Hello Educators,

Greetings from the PBL Project! For this (FREE!) Weekly Warm-up, I've put together a link that has several exercises that are perfect for the Holiday Season. Here it is: https://app.pblproject.com/students/public?id=41150

Here's a list of what you'll see on the page:

--several PBL Scenarios, including the very popular "Design a Toy" scenario I sent last week, as well as one about giving to charity and another that was inspired by McAdenville, NC (AKA "Christmas Town, USA") where students figure out ways their hometown can stand out... this does not have to be limited to a holiday theme

--a great STEM Challenge where students create a holiday-themed "pop-up" card (a bit trickier than you'd think)

--a Deductive Reasoning Task where students use logic (and a bit of math) to determine the going rates and availability of babysitters over the Holiday Break

--a fun RAFT Prompt where students become the "bad guy" in a famous story or fairy tale (think Captain Hook, Lord Voldemort, Lex Luthor, and so on), and then write to Santa to explain why they aren't so bad and still deserve gifts on Christmas

--a student favorite "Create a Caption" challenge where they view holiday-themed comics and try their luck at coming up with a better caption than the illustrator

If you are interested in joining the PBL Project, please remember that it goes FAR beyond the "Weekly Warm-ups" and into standard-based content. Here's a link that walks through everything the resource can do for you: https://app.pblproject.com/students/lessonplan/view?id=40559

Have fun! Please let me know if you have any questions or comments, or if there's anything else I can do.

Thanks,

Ben

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Ben Bache
The PBL Project, manager
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City Administrator Friday Letter

November 19, 2021

Focus on the safety and well-being of the community
Art of Good Government - Communication

- Welcome Robin Scattini - City’s Finance Manager. Robin has been with us for several years, is a resident, homeowner, parent of Carmel High students, and steward of an island median in the Village.
- Visit Carmel, during the public meeting, welcomed several new members to the Board. And adopted a budget that includes a new line item for Destination Stewardship. Hospitality giving back. Tim Twomey from CRA was present as well as Chief Caregiver Dale Byrne.
- Wednesday version next week - gearing up for substantial CC meetings in December.

- Audit on track. Sept/Oct TOT is due now. Property taxes received by the City in December. Sales tax receipts are steady.
- A reminder of Home Crafters Market Place. Thanks to our volunteers and staff that make this event so well organized and special.

- Get vaccinated.
- Take good care.

Holiday Shopping Starts Saturday!

Please join us for the 50th Homecrafters' Marketplace this Saturday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm in the North Lot of Sunset Center (Mission & 8th). We missed everyone last year so come and seek out your favorite vendor, l
know some of us already have our lists started! Then make your way up to the Upper Lot off San Carlos to visit some of our Thursday Farmers' Market vendors.

After those two stops don't forget that the Church of The Wayfarer and All Saints' Episcopal church are also having craft fairs.

It's a big day in Carmel-by-the-Sea and the weather is supposed to be beautiful for walking around.

What is a King Tide?

While the term "King Tide" isn't a scientific term, it is used to describe very high tides, caused when there is an alignment of the gravitational pull between sun, moon, and Earth. When King Tides occur during floods or storms, water levels can rise higher and have the potential to cause great damage to the coastline and coastal property.

King Tides:
- occur naturally and regularly,
- are predictable and expected, and
- are not an everyday occurrence.

The first King Tides of the season are December 4th & 5th and the California Coastal Commission would like your help with their California King Tides Project. This project will help the Coastal Commission visualize future sea levels by observing the highest tides of today.

Your participation is simple, on December 4th & 5th take and share your photos of the shoreline, these will be used to record changes to our coast and estuaries.

For more information visit the California Coastal Commission's website.

What's That Noise?

It's the Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) treatment plant replacing a 50-year-old tank with a smaller tank. The smaller tank requires piles for support so that noise is the pile driver.
The pile driving begins on Monday, November 29, and should take four (4) days.

If you have any questions, please contact CAWD at 831-624-1248.

New Visit Carmel Board Members

Congratulations to Greg Ahn and Candace Fecteau, Visit Carmel's newest Board members, as well as to Michael La Pier, who has been elected as an advisory board member.

Mr. Ahn is president and CEO of Folktale Group, which owns and operates Seventh & Dolores and Rise + Roam restaurants.

Ms. Fecteau is the general manager at Tradewinds Carmel hotel and Carmel Lodge (currently under renovation).

Mr. La Pier is the Executive Director at the Monterey Regional Airport.

Board members were elected to serve on the Visit Carmel Board of Directors at the November Board meeting. In addition to the new directors, Chip Rerig, Mary Crowe, and Pam Sheppard were renewed for an additional three-year term, and Carrie Theis was reappointed as an advisory member and City liaison.

Visit Carmel's Board is comprised of nine Directors: Six representing Carmel-by-the-Sea hotels, two representing a Carmel restaurant, and one representing the City of Carmel.

All Visit Carmel Board Meetings and Carmel Restaurant Improvement District Committee meetings are open to the public. Most meetings are taking place in person as well as on Zoom. Please contact Amy Herzog, 831.238.1849, if you would like to be added to the Agenda distribution list.

Visit Carmel

Thank you Carmel CERT.

Carmel CERT members provided traffic control, visitor safety, and health screenings at the Carmel Foundation's COVID-19 vaccination clinic this week.
This is one of the many ways Carmel CERT provides support to our community. The group reached a milestone this month with a total of 1006 cumulative hours of volunteer support.

Great work Carmel CERT, your support to the community is truly appreciated.

This Week in Public Works

**A Good Time to Plant New Trees**
As we head into Friday with, hopefully, more rain in the forecast, we planted five trees so far this week with four more new trees scheduled for today! And there will be many more tree plantings to come. Pictured below are a Western redbud, Coast live oak, and Douglas fir trees.

**Youth Center Volunteers**
To help us get ready for the 50th Homecrafter's Fair, 20 Carmel Youth Center volunteers supported Carmel Cares volunteers to clean up around Sunset Center's parking lots. They cleared out 10 contractor bags of leaves and weeds, as well as a big pile of tree branches and miscellaneous plant materials. They also continued preparing the Art Holman garden by removing a surprisingly large number of stones that are not part of the design. Things are really starting to shape up, and they are excited to start planting native and drought-tolerant plants soon.

**Sweeping for Sweepers**

In anticipation of funding to replace our old, and increasingly-unreliable street sweeper, we have been “sweeping” the marketplace to identify options and costs associated with modern, more technologically-advanced sweepers. First, we eliminated mechanical broom sweepers due to the abundance of pine
needles in the Village and will focus on vacuum sweepers. While not ruled out, all-electric vacuum sweepers seem to be the best approach but are much more costly upfront. This week, Owen Equipment gave Public Works a demonstration of a new Elgin street sweeper. The machine works great, but it is just too large for our Village. The sweep continues.

Fire Sprinkler Inspector

Congratulations to Facilities Supervisor Cleve Waters for completing his fire sprinkler inspection training program. Cleve now has the ability to perform semi-annual fire sprinkler inspections, at all six (6) of our fire-sprinklered buildings, at less cost than contracting these inspections out. Other certification programs are planned for other specialty testing and inspections needs.

Repairs Never End

Public Works repairs an awful lot of things. What kind of things (nobody ever asked)? Well, there are traffic signs, street name signs, concrete, brick, asphalt, and paver sidewalks, fencing, potholes, streets, berms, drainage pipes, median island walls, benches, doors, leaking roofs, generators, heating systems, lights, doors, windows, floors, bathroom fixtures, steps, *(Editor's note – there is no end to this list, so it’s time to move on!)*

Holiday Decorations!

With the annual tree lighting ceremony just weeks away, Public Works is supporting Community Activities in decorating Devendorf Park and the Ocean
Avenue medians. The vendor set up lights up to the top of the large Redwood tree. It's beginning to look a lot like the holidays.

City Offices Closed

All City offices, except Public Safety, will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holidays on Thursday, November 25, and Friday, November 26.

There will be no Farmers' Market on Thursday, November 25. They will return Thursday, December 2.

The National Institute for Crime Prevention held a continuing education seminar for architects, planners, and most importantly police officers this week at City Hall. Carmel PD both hosted and attended. The attendees evaluated the safety of several City buildings including HML, City Hall, and Sunset Center. We will be reviewing findings in the coming weeks with our police officers. Special thanks to SGT. Bruno, Commander Watkins, and Chief Uhler.

Have a Spartan (point-to-point) trail race on Sunday - Marin headlands start, across the Golden Gate Bridge, finish at Chrissy Field. Think especially good thoughts for about an two hours beginning at 9:00 am (Sunday) - I may need your support.

Thanks to everyone who will make tomorrow's Home Crafters' Marketplace amazing. See you there.

TGC, CR

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City Administrator Friday (Wednesday) Letter

November 24, 2021

· Wednesday edition of Friday vlog.
· Trivia question: Nancy Maria Donaldson Johnson invented ice cream (and received a patent for an ice cream maker in 1843). In what City did she do so?
· Announcements regarding internal promotions next week. We strive to promote from within. Thank you to your service.
· Thank you to Chief Uhler who has identified a Cal OES grant opportunity for hazard mitigation. Potential for an emergency generator at City Hall.
· Thanks to everyone who helped get HomeCrafters Marketplace back in the Village last weekend.
· Verizon appeal on 12.7.21.
· Carmel Resort Inn community presentation on 12.16.21 at Carpenter Hall.
· City Hall closed tomorrow and Friday.
· Thanks for PW and Community Activities for lights on Ocean Avenue.
· Menorah lighting at 4:30 pm and holiday tree lighting at dusk (5:15 pm according to Brandon) on Friday 12.3.21.

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The Farmers' Market is taking the holiday off, they will return Thursday, December 2.

The Library book drops will be closed so please hold onto your books, DVDs, and audios until Monday, November 29 when they re-open. Remember there are no fines!

We wish all of you a happy and safe Thanksgiving!
THANK YOU!
The Community Activities Commission and Community Activities Department would like to thank EVERYONE who helped make the 50th Homcrafters’ Marketplace a success. All the very talented craft vendors, Carmel Host Lions, Carmel Bakery, Raul, Cody, Alyssa, the Farmers’ Market vendors, Friends of the Library, commissioners, and staff (this year it was surprisingly warm at 4:30 am) and all of you who came out and shopped.

It was so nice to be back after missing last year and we look forward to seeing all of you in 2022.

Garland in Place

Thank you Cindy Lloyd for decorating the Arch for the holiday season.

Reserve Your Gingerbread House

Carmel Resort Inn (CRI) Community Presentation

On December 16th, at 5:00 pm, the development team for the proposed CRI renovation will be giving a second community presentation in Carpenter Hall at the Sunset Center. This presentation is intended to accommodate anyone in the community who is interested in learning more about the proposed project and providing early feedback. The development team will also be discussing responses to comments made at the first community presentation. As with the previous meeting, this is not a City organized or facilitated event.

This Week in Public Works
Mission Trail Nature Preserve Fire Fuel Abatement
The Mission Trail Nature Preserve Fire Fuel Abatement Project has begun along the west side of Willow Trail. Crews are removing dead brush, low branches, and weedy plants on the slope along the trail. Crews also removed two large dead pine trees. If you go walking at Mission Trail Nature Preserve, you will notice some large vehicles and equipment along Willow Trail. While the work is ongoing, please utilize another trail if you can to maintain everyone’s safety.
Next week, we will also begin fuel removal work below Flanders Mansion.

Short week here at City Hall; City Administrator Rerig not so sad that it’s so. We’ll be here to serve all your public safety needs during the holiday weekend, of course, and back on Monday to serve all your other municipal needs.

Hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and that you’re safe and sound and full of tryptophan.

Take good care. CR
Haha! That's right.

Although with our kids progressing as they are, it will definitely be a cause for celebration!!

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Hi there travelers,

The holidays are here again (already!) and that means gift giving, festive feasts, and get-togethers. But who says these can't be done on vacation?

There may be no place like home for the holidays, but traveling gives you the gift of new experiences, whether a Caribbean Christmas, Hanukkah in the Holy Land, or New Year's in a new place.

So say yes to a holiday trip—vacation days are a terrible thing to waste! We've got travel tips you may not know, the best places for festive celebrations, and the story of how one Aussie turned her distance from home into a holiday travel tradition.

May your travels be merry and bright,

—Max Funnerton

THE MOST FESTIVE DESTINATIONS FOR HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Trust me, these celebrations will make you forget all about the office holiday party.

LIGHT UP THE SEASON!
HOLIDAY TRAVEL TIPS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

It's no secret you should book early. But what do you do about presents? Or time changes?

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Can you guess which Caribbean country celebrates the entire month of December?

BELIZE NAVIDAD

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Invite a Native American author

During Native American Heritage Month, and throughout the year, our award-winning and highly acclaimed Indigenous authors are available for presentations about their books and culture.

Book a virtual or in-person visit today. Find out more about them and their 7th Generation novels below.
Brad Wagnon: *The First Fire, The Land of the Great Turtles* and *How the World Was Made*

- Brad (Citizen of Cherokee Nation), author and speaker, has ten years experience as a classroom teacher.
- Curates presentations on Cherokee Culture and history for all ages.
- Cherokee Storytelling.
- Certified secondary education teacher.

Contact information: bradwagnoncco@gmail.com
Gary Robinson: *Native American Night Before Christmas* and *Be Your Own Best Friend FOREVER!*

- Gary (Cherokee/Choctaw descent) creates content about the struggles and accomplishments of Native American peoples, past and present.
- Gary works to dispel false narratives about California history and California Native Americans.
- He worked for 35 years in the filmmaking industry.

Contact information at [https://tribaleyeproductions.com/](https://tribaleyeproductions.com/)
Alfreda Beartrack-Algeo: *The Day the Earth Rose Up*

Alfreda Beartrack-Algeo, an enrolled member of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe (Kul Wicasa Lakota) offers oriented presentations for pre-kindergarten through high school:

- Traditional Tobacco Toolkit: Keeping It Sacred.  
  - Traditional Tobacco Use and Native Americans.  
  - How Tobacco Came to Be: Origin Stories of Various Tribes.  
  - Cultural and Spiritual Uses.  
  - Birth of a Shape-Shifter: Healing & Protect versus Harm & Hurt.

- Oral Traditional Storytelling.

- Coming of Age Practices Amongst Various Tribes.

- Mni Wiconi: Sacred Water Teachings.

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Hi Kristin,

Here's the dates for the board, whether you could do this afternoon or Monday is fine, thanks!

Dec. 3 - Vacc. Clinic, 3:00-7:00 pm
Dec. 8 - PTA, 3:15
Dec. 9 - 4th/5th Choir Perf.
Dec. 10 - PTA Tree Lighting, 5:00 pm
Dec. 13-17 - Holiday Spirit Week
Dec. 14 - 5th Strings Perf.
Dec. 16 - 5th Band Perf.
Dec. 17 - Jan. 3 - Vacation

Thanks much!
Jay
President Biden signs $1.2tn infrastructure bill into law

President Joe Biden on Monday signed into law a $1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure package, at a White House event with lawmakers from both parties. "The bill I'm about to sign into law is proof that despite the cynics, Democrats and Republicans can come together and deliver results. We can do this. We can deliver real results for real people," Mr. Biden said, speaking from the South Lawn at the White House. The legislation will deliver $550 billion of new federal investments in America's infrastructure over five years, including money for roads, bridges, mass transit, rail, airports, ports and waterways. It also includes a $65 billion investment in improving the nation's broadband infrastructure, with one in four households expected to be eligible for a $30-per-month subsidy to pay for internet access. Additionally, $5 billion has been allocated for zero-emission buses, including thousands of electric school buses. The National School Transportation Association (NSTA) applauded the enactment of the bill, which included the original "Stop for School Buses Act." The bill calls for a comprehensive federal program for preventing illegal passing of school buses and requires the U.S. Department of Transportation to review illegal passing laws, penalties and levels of enforcement in all 50 states.
DISTRICTS

Native American leaders offer to help Riverside schools
Native American leaders and state lawmakers from the Inland Empire offered ideas to educators Monday for preventing another classroom incident like the one at a Riverside high school that produced a viral video and sparked widespread outrage. The ideas included boosting the hiring of Native American teachers, emphasizing ethnic studies, weaving Native American culture more prominently and accurately into history curriculum and working closely with area tribes to develop sensitive and informed teaching practices. They were shared at a Riverside USD board meeting. “We’re here because we recently had a sad reminder of the need to increase knowledge of Native American history and culture,” said Assembly Member James Ramos (D-Highland.) “A teacher wore a fake Indian headdress and hopped around a class in a misguided effort to help students remember math principles.” Ramos, a lifelong resident of the San Manuel Indian Reservation in San Bernardino County, is the first California Native American to serve in the state Assembly. Assembly Member Sabrina Cervantes (D-Corona) also participated. Superintendent Renee Hill said that Native American culture will need to be reflected more deeply, not only in history, but also in curriculum for language arts, art, music and other subjects. Hill said she intends to convene action teams to develop policies.

Oakland teachers express concerns over holiday COVID surge
Teachers in one of the East Bay's largest school districts are worried there's a holiday COVID-19 surge on the horizon, and are demanding that administrators act before it's too late. In Oakland USD, several teachers are so concerned they've documented what they say are red flags including crowded cafeterias and poor ventilation. A YouTube video that serves as testimony from eight teachers and staff members from various public schools in Oakland shows students eating indoors. Teachers said its been that way since the beginning of the school year. Oakland spokesperson John Sasaki said there will be school testing sites available next week and the weekend after Thanksgiving, adding: "We are also giving away 20,000 home tests for students to take and we’re asking them to test themselves on Sunday and then again on Wednesday."

CHARTER

Compton opens new state-of-the-art campus
KIPP Compton Community School, a TK-3* charter public school, recently celebrated the completion of its new Wolff Family Campus. Previously co-located at other schools, the new 33,790 sq ft building offers bright, spacious, classrooms fully equipped with state-of-the-art technology, a multi-purpose room, and turf-lined outdoor area with a play structure for kids of all ages. At the start of the 2021-2022 school year, KIPP Compton was fully enrolled with a population of more than 450 elementary students and their families.
EMPLOYMENT

English teachers should have anti-racist training, says NCTE
Prospective middle and high school English teachers should be trained to be anti-racist and to incorporate digital media in their curriculum, according to a new set of standards by the National Council of Teachers of English. The council’s standards for educators preparing to be English/language arts teachers in grades 7-12 were released last week, developed by an NCTE committee that is comprised of educators in both K-12 and higher education to be used in teacher education programs to determine the coursework for teacher candidates. Requirements for teacher candidates in the standards include: an ability to understand student identities and foster an inclusive learning environment, and to plan and implement relevant, standards-aligned, differentiated, and anti-racist instruction and assessment to help all students meet their learning goals. “It’s a map—it helps teachers think about what they want to teach and how they can teach it,” said LaMar Timmons-Long, a 10th grade English teacher in New York City and the secondary representative-at-large on NCTE’s executive committee.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Community colleges urged to support students complete courses
Amid declining enrollment, California’s community colleges should do more to help students in the system stay enrolled once they get there and complete their college goals, faculty and members of the statewide board of governors said Monday. During a meeting Monday of the board, which oversees California’s 116 colleges, members learned that in addition to enrollment being down dramatically across the colleges, students who do enroll rarely go on to complete a degree or certificate. Enrollment across the system’s colleges has plummeted during the pandemic. The system estimates that enrollment declined during the 2020-21 academic year by between 9.6% and 14.8%. The system has been unable to fully count its enrolled students, especially those who were taking noncredit courses online. The problem resulted in a report to the board on Monday explaining the range of the loss in student head count, which includes both full-time and part-time students. As a result, the system now reports its student head count at about 1.8m. Before the pandemic, it had long reported its enrollment at about 2.1m. Iulia Tarasova, a student member of the board of governors and a recent graduate from Sierra College north of Sacramento, said the system shouldn’t focus just on enrollment declines “without helping students stay enrolled by providing necessary resources.” Tarasova added that the overarching issue is “that students are struggling to continue their education.”

OTHER

Christmas tree sales proceeds fund ag-ed for kids
Proceeds from the sale of fresh-cut silver-tip fir trees from northern California by Petty Ranch will help fund ag-education and healthy eating programs for kids through Students for Eco-Education and Agriculture (SEEAG). The nonprofit aims to help young students understand the origins
of their food by bridging the gap between agriculture and consumption through its agricultural education programming. Trees must be pre-ordered by November 23 for pick up on November 27th.

*The Patch*

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Explore the Zoo by joining a Zoo educator in a Live Video Chat or in-person with a Science Investigation. We have a wide array of topics to choose from including Adaptations and Zoo Careers.

Cold Weather Adaptations

As the temperature drops students often ask, “What do animals do when it gets cold?” This is a great opportunity to begin a conversation on how animals adapt to their environments. There are several adaptations related to colder temperatures. Animals have physical adaptations such as fur and feathers and behavioral adaptations like hibernation and migration. These types of adaptations help them adjust during the winter months.

Work with your class to create lists of physical and behavioral adaptations. See if students can come up with animals that connect to specific adaptations.

Check out the videos below to see some of the Zoo’s animals. Listen closely and learn about a few of their adaptations.

Red Panda
Meerkats
Rock Hyrax

New Zoo Experience Package

Planning a field trip to the Zoo? Our new Zoo Experience Package is now available.
This special package includes admission, lunch, 1 ride/feed ticket and a 10:30 am dolphin presentation.

Learn More!

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**Girl Scout Programs**

If you or someone you know is a Girl Scout or Girl Scout Leader, there is a special Animals in Winter program available for Brownies and Juniors during the month of December. This unique program includes special activities related to adaptations animals have during cold weather months and includes admission to Christmas at the Zoo after the program.

Learn More!
Hello Educators,

Greetings from the PBL Project, and I’m excited to present another "Weekly Warm-up"! As always, these are completely free and center around current events (I hope it’s a great way to share our PBL Project).

This week’s exercises center around the Thanksgiving holiday. First, the fun one. It is based on the fact that there is no special character who personifies Thanksgiving, such as Santa Claus for Christmas or the Easter Bunny for Easter (or even Cupid on Valentine's Day or a leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day). So, students must think about what Thanksgiving Day is all about, and create a character to represent Thanksgiving. This includes the character's name, personality, colors, clothing, accessories, and even the backstory. Here's a link: https://app.pblproject.com/page?pageid=PBL-ww-Thanksgiving-Character

This next exercise is more philosophical. It focuses on the day following Thanksgiving--"Black Friday". A number of major retailers have found a way to extend "Black Friday" by opening their doors on Thanksgiving Day. The reasons are sound enough: it's what the consumers want, it will help keep order and increase safety on the actual Black Friday, and it provides employees the opportunity to earn double their normal pay. However, there are many people who feel that turning Thanksgiving into another retail day is not such a great thing (especially if you're one of those employees who has to rush to work just as the family was planning to cut the turkey). Here's that link: https://app.pblproject.com/page?pageid=PBL-ww-Thanksgiving

If you are interested in joining the PBL Project, please remember that it goes FAR beyond the "Weekly Warm-ups" and into standard-based content. Here's a link that walks through everything the resource can do for you: https://app.pblproject.com/students/lessonplan/view?id=40559

Have fun! Please let me know if you have any questions or comments, or if there's anything else I can do.

Thanks,

Ben

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**The full PBL Project goes far beyond the "Warm-ups" and into standard-based content. If you'd like access, you can simply e-mail me or click here to create an instant temporary password:  http://pblproject.com/temp.aspx

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Re: Spirit wear for the holidays

From: Sean Magalski <Sean@1stplacespiritwear.com>  
To: <jmarden@carmelunified.org>

Jay... I would love to set up a time to talk about converting Carmel River Elementary School to 1st Place Spiritwear. We are the fastest growing spirit wear company in the country, and here is why... We have the most designs, the most garment selections and we ship-to-home in just days! No supply chain issues here. Let's talk to see if we can get your school set up in time for our huge holiday sale. You can schedule a time here. Thanks!

-Sean

Sean Magalski  
Customer Experience Manager  
1st Place Spiritwear  
Book an Appointment

On Tue, Oct 20, 2021 at 3:10 PM Sean <Sean@1stplacespiritwear.com> wrote:

Jay... It’s official: 1st Place Spiritwear is now the fastest growing spirit wear company in the country! Thousands of schools are leaving traditional screen printers, with their limited designs and inability to get supplies, to partner with us. Let’s make Carmel River Elementary School the next school to partner with 1st Place Spiritwear.

We have designs and styles that would make colleges jealous. Picture ball caps, quarter zips, sweat suits and more. And this is the perfect time of year to get started. In two weeks we will launch our huge Holiday Sale that guarantees home delivery before Christmas and earns you big fundraising dollars.

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-Sean
I am on vacation and will return phone calls and emails on October 18. If this is an emergency please phone Carmel Unified School District at 624-1546. Thank you, Jay Marden Carmel River School Principal
Dear Jay,

My name is Rome, and I am one of Award-Winning Author Charity Marie's virtual assistants. We are looking to bring a wonderful opportunity to you, your students, and your district. This is an opportunity to let us breathe some excitement and new life into your classroom literature with a live virtual reading (via Zoom – we even provide the room!) and Q&A from an outstanding author, Charity Marie. We want to create a memorable experience students can look forward to for years to come and help you build a new love for reading.

So let us come in (virtually) and rev up your students to read Reader's Choice Author Charity Marie's fantasy action/adventure series Jason & Lizzy's Legendary Adventures. It’s a perfect read for the upcoming holidays and a great event to share with your students; after all, it is the season of giving. We highly recommend starting with Jason, Lizzy, and the Snowman Village which is a story about forgiveness and the Christmas spirit.

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Hoping to hear from you soon!

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Re: dates

From: Majo Spencer <majo.spencer@example.com>  Fri, Nov 19, 2021 at 12:16 PM PST (GMT-08:00)
To: Jay Marden <jmarden@carmelunified.org>

Yes of course.

Sent from my iPhone

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Good Morning,

I hope you had a wonderful vacation with your families! While I’m sure it was a great break, we come back to sunshine, so not a bad reentry!

On the school front, I’m sure you’ll join me in extending tremendous gratitude to our own Melissa Anderson and the PTA for the gorgeous redesign of our staff room - an incredible improvement. Please be sure to help keep it this way by not bringing items to the staff room to discard, a practice we’ve all gotten used to over the years. Let’s keep this beautiful and pristine area as it currently is!

Before we left I updated you with a number of upcoming, PTA events. I will inform students of upcoming events on the intercom this morning (including the lunchtime clubs that teachers are operating), but know in advance that your students will be invited to create or bring an ornament that represents each student's family, culture or faith as they choose to the tree lighting (or in advance) where they will be able to pin the item to the tree. You may also elect to do this as a classroom project.

Please know that Annie Lombardi will not return until after winter break. We are staffing her position with subs in the interim.

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I hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving with your families, nothing more important, so enjoy every minute!

Also, here's a schedule of upcoming events that have just been added to the calendar as part of our upcoming holiday festivities:

- December 10 - PTA Tree Lighting, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on lower grass, hot chocolate, Polar Express performance

- December 13-17, Holiday Spirit Week:
  - December 13 - Wear Rudolph Red
  - December 14 - Wear Grinch Green
  - December 15 - Wear an Ugly Holiday Sweater
  - December 16 - Wear a Holiday Hat
  - December 17 - Wear Holiday Pajamas

- December 15, 16 - PTA sponsored Holiday Store for students to buy gifts for their families, 2:00 to 4:00 in multi

- December 16 - Santa Visit

Take care,
Jay
Hi Jay,

And I am very excited to spend winter break this year with my family in Australia. The Australian government recently announced that they would open up to citizens on the 18th of December so I promptly purchased tickets. It will be my first hot Aussie Christmas with my extended family.

Can I be excused from attending the first 4 days of school in 2022 please? It is such a long way and it has been a long time since we visited, the extra week will be appreciated. I will let [redacted] know as well and ask her to send any necessary school work or homework, (is possible), so [redacted] can stay up to date.

Thanks,
Fwd: Dear Carmel River Elementary

From: Susan Roberts <sroberts@carmelunified.org>  
To: Jay Marden <jmarden@carmelunified.org>  

Jay ~  
Can you attach this Princess and the Purse flyer to your Friday e-mail? This is the purse collection that we do every year for homeless women. It does not give an end date, but if you just want to say we will be a drop-off location, that should suffice.

Thanks,

Susan Roberts  
Carmel River School Secretary  
PO Box 222700  
Carmel, Ca 93922  
P: 831.624.4609 ext. 2292  
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----- Forwarded message -----  
From: Diane Fownes  
Date: Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 11:57 PM  
Subject: Re: Dear Carmel River Elementary  
To: Susan Roberts <sroberts@carmelunified.org>

Hello Susan

The time is here again for the 4th Annual Princess and the Purse Campaign. I would love an opportunity to come talk to both students and teachers this year the first week of December to better educate and help understand why she decided to give back to homeless women in our Community. Would you again be willing to allow us to place a collection Bin at your location? Many thanks in advance for your continued support in this last year of running this campaign. She is proud to say it will be passed to Carmel High School when she graduates to continue the initiative and live on in Carmel long after she is gone.

"In Health and Wellness"

Diane Fownes RN/ nd
Dear Diane: Thanks so much for your message and for doing such a great service! Carmel River School could be a drop off location, but you will need to provide a container for collection and it will have to sit outside the office. It can't be brought in at night and the campus is open and pretty active in the afternoon and evenings. As for the flyer, all of those have to be done through Peachjar. Maybe contact Tricia Zarevich at the District Office if you need any further assistance.

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Thanks,

Susan Roberts
Carmel River School Secretary
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The season is here again for our 3rd year of our campaign, Princess and the Purse where we will be collecting donations of gently used purses filled with 'NEW' items to give to an underserved woman of need this Christmas. Last year we received and made xmas that much better for over 160 women with our community's help. We have drop off locations all over Carmel and Monterey and would love to count on your school and your staff to distribute the flyer and be a donation drop off location. Please let me know asap so I can make this happen.

drop off locations in our area are:
Pacific Grove Police Dept
Pacific Grove Fire Dept
Monterey High School
Carmel High School
Carmel Police Department
Glacier Bar Carmel
Quail lodge and Resort
Thank you for thinking of this campaign in the next few weeks. Collections will finish December 11th.

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Attachments

- 4th Princess and the Purse.pdf
Hi Jay,
Sure, the district offers a 5 day exemption to attendance for such purposes. Enjoy!

J

On Fri, Sep 17, 2021 at 5:13 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Jay,

I am very excited to spend winter break this year with my family in Australia. The Australian government recently announced that they would open up to citizens on the 18th of December so I promptly purchased tickets. It will be my first hot Aussie Christmas with my extended family.

Can I be excused from attending the first 4 days of school in 2022 please? It is such a long way and it has been a long time since we visited, the extra week will be appreciated. I will let [REDACTED] know as well and ask her to send any necessary school work or homework, (is possible), so I can stay up to date.

Thanks,
Thanks Jay, appreciated.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2021, at 6:35 PM, Jay Marden <jmarden@carmelunified.org> wrote:

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