



BACKPACK EXPRESS

CROCKETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov. 9-20
Dollars For Dylan

Nov. 16-20
National
Educators Week

Nov. 17
Skate Night

Nov. 19-20
Pastries For
Parents

Nov. 25-27
Thanksgiving
Break

Dec. 2
PTO Meeting
(7:30 am)

Dec. 10
5th Grade Music
Program

Dec. 18
Winter Parties –
Noon Dismissal

Hello Crockett Families,

Thank you all for your generous support of the first week of our “**Dollars for Dylan**” campaign. We have raised over \$5400 dollars for our friend Dylan Young and his family! Please continue to send in your donations each day this week. Our campaign will end on Friday, Nov. 20th.

This week is **National Educators’ Week** and we look forward to honoring our wonderful teachers for their dedication to our children. Thank you to all the room parents who have planned the activities of this week.

We hope all families will plan to attend **Pastries for Parents** this Thursday and Friday at 7:30am. Last names beginning with A-L are encouraged to attend on Thursday and M-Z on Friday.

Directories have arrived from the printer and are ready for distribution! They will be sent home to all families who joined PTO at the end of this week. If you did not join PTO and would like to purchase a \$5 directory, please contact Michelle Suggs at dmsuggs4@comcast.net.

In an effort to make our PTO meetings accessible to all parents, we have changed the time of our **Dec. 2nd PTO meeting to 7:30am**. Free childcare will be provided by SACC in the cafeteria, and the meeting will be in the library. We hope you will note this time change and plan to attend.

Have a great week.

Crockett PTO

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

Calling All Outdoor Volunteers!

Come brave the cold and join the fun on Saturday, December 5th, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon. The Landscaping Committee will be working to get the school property in shape for the winter season. We will be removing any plants, cleaning up the flower beds and decorating the front. We welcome any and all neutral decoration donations and volunteers. For questions, please contact Tess Stocker (tess@stocker.us) or Janice Rewers (jrewers@hotwater.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

DOLLARS FOR DYLAN

Dear Crockett Families,

We want to tell you about a special child that has touched many hearts since he came to Crockett. His name is Dylan Young and he is in Mrs. Toney's Kindergarten class. Dylan is a sweet and loving child that positively affects all of his peers. He loves his friends, school, and doing whatever he can to make people laugh! Dylan also suffers from HME, hemimegalencephaly, one side of the brain is severely malformed, causing developmental delays and seizures. This disorder affects only 4 children born each year. In December, Dylan will be having a surgery in Boston that will hopefully relieve him of his seizures giving his "good side" of his brain the chance to show us what it can really do. It's possible for him to wake up talking, and shortly after, walking. Dylan and his family will be in Boston for a minimum of 6 weeks for recovery before returning home.

In an effort to assist Dylan's family with the enormous costs of the surgery and living expenses involved, we are starting a campaign called "Dollars for Dylan." It will begin Monday, November 9th and last through Friday, November 20th. You can help Dylan and his family by donating dollars or spare change. Your child's teacher will collect money every day throughout the 2 week period. Please consider this an opportunity to teach your child about the importance of helping others and making a difference. Encourage your child to do things around the house to earn money for Dylan. We appreciate any support you and your family can give to further Dylan's progress.

Sincerely,
Crockett PTO



BOOK FAIR THANK YOU

Thanks! THANK you! THANK YOU ALL! From the Crockett Book fair committee and our librarian Mrs. Julia Andrews! We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the great families we have at Crockett! Due to you supporting your book fair and in turn your school, we had the greatest book fair EVER! Through your donations, we raised \$100 for "Toys for Tots" and that amount was matched by Scholastic. Therefore, the total amount of \$200 was donated in our name to that organization. We were able to purchase over 400 new books for our school library, many books were purchased for our classroom libraries, and many books were purchased for your home library. In addition, Accelerated Reader tests were purchased for all the books that had tests available. Other thanks go out to all of the WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS who helped make the entire week run smoothly and our set-up/breakdown the quickest ever. Thanks again for your overwhelming support, and we look forward to our Spring Book Fair coming up February 22-26.

- Julia Andrews, Library Media Specialist/Network Assistant

SKATE PARTY

Mark Your Calendars....Skate Party is coming next Tues, Nov. 17!!!!

4:30 - 6:30pm @ Brentwood Skate Center

We had a fantastic turnout in September. 106 Crockett students attended. Mrs. Birdwell's 4th grade class won the donut party for having the most students from her class attend. We want this months to be even BIGGER & BETTER!!!! There will be lots of games and prizes and FUN! So grab your friends and your skates and come.

Make sure to sign in at the Crockett table and put your name in the bucket for the prize drawings. A Donut Party will be awarded again to the class with the most attendance. Remember, you can rent skates at B'wood Skate Ctr. Many Thanks for your support!

- Connie Williams & Nicole Klooster, Skate Party Chairs



Middle School (YOUTH)

Fall Rugby Camp

Tower Park

Saturday and Sunday

Dec. 5th & 6th

5th thru 8th Grade - Boys and Girls

- Rainout/bad weather dates 12th & 13th •

Pre-registration information available at:

www.raptorrugby.net



Crockett Elementary Contact: Richard Boone at nashboones@comcast.net or call 615.218.6062 cell

Camp cost: \$30 (includes ball. & T-Shirt)

Camp Times: Saturday from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. and then on Sunday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

PLAY RUGBY

TRY!

RUN, PASS, SCORE

SCRUM!

RUCK & MAUL