

Merced Scholars Charter School

January 3, 2005



SCHOOL NEWS

Things we've done!

We had our 2nd field trip of the year on December 3rd to Merced College. It was a great experience. Thanks to Sue Stetler who did all the planning and thanks to all those who gave us their time. Students learned a lot and saw a lot.

On December 7th we had popcorn and soda's and watched Spiderman 2 all while making snowflakes. We had hoped more would attend, but all those who came sure enjoyed themselves. We also ended our "Food for Families" food drive. It was a great success which ended with some students and teachers bringing all the food to Raleys, who sponsors the drive. A big THANKS to all for giving!

As we start a new year, 2005, we look forward to more growing, giving and learning.

We have three major goals for our school:

- most Up-To-Date Education
- community Service
- growth

UP-TO-DATE EDUCATION

We are looking forward to opening our computer room, and lab this semester. Students may come and do their assignments here with others, depending on how busy the day is, or they may be alone in the computer room. Either way, they are welcome to be here! There will always be a staff member here to keep them safe and help them should the need arise. They may do research on the computers to help them with their assignments.

We have been working with the Arts Council to provide students another opportunity. Art classes will start on January 20th. There will be a 6 week block session from 2:30PM-4PM. The first 3 week block will be clay and the second 3 week block will be painting/drawing. Please contact your teacher to take this class. It is free!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We have many opportunities to give community service. Our major undertaking this year is the Relay for Life. This is a cancer walk on April 23rd and 24th in Merced. We will have the opportunity to raise money for this good cause and also stretch our legs. It is a 24 hour relay. Our hope is to get 24 students, family and friends on our team. Each one will raise at least

\$100.00 and walk for one hour during the 24 hours. The school is donating the \$500.00 sponsorship cost. If we are able to do this we could raise \$2400.00. We see this as very attainable and worthwhile challenge. We will be having fundraisers to help students raise \$100.00. If you are interested, please sign up NOW with the Secretary, Lori Corrigan. We hope to make this an annual event.

GROWTH

We are continuing to grow. We would like each of you to spread the word about Merced Scholars Charter School. It is important for two reasons:

- we want to see every child get the best education.
- we want our Charter School to be here year after year

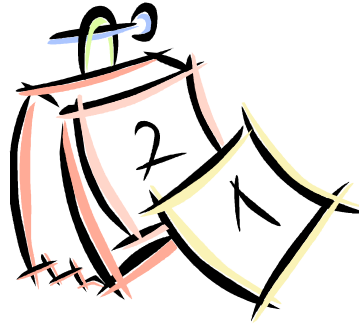
Right now we have 38 students. We have so much to offer other students, so please help us spread the word.

We are in the process of writing a middle school grant that should be applicable next year. If you know any 6th-7th grade students who would do well with us, please let them know for next year.



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Cisco Field Trip
- ◆ Report Cards
- ◆ Name our Mascot Contest



NAME OUR MASCOT

We already have our colors, Blue and White. Now we need a Mascot. Do you have an idea, suggestion or thought? Teachers will have a form for you to write down your idea, and then we will select the top 3 from those submitted and let all students vote on their final choice. Whoever comes up a winner gets a page in the yearbook and prize!

REPORT CARDS

Report cards have been sent out and a copy will be given to your student when he/she comes in to see their teacher in January. Our students did very well. Three cheers to all of you. We would like to recognize some students for outstanding work.

All A's

Alex Corrigan, Kaitlyn Corrigan, Ashley Ellis, Kirk Gadsby, Josiah Garcia, Sarah Garcia, Katie Mackey, Rachel Timmerman.

All A's and B's

Amanda Bible, Kristina Glass, Megan Mackey, Stephanie Mahoney, Tiffany Montgomery, Micah Navarro, Khrystyna Parreira, Giovanni Perez, Anthony Ramirez, Jillian Salazar, Carolyn Sanderson, Noemi Valenzuela, Ronald Welch.

Congratulations to these great students! Keep up the good work!

CISCO FIELD TRIP

January 28th at 12:30

Sue Stetler, our schools liaison with Merced College, is working on a field trip to the Cisco program that the college operates. *It is here in our building*, so you won't have to go far. This opportunity will give students the advantage of seeing how the program works first hand. Most high schoolers do not get this opportunity. There will be lunch served just before the tour starts, so be on time to get some terrific food!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 28th at 12:30



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