



# Smoke Signal

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## AG WEEK

"By-Products of Agriculture"

May 10th - 14th

### May 10th

Kinders to Bylsma Dairy  
2nd Grade Cattle Presentation  
7th Grade to Duarte Nursery

### May 11th

5th Grade to California Fresh  
& AV Thomas Produce

### May 12th

2nd Grade to Magneson Dairy  
4th Grade to Nicholas Organic Egg Ranch  
1st Grade Lamb Presentation  
3rd Grade Swine Presentation  
8th Grade LHS FFA

### May 13th

Mobile Dairy @ Ballico

### May 14th

8th Grade to Gold Hills  
6th Grade to Riverdance Farm

*"The only thing that will redeem man kind is cooperation!"*

Dear Ballico-Cressey Families,

This last week, the Ballico-Cressey staff was honored as part of educational staff appreciation week. Like I shared with staff, despite advances in education technology, in school construction, in volunteerism and public involvement, the most important factor for improved student learning and achievement is – **still** – an effective and caring school staff member. I commend all of our wonderful educational staff who were called to their profession because they want to make a real, lasting difference in the lives of children. We are extremely gracious for their commitment and dedication to the Ballico-

Cressey Students!

I had the pleasure of joining the sixth graders at Science Camp earlier this week. What a beautiful setting. Mr. Blaine has done a wonderful job creating the ultimate sixth grade camp experience. Mr. Blaine's program is envied by many neighboring districts. Many thanks to all of the parents that assisted throughout the year in preparation for this grand outing. A special thank you to the parents and staff that spent the week up there with the kids. It is an experience they will never forget!

As we close out one year we are concurrently planning for next year! One important aspect of this, is student

placement. We take special care with each student's placement, but if you have any new and additional information about your child's needs please communicate that to our staff. Specific teacher requests will be considered based on the available space. Our goal at Ballico-Cressey is to create an enriching heterogeneous learning environment for all students. All requests must be submitted to the office by Friday, May 21st, to be considered for placement. Thank you for your support.

With Brave Pride,

*José L. González*

## ISLAND WATER PARK

All students **MUST** ride the school bus to the water park. Any parent wishing to take their child home must sign them out prior to leaving the park. Parents and immediate family members in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade or lower are welcome to join us on the trip. NO tickets will be available at the park. Tickets are \$15 per person. All tickets must be pre-purchased prior to the 21<sup>st</sup>. No exceptions will be made.

The criteria for participating in the May 21<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Incentive Trip is as follows:

1. No grade lower than a C
2. Less than 10 citations for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter or no suspensions for the 4th Quarter
3. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Effort Roll
4. Student of the Month for April or May

2009- 2010  
YEARBOOKS



**BRAVE TRAIT OF THE MONTH...**  
**COOPERATION**



May 10th - Writing Festival Awards at the Merced Mall: 9:00 a.m.  
 May 12th - Cressey School Open House: 6:00 p.m., No Program  
 May 13th - Board Meeting: 4:30 p.m. in the Ballico School Library  
 May 13th - Ballico School Open House: 6:00 p.m. Program in the Cafeteria  
 May 14th - 8th Grade Interviews  
 May 18th - 3rd Grade Field Trip: Yosemite  
 May 19th - 5th Grade Field Trip: Atwater Challenger Learning Center  
 May 20th - Big Smile Mobile Dentist at Cressey School  
 May 21st - Island Water Park Trip Grades K-7th  
 May 27th - Pursuit of Excellence: 6:00 p.m. in the Ballico School Cafeteria  
 May 28th - Field Day at Ballico School  
 May 31st - Memorial Day: NO SCHOOL

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF  
 THE MONTH WHO DEMONSTRATED THE THREE  
 R'S: RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, AND**

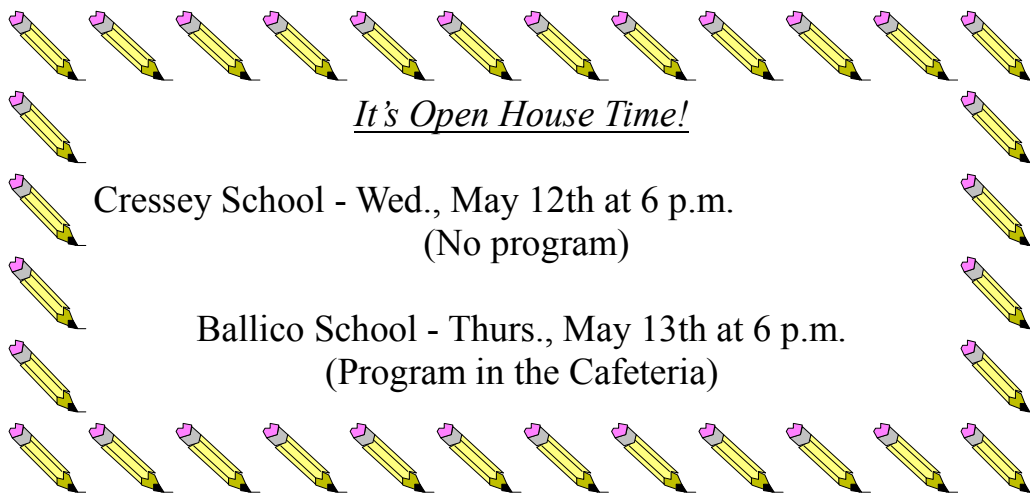
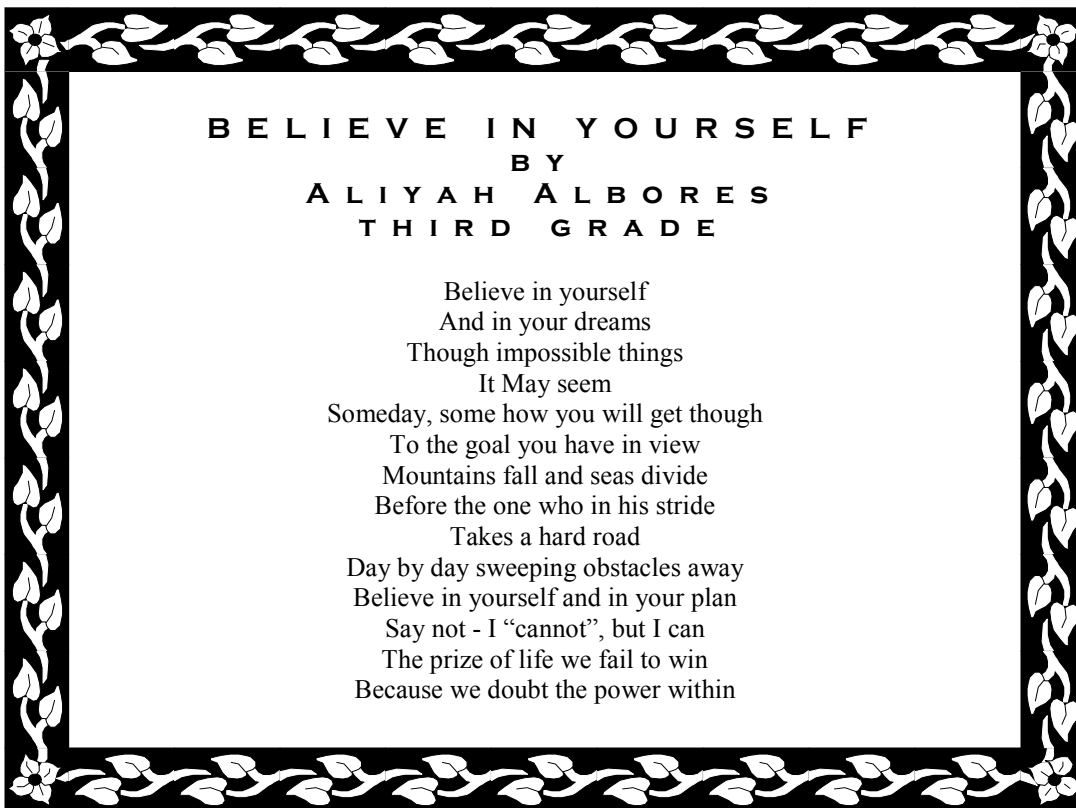
**CRESSEY SCHOOL**

Ms. Echabarne-Angel Thompson/Anthony Ortiz  
 Miss Gehres-Blake Alexander/Lauren Salyers  
 Mrs. Boesch-Jasmine Sauter  
 Miss Zamora-Ricardo Solorio  
 Ms. Magneson-Yareli Aviles  
 Mrs. Boucher-Julian Escobar/ Omar Sandoval  
 Ms. Conrado-Anthony Cordoza


**BALLICO SCHOOL**

Mrs. Kubo-Teresa Sanchez  
 Mrs. Crohare-Elissa Fonseca  
 Mr. Blaine-Breana Costilla  
 Mrs. Naldi-Yanery Galvan  
 Mrs. Rodriguez-Blake Correia  
 Mr. Naldi-Kylee Routh  
 Mrs. Tatum-Clayton Hultgren  
 Ms. Virtue-Joshua McGinnis

**WHATEVER IT TAKES!!!**




**KINDER GRADUATION**



*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*  
*9:00 AM*

**BALLICO SCHOOL GRADUATION**



*Wednesday, June 9, 2010*  
*7:00 PM*