



THE CITRUS BOBCHAT

Citrus Elementary School

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IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 9.....PTA 6PM

Feb 12.....Lincoln's Birthday Observed – No School

Feb 15.....President's Day – No School

Feb 25.....Pink Shirt Day



PINK SHIRT DAY

On Wednesday, February 24th, all Citrus School students are encouraged to wear pink as we join other Chico Unified Elementary Schools and stand up to bullying! The tradition of wearing pink to stand up to bullying was established when two high school boys in Nova Scotia purchased pink shirts and handed them out to classmates after they had heard that a new male student at their school had been bullied for wearing a pink shirt. With the theme of *Be the One*, our students will be asked to pledge to *be the one* willing to stand up when they see bullying. We know that when one stands up, others will follow. Standing up can mean saying something to those involved in the moment, inviting the targeted student to join in inclusive activities, or reporting to adults at home and school. This is one way we can all impact the kind of school we want to create for one another. We also invite staff and family members to join in wearing pink as a sign of standing up to bullying. All students will receive an 'I Stand Up to Bullying' sticker.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Have you received or seen an attendance letter in your child's backpack? If so, these forms are used to *clear an unverified absence*. Please fill out and return these forms with your child to the school as soon as possible. Remember, an *unverified absence* is *un-excused* and your child is considered *truant* if they acquire just 3 '*unexcused*' absences. If you have any questions regarding an absence or your child's attendance record, please feel free to call and speak with Lisa in the office. 891-3107 x131.



ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY

Attached to the newsletter is the annual parent survey. Your responses to the survey are used to help us to continue to meet the needs of our students and their families. Please complete and return the survey to your child's teacher by Friday, February 19, 2016. Rest assured that your responses are completely confidential. Thank you for helping us to improve your child's educational experience and success.

PTA 2016-2017 BOARD MEMBERS

Citrus would like to thank the following parents for stepping up and becoming new board members for the upcoming year.

President: T.J. Patel

Secretary: Melissa Council

Treasurer: Dana Collins

Auditor: Shelia Anderson

Membership: Open

Historian: Open

Parliamentarian: Open



We still have open positions available, if interested please join us at the next PTA meeting on February 9th.

INSURANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

Ampla Health, a community health center in Chico, is offering at no cost, health insurance application assistance for Covered California and Medi-Cal. We are in the final month of "Open Enrollment" for Covered California (Nov. 1 2015 thru Jan. 31, 2016). There is a penalty for adults and children that do not have affordable minimum coverage; both Covered California and Medi-Cal meet this requirement. For an appointment to apply for insurance or just to ask a question call Steve Naiman, (Bi-lingual) Certified Enrollment Counselor at Ampla Health Chico at 343-4395- Ext. 2281.

Reminder: Citrus is a latex free school. Please keep all those new toys at home.