be open during both nights of parent conferences as well as everyday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All profits from the book fair will go towards materials and programs in the library. This year we are hoping to raise enough money to have author Susan Fletcher come to talk to the students at



Cal Young. She is the author of Dragon Milk, Alphabet of Dreams and is one of the featured Oregon authors in the flying book sculpture in our library.

Students and staff will have a chance to preview books on Wednesday to create wish lists to make shopping easier. If you would like to volunteer to work at the book fair, contact Linda Ague at [ague@4j.lane.edu](mailto:ague@4j.lane.edu) OR 687-5459.

## From the Principal

Dear Cal Young Families,

We hope that you have reserved your time for conferences. Teachers are eager to speak with parents and either help students stay on their current positive trajectory or help students make improvements in their academic standing. When you meet with teachers, come with questions prepared in advance as the time is typically limited.

Currently, the most common concern for students is a lack of homework completion. Almost 90% of our lower grades are the direct result of students missing homework. In an effort to help with this problem, we will be offering assistance during lunch. BISTRO is our new opportunity for students to finish work or make up assignments while eating their lunch. This new option for students has been created because of the lack of completed homework so early in the year. BISTRO stands for Better Involved Students Taking Responsibility more Often. The way BISTRO will work is that students with multiple missing assignments will have a letter sent to their home indicating that the student will be participating in BISTRO until they are caught up. Students will bring their lunch to BISTRO and eat and work on homework. Over the past few years we have been searching for the appropriate opportunity for students to get caught up. This is a first attempt at making this happen. Please know that this is not meant as a punishment, but only as a means for giving students the time in school to get caught up. Once a student is up to date, they will no longer need BISTRO and will return to our regular lunch period. Keep in mind that BISTRO is not for the average student who is missing one assignment due to illness. BISTRO is for students who are missing multiple assignments in more than one class. We welcome feedback about this idea and hope that you are willing to help out and volunteer with BISTRO.

We will begin testing with TESA soon. TESA is the computer-based version of the Oregon State Assessment. We have used TESA exclusively and will no longer be giving paper tests for the multiple-choice portions of the test. TESA offers each student three opportunities to meet or exceed state benchmarks. Students will be tested using TESA in Reading, Math, and Science. Writing will still be done using paper and pencil. If you have questions about state assessment tests, please call us at 687-5400.

As always we are grateful for your support and the trust you place in us to care for your students. We are extremely pleased with their performance and their enthusiasm. Spirit Week is coming soon and it is always a huge favorite with our students. Tuesday, October 31 will be Dress-up Day, Wednesday is Clash Day, Thursday is Bad Hair/Hat day, and Friday is our first Activity Day and also Team Spirit Day. Watch the website for more information about this and other upcoming events.

With warmest regards,

Sara Cramer



## Parent conferences

Parent conferences will be Thursday, November 16 and Monday, November 20. If you would like to schedule a conference and haven't yet done so, please fill out and return a request form. Forms are available in the office and on the Cal Young website: <http://schools.4j.lane.edu/calyoung>

## Register today for eScrip!

1. Log on to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)
2. Enter our group number: 8410484
3. Register your credit/debit cards and/or grocery cards
4. Watch as a percentage of your purchases help Cal Young

## Mix It Up at Lunch!



On Tuesday, November 14, Cal Young students will have the opportunity to join an estimated four million students from 9,000 schools around the country in our own version of **Mix It Up at Lunch Day!** This fun lunch event is sponsored by the CY DFZ (Discrimination Free Zone) Committee, comprised of students and staff members. All too often at lunch, students get “stuck” at the same table with the same group of friends, possibly missing out on opportunities to make new friends, and even worse, making some students feel excluded. This day provides students with a chance to improve the social climate at our school while stepping out of their comfort zone to connect with other people. It’ll

be fun and easy: Parents, be sure to ask your kids how they mixed it up! For more information, check out the official **Mix It Up at Lunch Day** website at: <http://www.tolerance.org/teens/index.jsp>

## We need your magazines

Sixth grade Earth Science needs any extra copies you have of the following National Geographic Magazines to supplement the curriculum: April 2004 (tornadoes), April 2006 (earthquakes), and August 2006 (hurricanes).

If you are willing to donate yours, please drop it off with Mr. Baker or leave it at the front office. Thanks for looking!

## 7<sup>th</sup> grade All Stars

Students nominated for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students of the month for November are:

Jasmine Adams  
Karen McGehey  
Roman Stambough

Congratulations!

## Physical Education news

During the past two months, all students have been exposed to archery, lacrosse, touch football, and rollerblading. We were quite thrilled that the weather cooperated so we could offer new and interesting leisure time activities.

I would also like to inform all parents of Cal Young’s new rock wall. Mr. Heil, a 20 year veteran in the rock climbing arena, teaches the course. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY, from 6 - 9 p.m., the wall is open to the community. All sessions are free and include rock climbing gear as well as instruction by the City of Eugene rock climbing staff. It sounds like a very fun activity for the family on these windy, wet Saturday nights. Come on down!

Should you have any questions or concerns about your son or daughter in Physical Education, please email [bear@4j.lane.edu](mailto:bear@4j.lane.edu) or call 687.5400.

**Kathleen Bear**

## CY X Games!

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year’s Cal Young X Games. It was great to see so many kids showing off their skills on skateboards, inline skates, and scooters. Boardsports sponsored the event and gave prizes to every student who participated. In addition, they presented a brand new skateboard deck to the first place skateboarder in each grade. Below are the winners in each category. We’ll do it again next year, so keep on skating!

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

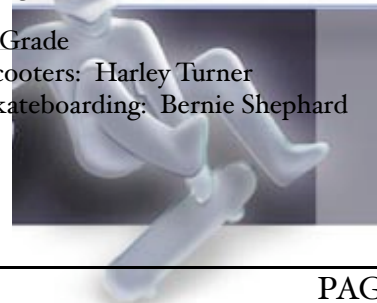
Scooters, girls: Hannah Leathem  
Scooters, boys: Bryceson Jorgensen  
Inline skating, girls: Kelsey Sherman  
Inline skating, boys: Ryan Fisher  
Skateboarding: Wyatt Foster

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Scooters, girls: Amanda Harding  
Scooters, boys: Tyler Shields  
Inline skating: Eric Huynh  
Skateboarding: Blade Pelskee

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Scooters: Harley Turner  
Skateboarding: Bernie Shephard



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