

# The Calabash FLASH



Calabash Elementary School

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The Calabash Community Values Respect, Responsibility and Honesty

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As parents and educators it is our responsibility to build character in our children. As we work on the six pillars of character, we can help children develop the **trait of courage** (Virtue of the Month for January) by using the **six Es**.

1. **Explain it.** Talk about what courage means. Give some examples.
2. **Examine it.** Look for examples of courage. Did a character in a book or TV show display courage with his/her actions? Point it out. Talk about it with your child.
3. **Exhibit it.** Your personal example is still the strongest way you teach.
4. **Encourage it.** Help your child think about ways he/she can be courageous. Did he/she do something that you have noticed and appreciate when they showed the courage to do the right thing?
5. **Expect it.** Set clear expectations of what your child can do to be courageous especially when it comes to peer pressure.
6. **Evaluate it.** How is your child doing? After a few weeks, talk again.

Courage doesn't just happen. Together we build it, develop it, nurture it and most important of all, we **model** it. As adults, our actions often times speak louder than our words.

May this new year bring you and your family the music of laughter and the warmth of friendship.

Sincerely,

Esther Gillis, Principal

## The Holiday Boutique was Great !!!

Thanks to all of the fabulous volunteers for the Holiday Boutique. It was a huge success with lots of happy kids! Thanks Felicia Jackson, Linda Larks, Trisha Gallina, Jeanette Straschewski, Akram Guivatchian, Claudia West, Gayle Oxstein, Afi Nematollahi, Leanne Doi, Kelly Kaufman, and Ku'uipo Dalton.

And a **big huge thank you** to Melinda Pittler for making it happen!!!

# WHAT'S NEW

## IN THE CALABASH COMPUTER LAB?



The Kindergarten and Grade 1 have developed strong skills in computer basics. The Kindergarten kids have mastered eye hand coordination, logging in, and click & drag mouse controls. They will be using the internet to review Math and English this month. The First graders will be introduced to MS Word this month-A BIG STEP! The Second graders are working on a Power Point project - a Family tree presentation. They will be learning all the basics to Power Point. The Third graders are finishing an Invitation and Menu project. They will be starting on a project with the Unit- Imagination. They will be imagining themselves as someone or something else; then they will create/draw a picture and compose a poem. The Fourth graders are doing research on the Unit-Medicine; they will make a final presentation using Power Point.



By: Kindergarten student: Kaveh Room 12

The Fifth graders are working on a Webpage about their Heritage. It will be exciting to see a webpage all about their ancestry. Grades 3-5 have been working on their keyboarding skills.

Parents can actively be a part of the learning by logging onto the Calabash Homepage at [www.calabashelementary.com](http://www.calabashelementary.com); and clicking on the Computer Lab link. There is access to keyboarding practice, kid friendly search engines, the email site, the homework site, and the Online Classroom page. Questions? Email Ms. Diana Agustin: [dagustin@computerwisekids.com](mailto:dagustin@computerwisekids.com) or call 818-206-2628.



By Second Grade Student: Jaden Room 08

The Computer Lab is run with PTA funds -\$25,000 annually. Please **INVEST** in your child's education to continue these programs.

Here is how you can help.

### Invest In the Calabash Computer Lab by donating the following:

|   | Item                            | Investment  |
|---|---------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Computer Tuition for your Child | \$ 100.00   |
| 2 | Printer Paper                   | \$50.00   |
| 3 | Printer Ink                     | \$50.00   |
| 4 | MS Office Suite (student ver.)  | \$150.00 allows 3 computers a license.                |
| 5 | Old Computers                   | Bring them in; we will fix them at no cost to school. |
| 6 | Computer Hardware (memory etc.) | \$50.00   |

Make checks payable to the Calabash PTA and please write a note stating: **COMPUTER PROGRAM**

# Thank You

*For your generosity and gifts to the Computer Lab*

**Bardoul Family (Enzo & Louis Grade 2)**

Donated used Computers for Rooms 3, 16, 19.

**Gustavson Family (Ella Grade 2)**

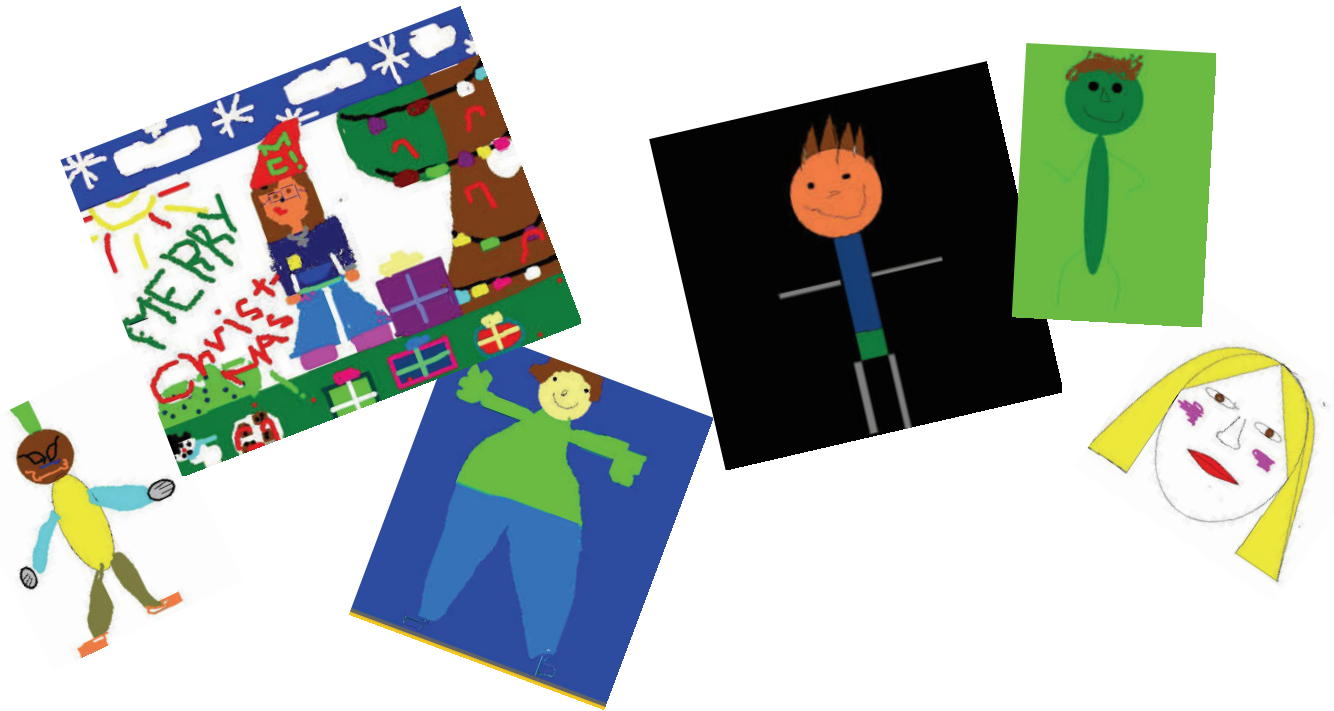
Donated a used Computer for Room 19

**Larks family (Cambria Grade 2)**

Donated 2 Printers/Scanners rooms 18 & Computer Lab

**Ifthikar Family (Gibran Grade 1)**

Donated 3 used Computers



Used Computers, printers, scanner are updated/ fixed by The Lal Family and put into use for the Calabash Classrooms. Each classroom should have working computers/printers and internet access. With the LAUSD budget crisis, we are relying on parent's generosity.

**Invest in your kid's education GIVE to the VOICE fund.  
Don't let the Programs end.  
Donate and Invest TODAY!**

## These Calabash Families are Making a Difference:

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| The Adeli Family                  | The Arabi-Green Family            |
| The Baral Family                  | The Budow Family                  |
| The Gallina Family                | The Garry Family                  |
| The Gluska Family                 | The Gunatilaka-Wijetilleke Family |
| The Krausz Family                 | The Lovrich Family                |
| The Manuel-Steertz Family         | The Michaelson Family             |
| The Nematollahi-Soltanpour Family |                                   |
| The Neville Family                | The Perkins Family                |
| The Popovich Family               | The Salehi Family                 |
| The Shokoohiazar Family           | The Stern Family                  |
| The Vanoni Family                 | The Weber Family                  |
| The Wong Family                   |                                   |

They have generously contributed/pledged a total of \$7550.

**Join them and Donate Today.** Let's work together to keep our computer instruction, art trek program, and our books and beyond program at Calabash. Please give to the VOICE Fund today. Any amount makes a difference.

Drop off your payment in the school office. For more information, please e-mail: [voicfund@calabashelementary.com](mailto:voicfund@calabashelementary.com).



## Order Your Calabsh Yearbook NOW and SAVE \$\$\$

Don't miss this great once of the life time opportunity to order your Yearbook today and save 40% (\$22.00 offer will end March 31).

You know you are going to order it, you know you want to order it and you know your child/children will make you order it, so why not take advantage of this great saving and order it today.

This will be the most wonderful memory that your child/children will keep with her/him, give them the gift of memory and make them proud of their school and the young and amazing years the spent at Calabash Elementary.

Yas Adeli, Yearbook coordinator

P.S. Did I mention to order your yearbook today!!!!

# Events

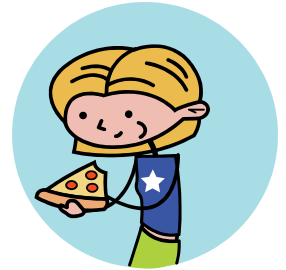
## This week...

Monday - Friday: Enrichment Classes Begin. Don't miss out on the exciting, fun, educational classes offered in this 8 week session. Sign ups still available for some classes.

Monday, 1/26: **Coffee and Conversation with the principal** 8:30 am auditorium

Tuesday, 1/27: **Books & Beyond lunch** with the principal

Tuesday & Friday: **Pizza and Snack Sales NEW SCHEDULE!!!** Beginning this week, every Tuesday and Friday, Calabash will be selling pizza and snacks after school. All items \$1.00



Thursday, 1/29:



**Last Day to order See's Candy!**

**Acapulco Restaurant. Day.** Download restaurant flyer from [www.calabashelementary.com](http://www.calabashelementary.com)  
Also, purchase or email order Acapulco \$25 restaurant gift cards and double dip on fundraising for Calabash. Order direct @ [giftcards@calabashelementary.com](mailto:giftcards@calabashelementary.com)

## Save the date...

**Candy Grams:** - Look for order forms in your child's folder next week. Order grams by **Feb. 6** for delivery on Feb 13.



**President's Day February 16-** No School

**Tour Dates - 2/18; 3/18; 4/22** - Tell all your neighbors and friends with school aged kids to come and check us out. Please call 623-7266 for more information.



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**[www.calabashelementary.com](http://www.calabashelementary.com)**

Thanks for supporting our efforts to go green and save paper by registering your e-mail address

## **Calabash Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes January 21, 2009**

- I. Call to order – 7:00 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Teacher Representatives – Mrs. D'Antonio and Mrs. Kelly – nothing to report.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer not present
  - a. Warrants – all outstanding warrants were approved (1745-1750).
- V. New Business
  - a. See's Candy Fundraiser – order forms have been sent out. See's Candygram sales to begin 2/5 with delivery scheduled for Fri. 2/13 (stuffed raccoon plus candy bar - \$5).
  - b. Spring Cleaning Fundraiser – LA Consignment Sale. We will be collecting gently used DVDS, toys, baby items/furniture, books. It is suggested that the collection begins week of 2/16. Sale takes place at LA Consignment 3/26-3/29.
  - c. Enrichment – need more students to sign up for Basketball and Arts & Crafts classes. Flyer going out Thursday to remind people to sign up for classes, which begin week of 1/26.
  - d. School Tour Dates are scheduled for 2/18, 3/18, 4/22.
- VII. Principal's Report (Ms. Averill)
  - a. Calabash teachers take courses in teaching to gifted students and are just as well-experienced as schools that have the SAS designation, so parents considering coming to Calabash vs. other schools shouldn't be concerned.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned – 7:50 pm