



# THE CITRUS BOBCHAT

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct 2.....Picture Make-Up Day
- Oct 17.....Parade of Lights
- Oct 30.....Awards Assembly

### ATTENDANCE & CHRONIC ABSENCE

It's a big problem: Nationally, an estimated 5 million to 7.5 million students are at risk academically each year because they are chronically absent—missing 10 percent or more of school days in excused and unexcused absences. Starting as early as kindergarten and pre-kindergarten, chronic absence can have adverse consequences for academic achievement, research shows. By third grade, chronically absent students, especially those who have experienced multiple years of poor attendance are less likely to read on grade level. By sixth grade, chronic absence becomes a warning sign that a student will drop out of high school. By ninth grade, it's a better indicator than eighth-grade test scores. In school districts where state funding is determined by average daily attendance, chronic absence costs schools millions of dollars each year.

### PLEASE SEND IN YOUR BOX TOPS

Box Tops for Education is one of the nation's largest school earnings loyalty programs and has been helping schools succeed since 1996. Clip them from each package and send them to school. Box Tops are worth 10¢ each. Citrus can use the Box Tops cash to buy whatever they need most, from books to field trips to playgrounds.



### DON'T FORGET PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY!

Mark your calendar! Picture Make-Up Day is coming October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Look for more information on your child's Picture Day flyer/order form.

### SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Have you heard of our school site council? Would you like to know more about it?

The school site council plays an important role in decision-making at our school. It is comprised of a group of teachers, parents, and classified employees that works with the principal to develop, review and evaluate school improvement programs and school budgets. The members of the site council are generally nominated and elected by parents and teachers of Citrus School.

Below is the ballot for 2015/2016 School Site Council. Please vote for your choice from those listed or you can write in a name, even yourself, if you are interested in serving on school site council. Please vote for at least five (5) teachers, five (5) parents, and one (1) classified staff member. Please cut out and return your ballot to the school office by Friday, October 2, 2015. Additional ballots are available in the school office. Thank you for participating in this very important process.

2015-2016 Citrus School Site Council Ballot	
<b>TEACHERS</b> (vote for 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Cindy Carlsen <input type="checkbox"/> Jan Knecht <input type="checkbox"/> Melanie Winslow <input type="checkbox"/> Nathaniel Wion <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<b>PARENTS</b> (vote for 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Birtwell <input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Council <input type="checkbox"/> Maria Pahua <input type="checkbox"/> Tayjes Patel <input type="checkbox"/> Teresa Ramos <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____
<b>CLASSIFIED</b> (vote for 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Sheila Anderson <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	

**REMEMBER....KEEP OUR SCHOOL SAFE,  
DON'T BRING LATEX ITEMS TO SCHOOL.**