



Cherrywood Elementary School

Learning for a Lifetime

A Glenn Hoffman Award School

A California Distinguished School

Bay Area Best of the Best Gold Award 2020, 2021, & 2022

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School website:
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CURRENT CHARGER EVENTS:

12/1-12/22
SILENT AUCTION

12/13/22

HSC BOARD MEETING @ 5PM
Meeting ID: 847 6478 5823
Passcode: SSCHSC23

12/15/22
PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE @8:45AM
Meeting ID: 813 0954 7643
Passcode: COFFEE22

12/21/22
HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG
(VIRTUAL) @ 6:30PM

12/22/22
MINIMUM DAY

12/23-30/22 - 1/1-6/23
WINTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL

1/11/23
MIPAC MEETING @5PM
Meeting ID: 883 0680 8139
Passcode: MIPAC23

1/13/23
SPIRIT ASSEMBLY
– STUFFED ANIMAL DAY

FLAG SALUTERS:

Elayna C., Alejandro V.

SPIRIT DAY WINNER:

Twin Day – Ms. Chan's Class

WE ARE READER WINNERS:

Hannah N., Timothy Z., Matthias F.,
Antonio B., Yingying L., Julianne L.,
Olivia H., Owen Y., Kaiden R.,
Asher C., Qiyang Z., Liam G.,
Narayan A., Kaitlyn T., Kimberly L.,
Evan Z., Kimberly B.,
Kenneth N., Kristen A., Vinnie T.,
Kandai S., Max G., Makenzie K.

FREE COVID-19 HOME TEST KITS
Pick up at the front office and upload
your results to My Primary Health:



COMMUNITY COVID-19 TESTING
BUSD is excited to be partnering
with Campus Clinic to provide
COVID-19 testing for our community
at our District Office, Mondays-
Fridays from 7:00 am - 4:00 pm.
Click [HERE](#) for more information.

OTHER RESOURCES FOR YOU:

- [ANCCS Competition Registration](#)
- [Student Digital Library Card](#)
- [FREE SJPL Hotspots For School](#)

QUICK LINKS:

[Cherrywood HSC](#)
[When to keep ill students home](#)
[COVID-19 Guidelines](#)
[2022-2023 School Year Calendar](#)
[2022-2023 Bell Schedule](#)
[Common Dress Policy](#)
[Volunteer Application Form](#)
[Student Nutrition Services](#)
[Cherrywood Library](#)
[Classroom Wish Lists](#)

LOST AND FOUND

Our **Lost & Found** rack is **OVERFLOWING!** Please go through the rack in search of missing items. The rack will be at the front gate of the school every **Friday**.



ANY LEFTOVER ITEMS WILL BE DONATED ON DECEMBER 22nd.

DISTRICT HOTLINE

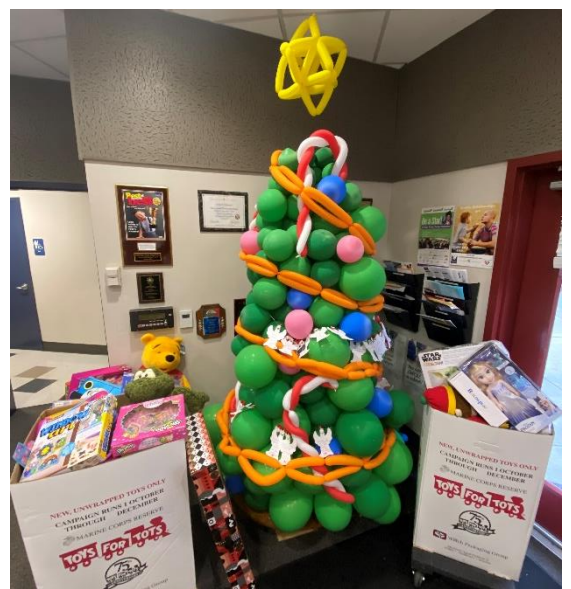
If you need additional assistance to understand a document that was sent home, please call the District Office.
(408) 923-1901 (Chinese)
(408) 923-1902 (Spanish)
(408) 923-1903 (Vietnamese)

*A translator will contact you to help you understand the document.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Cherrywood Parents and Students,

Seasons Greetings! As we are in the midst of the holiday season and a season of giving, I am very thankful for the partnership that we have with all of you. Most recently, the generosity of families during our Dining for Dollars events and Toys for Tots Toy Drive has been incredible. To date, we have raised over \$2,500 for our school during our Dining for Dollars days. And, we collected three boxes of toys that were overflowing for our toy drive. We definitely doubled in the number of toy donations that we received for children in need this year. This speaks volumes to who we are as a school community and the messages that we are giving our students about the importance of giving. I also want to once again thank all of our volunteers who continue to give so much of their time to our school. We are so thankful for all of the parent volunteers who have come in this week to help with activities such as reading in the classroom, decorating grade level trees, directing morning traffic, prepping classroom materials, chaperoning field trips, making the beautiful balloon tree in the Office, and helping students prepare for the Holiday Sing-A-Long. It definitely takes everyone's time and energy for all of this activity to happen. I am looking forward to the next couple of weeks as we continue to enjoy the holiday season together as a school community.



Partners in Education,
Mrs. Choy

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Please help remind your student(s) to bring back their books weekly on their library day. Sometimes they have a popular book that other students also want to check out. We want to be able to share the library collection of books with everyone. Let's do our part to bring back our books. Thank you!



SILENT AUCTION

Looking for the perfect holiday gift? Explore our online auction for unique one-of-kind packages and experiences! Fun items include letting your child be the teacher, picnic with the principal, afterschool cricut workshop with the librarian and so much more. Find great deals and support our school's STEM Enrichment Programs at the same time. Bid now using this [LINK](#) or click [HERE](#) for more information.

ANGEL TREE

HSC is inviting Cherrywood families to visit our first **Angel Tree** at the front office. The holiday tree has wish tags written by teachers/staff, angels in disguise who tirelessly dedicate themselves to nurturing our children. Spread some holiday cheer this season by grabbing a tag and fulfilling the wishes with your friends and family. All gifts should be wrapped and returned to the office, labeled with the angel number, by **December 16, 2022**. Click [HERE](#) to learn how you can participate.



HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG



Cherrywood Families are invited to watch the **Holiday Sing A Long** on **Wednesday 12/21 at 6:30 pm**. All classes will be participating. Click [HERE](#) for the Zoom link information.

WINTER READING AT THE SAN JOSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

San José Public Library (SJPL) looks forward to connecting with schools, youth and families citywide to highlight the annual **Winter Reading** program, **January 1-31, 2023**. Start the new year with a fun program to encourage reading, learning and literacy. Pre-registration runs **December 12–31** and is open to all age groups and their family members for **FREE!** No library card needed! Click [HERE](#) for the bilingual flyer information.

LUNAR NEW YEAR EVENT VOLUNTEERS

HSC will be hosting **Lunar New Year** festivities on **1/27/23 & 1/30/23**. We are in need of several volunteers to help with activity booths from **8:30am - 11:30am** on both dates. Please contact volunteer@cherrywoodhsc.org if you are interested.

YEARBOOK

HSC is excited to create the first full color yearbook with over 50 pages of school memories! Order your **Cherrywood yearbook** during the **pre-sale** from now until **12/31/22** to get the **early bird discount**. Send your **\$25** payment [HERE](#) (note student's full name, grade, and teacher). In addition, HSC is hosting a yearbook cover art contest open to all students. Artwork must be submitted to your homeroom teacher by **1/13/23**, click [HERE](#) for details.



COME TO SCHOOL ON TIME DAILY!

"Chronic lateness eventually takes its toll on a child's overall educational experience. According to the national initiative Attendance Works, missing just 10 percent of the school year in the early grades causes many students to struggle in elementary school, and lateness in later grades is associated with increased failure and dropout rates." (*Effects of Tardiness on Your Child's Education* by Rachel Pancare, StudioD) What does this all mean? The Cherrywood staff wants our students to **come to school ON TIME EVERY DAY ready to learn, succeed and achieve**. We need your help in getting your child here on time. Parents with students with excessive tardies will be notified. If your child is sick and unable to attend school, please make sure to call the school Office (408) 923-1915. When parents don't call, students will be marked unexcused. Too many unexcused absences and tardies will result in a truancy note. Let's reduce the number of UNEXCUSED absences and tardies. Also, students are rewarded with music on the playground when there are 0 tardies for the day. Let's make this the goal for the new trimester. So far, we have not had a tardy free day yet.

