Attention parents!

We and other organizations in our area have recently experienced a rash of bicycle thefts. We are finding that the cable type locks are easily cut in two and the thieves are leaving with the bicycle. Please know that we are working with our school district facilities department to fence in the bike area. We are also asking that students use a “u-lock” type lock if parents can afford to replace any existing cable locks.

We have ordered additional u-locks until our fencing can be installed. We will be checking these out to students. However our stock of locks is somewhat limited. The locks should be arriving in the next week and we will begin checking them out to students.

We apologize for any loss or inconvenience this has caused. It is certainly disappointing to us that people are stealing from our kids.

Please see the no-idling request from 4J Superintenent George Russell on page 6 of this issue.
From the Principal

Dear Cal Young Families,

Fall is certainly in full swing and we’ve all been so grateful for our air conditioning with the warm days we’ve had recently. We forget how hot our other local schools must be during the day. Maybe someday we can get more creative with our school calendar, knowing that we can still be effective during warmer days.

During the first week of October, we have had 4J staff members administering the 4J Reading Kit assessments. These assessments provide vital information to teachers about your child’s reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. This information helps to inform decision-making about whether a student will need additional academic support in reading. We will also hope to have these results available to share at parent/teacher conferences along with Oregon State Assessment results from 2006-2007.

I strongly encourage you to plan to participate in parent-teacher conferences this year. In the past few years, we have scheduled two evenings during one week for conferences. Our attendance has not been what we had hoped for. This year we will be holding our conferences on November 29 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with no school scheduled on that day. We are hopeful that this new approach will bring more parents into school to conference with teachers. Forms will be coming home soon with an autodialer message to alert you that they are coming home.

Overall, your children have all settled in nicely and we are working to ensure that all children feel accepted and safe. If there is an issue that we need to address with regard to student behavior, please let Mr. Beard or me know. As a staff, we make every attempt to monitor students in the halls and at lunch, but we realize that we cannot always catch every incident. Your children have been a joy to work with and we look forward to a wonderful year with many exciting activities. Please help your child to fill in his or her agenda planner. This is one sure way that assignments can be tracked at home.

Thank you for entrusting the education and safety of your children to us every day. We are grateful for your caring and support!

With warmest regards,

Sara

Get that Cougar Spirit!

Cal Young Cougar clothing is on sale in the office now. Most sizes available and in stock.

Blue Cougar short sleeved t-shirts are $8, blue Cougar, crew neck sweatshirts are $16, CY baseball caps (pink and blue) are $8, blue Cougar knitted beanies are $8.

Show your school spirit and wear our school colors!

Sizes are 14-16 child, xs adult, sm adult, med adult, lg adult, 1x adult, 2x adult, and 3x adult.
To contact the Cal Young staff
Address your email to the staff member you wish to contact by name listed in the column below followed by @4j.lane.edu
For instance, to contact the registrar, you would address your email to: hanauska@4j.lane.edu

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From the Library - The Reading Thing

**The Scholastic Book Fair is coming November 14-21!**

Get ready to Chill Out at the Book Fair Blizzard in the Library from November 14-21. The usual awesome assortment of great books will arrive just in time for holiday shopping. So march on into the library in mid-November. The penguins will be waiting with piles of books and other Scholastic goodies!

**“Get social about reading”: Dream Readers and the Battle of the Books**

Every Wednesday during both lunches in the Library, students who are interested in getting social about reading are welcome to come and join Dream Readers, the new book club. We'll be reading and discussing lots of books as we eat our lunches and enjoy some snacks. (Yes, during special events we can eat in the Library, if we are neat!) We will focus on books from this year’s Battle of the Books list (See the September newsletter or go to [http://www.oema.net/OBOB/Booklists.html](http://www.oema.net/OBOB/Booklists.html)), the Young Reader's Choice Award (YRCA) books (see the list at [http://www.pnla.org/yrca/2007nominees.htm](http://www.pnla.org/yrca/2007nominees.htm)), and current favorites of the members. In October, one of these Dream Reader meetings will expand into an informational meeting about the Battle of the Books. Students have been checking out the books and signing up for teams. Soon we will be organizing the teams, meeting to discuss the books, and writing practice questions. It’s not too late to get on a team. Sign up in the Library!

From the Library – The Research Thing

**Search for books and check your Library account using VIA**

Students do not have to be at school to find out if the Cal Young Library has books on a certain topic or by a specific author. From a computer with Internet access, go to the Library homepage at [http://schools.4j.lane.edu/calyoung/library/](http://schools.4j.lane.edu/calyoung/library/) (or do a Google search on Cal Young Library). Select the VIA button, pull down the View Entire Collection menu to Cal Young Middle School and choose to search by Keyword, Author, or Title. When you search for an author, be sure to use the last name; i.e., Lowry, Lois.

Do you want to know what books you have checked out and when they are due? On the VIA page, select My Library Account. Type your name (first name, last name) and your Student ID number and click the Submit button. Your name and address will come up on the screen, along with a line that states how many books you have checked out. Click on the line to see the titles and due dates.

Students can check out three books at a time, and the checkout period is for three weeks. Thank you for returning books promptly!

Sam Arnold-Boyd, Librarian
October 7th Grade All Stars winners are:

Hain K.
Elise M.
Cooper S.

The following students were nominated for October with one vote each:
Elizabeth D. Jennifer K. Hain K. Heidi K.
Elise M. Erin M. Ashley P. Gurpritam S.
Cooper S. Hayley W.

Hain K. for always being a model student.
Elise M. for always actively learning.
Cooper S. for always being on task & willing to volunteer.

8th Grade Students of the Month

Quinten brings to school a tremendous curiosity. He not only contributes insight to classroom discussions, but also takes time to work with classmates in a caring manner. Quinten excels at Cal Young with his positive attitude, willingness to reach out and help others and his conscientious work habits. **Kudos, Quinten!**

Grace is always polite and responsible. She comes to class with a strong sense of purpose, ready to meet all challenges. Grace excels at Cal Young by being a self starter and independent scholar, willing to take the time and mental energy to find the best answer to her questions. **Way to go Grace!**

International Peace Poster contest

The 7th grade art classes are involved in the International Peace Poster Contest put on by the Lion’s Clubs. It is open to anyone ages 11 - 13.

The winner gets a trip to the UN in New York with his or her family and $2,500 dollars. Twenty three runners up get $500 each!

Patti Wessman & Hal Huestis
Art Teachers
Dear families,

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To illustrate this point, consider this: according to Airwatch Northwest, just one vehicle dropping off and picking up one child at one school puts, on average, about three pounds of pollution into the air per month. Multiply that by hundreds of vehicles per day and the risk increases for children to develop asthma and other respiratory diseases. In addition, idling consumes more fuel than turning off and on your engine, so it also costs you money.

We have included a fact sheet with this letter to give you more information on the hazards of idling and to help illustrate just why this issue is so critical.

Our district’s school buses do not idle while waiting for students and we have updated or modified most of our bus fleet to lower emissions and save fuel.

We ask that you become an active participant in improving air quality and reducing health risks by minimizing idling when dropping off and picking up your child. This simple but critical change, idling your vehicle no longer than 30 seconds, will drastically improve the air quality in your neighborhoods and the air our children breathe while being dropped off at, and picked up from, school.

I appreciate your consideration of this issue, especially in the light that raising children seems to be getting more hectic with every passing year. Please look for signs and other directions, requests and encouragement at your school this fall on how you can help all our children breathe easier.

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**Turn your key: be idle free!**

We live in a stop and go world. We drive to and from work, stop at the drive-up at the bank, take our kids to soccer practice, pick up a quick dinner at a fast food drive up and run so many errands. We often get stuck in traffic or stopped at railroad crossings. While you are driving, be aware of how often you let the car idle. Letting your car idle for more than thirty seconds produces unnecessary pollution that contributes to poor air quality. Excessive idling also damages your car engine.

**Why Idling is a Problem**

Emissions from cars are a major contributor to respiratory illnesses. It’s not a surprise that cars are commonly idled at places where people often congregate — schools, banks, drive-through fast food restaurants and parks. Children, the elderly, and people with asthma or other respiratory diseases are the most vulnerable to the harmful effects of air pollution. Children are especially at risk because their lungs are still developing and they breathe faster than adults. Studies in Canada have shown that there is a direct link between poor air quality and increased hospital admissions, respiratory illnesses, and premature deaths in urban areas.

Idling vehicles emit more pollutants than running vehicles because of incomplete combustion from idling engines. Incomplete combustion produces larger quantities of greenhouse gases and other harmful pollutants. Excessive idling can also damage your vehicle’s cylinders, spark plugs, and exhaust systems. And, idling engines get zero miles per gallon, wasting gas and costing you money.

And, if you think being inside your car when it is idling is safe, think again! Sitting inside your car exposes you to higher levels of carbon monoxide and other harmful compounds. The highest exposure occurs where many idling cars are lined up...at your kid’s school, drive-up windows, railroad crossings, and in heavy traffic.

Many people worry about the wear and tear on the car from turning the engine on and off. The truth is, frequent restarting has little impact on engine components like the battery and the starter motor. Component wear caused by restarting the engine is estimated to add $10 per year to the cost of driving, money that will be recovered several times over in fuel savings from reduced idling. The bottom line is that over ten seconds of idling uses more fuel than restarting the engine.

For more information about air quality in Lane County and additional things you can do to protect our airshed, call the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency at 736-1056.
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