



Smoke Signal

D R E A M , B E L I E V E , A C H I E V E , S U C C E E D

The Ballico-Cressey Parent Teacher Club would like to thank everyone that really made this year's Dinner Dance come together! Everyone's hard work individually as well as collectively as a team really added up to yet another year of success for the kids in our district! The BCPTC made over \$12,000 that will go back to the Kids of Ballico and Cressey to supplement the wonderful extracurricular activities that make our learning community so special.

THANK YOU!!!

"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today!" FDR

Dear Ballico-Cressey Families,

As I have mentioned periodically throughout this school year, please continue to check in with your child regarding school. The third quarter ends next week, so students might begin to find the curriculum more challenging. In addition, spring break is approaching and State Testing will follow shortly after. This is the time of year when students may need an extra nudge to keep them moving in the right direction. We continue to be

committed to finding ways to personalize education and provide an academically appropriate program for all students.

We will continue to stress the three R's: Respect, Responsibility, and Reach to do your best within our learning community. We expect everyone to show respect to others, to take increased responsibility for our actions (including following through on school commitments and appropriate behavior), and to reach for attainable goals. If all of the members of our

school community practice the three R's consistently, we will have a safe and productive school environment.

It is important that we keep the lines of communication open between the home and school. When the home and school work collaboratively, our students have the greatest opportunities for success.

With Brave Pride,

José L. González



Healthy Habits for Kids

Encourage your children to create healthy habits by being a positive role model.

Get the family active. Plan time for everyone to get moving together.

Be supportive. Focus on the positive. Everyone likes to be praised for a job well done.

Make dinnertime a family time. Get the kids involved in cooking and planning meals.

Make a game of reading labels. The whole family will learn what's good for their health.

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Unfortunately, the budget news from Sacramento continues to cast a dark cloud over us and it is not improving. State revenues have not met earlier expectations and hence the possibility of mid-year cuts has now become the reality for all public schools in California, including Ballico-Cressey. In his budget roll out, the Governor has proposed a budget that further reduces funding to public education. While he has pledged to "fund" the statutory cost-of-living (COLA) the reality is the projected COLA is a -0.38%. This means that we will receive less funding for our schools in 2010-2011. In addition, the Governor proposes targeted reductions of \$1.5 billion. The direct impact of the Governors proposal to our schools will be a reduction of up to \$251 / ADA or \$75,000 for the 2010-2011 school year. These past two years we have been reduced more than \$1300 per student. While this is not new to us, the difference is that we are running out of options that have greatly assisted us in weathering the storm thus far. Our Ballico-Cressey Staff and Board is committed to minimizing the direct impact to Kids and Programs. A Budget Reduction Plan has been developed and will be recommended for adoption at the March 11th meeting. Thank you for your continued support.

Brave Trait of the Month...

FAITH

2010 Merced County Speech Contest

4th Grade

Honorable Mention

Gait Nairn

Jose Cerda

Competed

Luke vanWarmerdam

5th Grade

First Place

Blaine Chance

Second Place

Mellanie Valencia

Competed

Josh McGinnis

6th Grade

Third Place

Alexis Peltier

Competed

Alexis Becerra

Nadia Johnson

7th Grade

First Place

Erica De Hart

Second Place

Cole Brown

Third Place

Hannah vanWarmerdam

8th Grade

Second Place

Hans vanWarmerdam

Third Place

Gilbert Rodriguez

Honorable Mention

Fernando Contreras

Congratulations to all of the students that participated in the Ballico Speech contest and to those that represented the District at the County Level. We are so proud of you!!!

students of the month

Congratulations to our students of the month who demonstrated the three R's: Respect, responsibility, and reaching to do their best!

Cressey School

Ms. Echabarne-Drew Boesch/

Stefani Bouknight

Miss Gehres-Angel Morales/JosiElena Michalec

Mrs. Boesch-Alexia Carranza

Miss Zamora-Damian Trevizo

Ms. Magneson-Daniel Galvan

Mrs. Boucher-Prisilla Cerda/Vanessa Guzman

Ms. Conrado-Xavier Michalec

Ballico School

Mrs. Kubo-Jennifer Galvan

Mrs. Crohare-Nadia Johnson

Mr. Blaine-Jordan Esparza

Mrs. Naldi-Patricia Ruvalcaba

Ms. Graulty-Cynthia Soto

Mr. Naldi-Ridic Reyes

Mrs. Tatum-Dominic Bothun

Ms. Virtue-Grant Dunford

WHATEVER IT TAKES!!!