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Turkey Trot Results

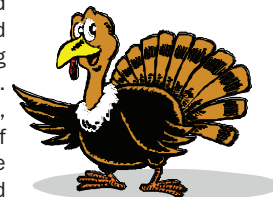
Did you see that crazy Turkey doing the Gobble Gobble Dance at the Turkey Trot this past November? Well, if you got a chance to come, you would have witnessed a few other dancers joining in to the sounds of the High School Musical Soundtrack while happy children trotted laps. Our honorary goose mascot, Whistler, really missed out on the fun!

Our Turkey Trot was a fabulous success thanks to all the quick-paced walking done by our children, and to you parents for helping the children recruit sponsors, and sending pledge monies in a timely fashion.

This year's Turkey Trot set a new donation record of \$8,384.50 for the Cowan Booster Club! According to Booster financials dating from 2001, the previous record was \$8,018 in 2006. Thank you parents, relatives and neighbors!

Congratulations to the winners of the \$100 Best Buy gift card prizes: Zoe Acker (K- Ms. Remus) and Elijah Davis (2nd- Ms. Bryce). The January Pizza Parties will be celebrated by Ms. Remus' Kindergarten class and by Ms. Fitzpatrick's 3rd grade class.

Thanks to all the parents who volunteered in helping set-up the heavy benches around the course, marking lap cards and keeping watch over those who strayed off the track. Special thanks to Marie Murphy, Sherri Latif, and Debbie Haller for spending the rest of the morning organizing those lap/pledge forms, getting the results tabulated and marking down pledge amounts.



—Jane Anderson & Leslie Dennis-Rigney Co-Chairs

Cowan Tigers Talent Show!

"There's No Business



Like Show Business"

Come See Faculty and Students Perform !!



Friday, February 6
5:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.



Tickets: \$2 for kids 12 and under, \$5 for adults

Pizza, salad and pasta by *The Good Pizza* sold between shows.
Tasty homemade baked goods, and other food & drink!

Advance tickets available – for more information, contact:
Sheri Weitz: srweitz@ca.rr.com / 310-670-8824
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See's Candies Valentine's Day Fundraiser



Cowan earns 25-50% percent when you purchase See's Candies for your favorite Valentine, teachers, family and friends! There is something for every budget! See's Candies also make great office and client gifts.

PRIZES FOR BEST SALES!

- Pizza Party to the class that sells the most candy
- (One party, grades K-2 and one party, grades 3-5)

Important Dates:

January 12 – See's Candies Sale Begins

January 23 – Due date for Orders

February 5 – See's Candies orders delivered to classrooms

We are looking for parents to help! Assistance is needed as follows: the week of January 23rd tabulating orders, and on February 5th, sorting and delivering candy orders to the classrooms. Please contact Cheryl Gray at (310) 617-6972 or cmoore@providusgroup.com.

Family Dinner Night Out @



We have two nights scheduled at Johnny Rockets, in the Howard Hughes Center. Meet your friends for dinner on Tuesday, January 13 or Wednesday, January 14. Don't forget to bring your flyer to help us earn money for Cowan!

Parent Center Access

A new procedure has been set up for the Parent Center. If you need access to the Parent Center please check out the key from Ms. Jackson in the front office.

Two Important Votes— Mark Your Calendars

—Mrs. Alvarez

RATIFICATION AND ELECTION OF GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

What Is Ratification?

Over the last several months, Cowan’s Transition Team has been working on a governance proposal for the school’s Governance Council, and has consolidated several proposals that were submitted into one unified governance proposal. This proposal has been widely disseminated and discussed with Cowan stakeholders, and revised based on feedback received. The revised proposal (updated 12/15/08) is currently available in the school office and on the Cowan Website at cowantigers.com. Since there is only one proposal to vote on, our vote will be a ratification or vote to formally sanction the revised proposal developed through the efforts of the Transition Team and other Cowan stakeholders.

When And Where Will the Ratification Vote Take Place?

Voting will take place on both Wednesday, January 14 and Thursday, January 15 at Windsor Hills Elementary from 6:30–8:30 a.m.

and 2:30–6:30 p.m., and at Cowan from 7:00–9:00 a.m. and 2:00–6:00 p.m. Parents will also have the option of sending their ballot to school on either of these days in a sealed, signed envelope with their child’s name and room number on the envelope. Teachers, classified staff, and administrators will vote on January 14 and 15 as well. Please be sure to vote!

What About The Election of Governance Council Members?

Election of the fourteen members of the Governance Council will take place on January 29, 2009. Nomination forms will be sent home on Friday, January 16, 2009, and will be due by 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2009. Please watch for more information on the election, and consider serving as a member of the Governance Council yourself.

Please feel free to address questions or comments to any Transition Team member.

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VISITING POLICY

All visitors to the Cowan Avenue campus must report to the office to sign the visitors book on the counter, and receive a guest badge. The badge must be worn at all times while on the campus. When your visit is complete, please sign out in the front office, and return your badge.

NEXT CRIER (January 2008)

Crier submissions are due on the 20th of the preceding month. Please submit your articles by email to Katherine Clendenen at kclendenen@sbcglobal.net. Your photo submissions with articles are welcome as long as they are high-resolution .tiff or .jpeg files.

JANUARY CALENDAR



January 12	See’s Candies Sale Begins
January 13	SSC Meeting, 3:30 pm
January 13 & 14	Family Dinner Nights @ Johnny Rockets, Howard Hughes Center
January 14 & 15	Ratification of governance proposal
January 14 & 15	Talent Show Auditions, 2:45–3:45 pm
January 16	8:05 –Star of the Month at Morning Assembly
January 19	Martin Luther King holiday, NO SCHOOL
January 22	Local School Leadership Council meeting, 2:45 pm
January 22	Transition Team meeting, 5:30–7:30 pm WOR Library
January 23	See’s Candies Orders Due
January 29	Election of Governance Council members

FEBRUARY

February 5	See’s Candies delivered to classrooms
February 6	Talent Show 5:30 an 7:30
February 10	SSC Meeting, 3:30
February 16	President’s Day holiday, NO SCHOOL