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# Cougar News

## 2011-12: THE YEAR OF THE COUGAR

February 2012

**Welcome to Clinton,  
 where every Cougar  
 PRRRS with Pride!**

### HOODIES FOR SALE!

Now's your chance to get the Clinton Cougar Hoody you've been waiting for! We are taking pre-orders in the office until February 29th. Hoodies are \$25 each - Order now!



T-shirts will also be for sale Wednesday afternoons on the front lawn, starting Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, from 1:30 - 2:30. Sizes and sayings vary. **\$10 each**

### NEW BOOSTER SEAT LAW

Beginning January 2012, all children under the age of 8 \*OR\* under 4 feet 9 inches in height must be secured in a car seat or booster seat. Additionally, children under age 8 must be secured in the back seat. (The old law was age 6 or 60 pounds).

Thousands of children are injured or killed every year by safety seats that are improperly fastened by parents or caretakers. Remember, most collisions occur within a mile of the home - so buckle your child in a safety seat for every trip, no matter how short.

See Page 2 for more new California Laws for Parents!

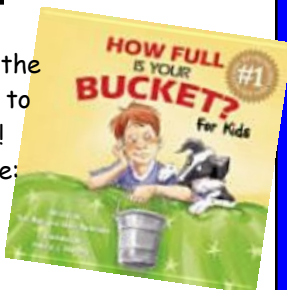
In January, Dr. Mitchell read another story about Bucket Filling to all of our classes. She invited all the kids in the school to make a New Year's Resolution to be a Bucket Filler every day, and they all said YES! Here are some of the resolutions our Cougars made:

"I will help!" - Randy

"I will make new friends." - Demetrio

"I will give someone a compliment." - Brooke

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 ARE  
 SPIRIT  
 DAYS!**

**WEAR  
 YOUR  
 COUGAR  
 OR KIDS  
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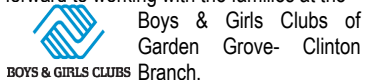
**BE  
 PROUD!**

### KIDS CLUB NEWS

**Introducing Elizabeth Lozano**  
 New Director of Clinton Kids Club



After getting my B.S. in Child and Adolescent Studies with a minor in Health Science from CSUF, I decided to join the Boys & Girls Club Of Garden Grove in 2006. My passion for making a difference in the kids and watching them grow drove me to pursue my career goals. I started as a club staff at Edgar Branch, and then later Patton Branch. I eventually transition into the role of the Coordinator for the REACH for Literacy Program. Shortly after being with REACH, I joined the Peters Elementary team as a Site Coordinator for the After School Program. My hope is with all the experience I've gained with BGC I can further develop my career goals and participate in the Masters program. I look forward to working with the families at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove- Clinton Branch.



### MATH BEE

Congratulations to third graders **Tina Huynh** and **William Hin** Clinton Math Bee champion and runner-up! They will be representing Clinton at the District Math Bee on Feb. 1st!



### 2012 Jumpstart Basketball Camp

In collaboration with Crosby Youth Athletic Association, this one-hour program will teach boys and girls basketball fundamentals which include shooting, passing, rebounding, and dribbling. All participants will receive a wristband, t-shirt, and a participation award. The program will begin on Friday March 16th, and meet every Friday for 8 weeks. Program cost: \$40 per child. Meeting Times:



- 1st - 3rd grade students 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- 4th - 6th grade students 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- 7th - 8th grade students 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Registration form must be signed by parent before participation.

**\*A minimum of 30 youth must be pre-registered by Thursday, March 1st or camp is subject to cancellation\***



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#### Important Dates:

- ☺ Feb. 1: District Math Bee
- ☺ Feb. 2: ICE CREAM RAFFLE
- ☺ Feb. 2: **COUGAR SPIRIT DAY**
- ☺ Feb. 3: NON-STUDENT DAY - NO SCHOOL
- ☺ Feb. 6: Preppy-K Begins in Room 504
- ☺ Feb. 6-7, 6:00-8:00 PM: K-8 Family Connection, Family Literacy Program @ Doig (Week 7)
- ☺ Feb. 7: ASSEMBLY "To Tell the Tooth" (Gr. 2)
- ☺ Feb. 7-8: GATE Testing
- ☺ Feb. 8: Turn in Cougar Cards for 100s Clubs
- ☺ Feb. 10: Cougar Cards 100s Clubs announced at Flag Assembly
- ☺ Feb. 10: 100 Cougar Cards Extended Recess
- ☺ Feb. 10: **COUGAR SPIRIT DAY**
- ☺ Feb. 13: Lincoln's Birthday - NO SCHOOL
- ☺ Feb. 15: 200 Cougar Card Extended Electronics Recess
- ☺ Feb. 16, 5:30-7:30: Parent Night
- ☺ Feb. 17: ASSEMBLY- GRIP (5th Grade)
- ☺ Feb. 17: FIELD TRIP - Performing Arts Center (5th Grade)
- ☺ Feb. 17: FIELD TRIP - Whale Watching (2nd Grade)
- ☺ Feb. 17: Pennies for Patients Fund Drive begins (ends 3/9/12)
- ☺ Feb. 17: **COUGAR SPIRIT DAY**
- ☺ Feb. 20: President's Day - NO SCHOOL
- ☺ Feb. 21: K-8 Family Connection, Family Literacy Program @ Doig (Week 8)
- ☺ Feb. 24, 8:00 AM: BE PROUD Awards
- ☺ Feb. 24: 300 Cougar Cards Lunch with the Principal
- ☺ Feb. 24: FIELD TRIP - Disneyland Resorts Salutes the American Band @ Don Wash Auditorium (2nd Grade)
- ☺ Feb. 24: Spring Fundraiser Begins (through 3/12/12)
- ☺ Feb. 24: **COUGAR SPIRIT DAY**
- ☺ Feb. 27: FIELD TRIP - Discovery Science Center (5th Grade)
- ☺ Feb. 27-28, 6:00-8:00 PM: K-8 Family Connection, Family Literacy Program @ Doig (Week 9)
- ☺ Feb. 28: R.I.F. Book Give-Away
- ☺ Feb. 28: 8:15 - Pastries with the Principals
- ☺ March 2: FIELD TRIP - Dana Point (4th Grade)
- ☺ March 2: ICE CREAM RAFFLE
- ☺ March 2: **COUGAR SPIRIT DAY**
- ☺ March 5-6, 6:00-8:00 PM: K-8 Family Connection, Family Literacy Program @ Doig (Week 10)
- ☺ March 6: CST Writing Test (Gr. 4)
- ☺ March 7: Turn in Cougar Cards for 100s Clubs
- ☺ March 7: Emergency Disaster Drill
- ☺ March 8: FIELD TRIP to Doig (Gr. 6)
- ☺ March 8: 5:30-7:30 Parent Night
- ☺ March 9: Cougar Cards 100s Clubs announced at Flag Assembly

# GET TO SCHOOL SAFELY

With over 4,000 children and teens coming to school at the same time on the same little corner, it's really important for all of us to keep them safe. We can all do our part by making sure we drop off our kids safely, and **drive safely on the roads**. Please show your support for our new Arrival Plan, and encourage others to do the same. If you would like more information about our Parent Greeter Program, please contact Sergio Alvarado - email: [sergiogreeter@gmail.com](mailto:sergiogreeter@gmail.com) or call: (714) 489-5482



easy ways to earn cash for our school!

Bring your **BOX TOPS** to your teacher or the office. Each one earns **10¢ for our school!**

## NEW CALIFORNIA LAWS



### FOR PARENTS



Effective Jan. 2012

**Buckle-Up Law:** All children under age 8 or under 4 feet 9 inches in height must be properly buckled into a safety seat or booster in the back seat. The cost of a ticket could be more than \$475 per child; the fine for a second offense could be more than \$1000 per child.

**Children Left in Vehicle:** A child 6 years old or less may not be left alone in a vehicle. The child must be supervised by someone who is at least age 12. The cost of a ticket could be more than \$475.

**Smoking in a Vehicle:** Smoking in a vehicle is prohibited if a child under 18 is present.

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**Helmets:** Children under age 18 who are skating or riding on a bicycle, scooter, or skateboard must wear a properly fitted and fastened helmet.

All drivers and passengers on a motorcycle must wear a helmet that meets federal standards, fits correctly, and has the proper label.

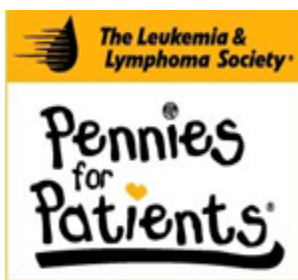


## SMALENTINES

Valentine Smencils are HERE! 5th graders will be selling "Smalenties" for \$1 each on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:40-7:55 until Valentine's Day! 5th graders say, "Buy a lot!"

## PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

Continuing in our Bucket Filling work, our Student Council has teamed up with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to collect spare change to donate toward cancer research. The class collecting the most pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters will win a **PIZZA PARTY!** The fund drive is Feb. 17 - March 9, 2012.



### More New Years Resolutions to be Bucket Fillers

- "I will say thank you to the cafeteria ladies!" - Christopher
- "I will stop littering." - Ruben
- "I am going to play with the kids who are alone." - Emily
- "I will be a bucket filler by making people laugh." - David
- "I will come to school with a positive attitude." - Peter
- "I promise to think about what I'm going to do before I do it." - Alberto

## A CLINTON COUGAR PRRRS WITH PRIDE!

### Be Safe

Do and say things that keep people and their feelings free from danger or harm.

In January, we were looking for Cougars displaying safety. Congratulations to each of these students who were specially selected by their teachers:

#### Kindergarteners

Jennifer Vargas  
Jazmin Zacarias  
Betania Bahena  
Diego Morales  
Miguel Chavez  
Jasmine Canales

Samantha Huls  
Daniel Ramirez

#### 2nd Graders

Gabriel Miller  
Naydelin Camacho  
Maria Luna  
Nathan Diaz

#### 1st Graders

Nagely Leanos  
Gael Lemus  
Alexis Gonzalez  
Crystal Ortiz  
Miriam Contreras  
Jacob Buck

Angel Flores  
Emma Requejo  
Dariela Del Toro  
Marytza Negrete  
Leslie Zapien  
Jason Carrillo

#### 3rd Graders

Mariah Cervantes  
Brandon Le  
Deysi Vasquez  
Eric Angeles  
Emily Gonzalez  
Quang Nguyen

#### 4th Graders

Janai Villegas  
Ryan Negrete  
Leslie Alonso  
Jesus Flores  
Kelly Nguyen  
Denisse Gallegos

#### 5th Graders

Omar Alvarez  
Jazminne Garcia  
Jazmin Cielo  
Anthony Cisneros  
Toby Sanchez

#### 6th Graders

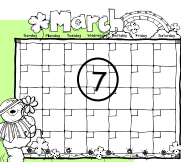
Jocelyn Amador  
Jennifer Parra  
Roberto Diaz  
Bryan Rivera  
Brisa Espinoza

In February, we are on the prowl for Pride. Awards will be announced on Friday, February 24th at our regular 8:00 Flag Assembly.

### Be Proud

Feel satisfaction and esteem for yourself or someone else for doing something good.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



It's almost that time of year again! Time to enroll our newest class of Kindergarteners! Children who will be **age 5 by November 1, 2012** may enroll for Kindergarten from 8:30 AM 12:00 PM, and 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM beginning on March 7th. When you come to enroll your child, please bring all of the following documents:

- Your child's birth certificate;
- Immunization Records; and
- Proof of Residence.

Please call our school office if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting you and our students-to-be!

Be Proud  
Be Respectful  
Be Responsible  
Be Resourceful  
Be Safe