

Santa Rita Bobcat Tracker

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Dear Parents –

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! The first portion of this school year moved along at a rapid pace and we hope, after the two-week vacation, you are well rested and ready for all the activities and events that are in store during the second half of the school year. I'd like to call special attention to two Santa Rita events –

The Santa Rita Spellathon is here! It's time to start collecting those pledges! Your child should have received their packet of information this week. This year, our goal is \$105 per student, which will raise \$55,000 for our kids. The money goes to the PTA to support music and art programs at Santa Rita. Help us make this the best year yet. Click [here](#) for more information.

Kindergarten Information Night for 2010-2011 An informational meeting for parents of next year's kindergarten students will be held at Santa Rita on Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 pm. Kindergarten registration packets will be available this evening and may be returned to the office on January 29. The Kindergarten registration period will be from January 29 to February 12. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors. Thank you!

- Alyssa Gallagher

Upcoming School Events

1/11	School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
1/13	PTA Adult Yoga in SR Multi, 8:30 am
1/18	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
1/19	NO SCHOOL – Staff Professional Development Day
1/21	PTA General Meeting, 8:15 am
1/21	MVLA Green Schools Summit, 3:30-5:30 pm at Los Altos High School
1/22	Spellathon Pledges Due
1/27	6 th Grade Parent Tour at Egan, 9:30 am
1/28	6 th Grade Parent Tour at Egan, 1:30 pm
1/28	Kindergarten Information Meeting, 7:00 pm

Is life Fair? Santa Rita students will be focusing on the Character Counts trait of Fairness for the month of January, please help us at home by coming up with activities to help reinforce this trait. The trait includes: Playing by the rules. Taking turns and sharing. Being open minded, listening to others. Don't take advantage of others. Don't blame others carelessly.

Traffic Volunteers Needed! Help make our Santa Rita parking lot safer for our children while greeting our families! Traffic safety volunteers are needed for Monday-Friday afternoons from 2:15pm-2:50 pm. And if interested in helping in the mornings, an extra parent would be helpful on Tuesdays-Fridays from 8:10am-8:30am. Mornings are perfect for working parents! Even if you can only commit to 1-3 times a month, please sign up. Please contact Chris White by email at c_j_white@Comcast.net or call 650-948-5038, if you are interested.

Four More Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed on Fridays, from 11:30 to 12:30. Please help out our kids and the Hot Lunch Team. Contact Sheila McGovern, [sheilam2\[at\]me.com](mailto:sheilam2[at]me.com), (408) 781-6031.

Deelish no longer has an order minimum for orders! Order 1 meal or order 12 meals, all will be delivered to Santa Rita on January 14th after school! Each order brings in \$\$\$\$ for our PTA! Go to www.deelishmeals.com and order by January 11th! Any questions contact Molly Black at [mblack240us\[at\]yahoo.com](mailto:mblack240us[at]yahoo.com).

New enrichment registration now available for Hindi, Lego's, Young Rembrandt's and the Young Inklings Creative Writing Class and more!
<http://www.santaritaschool.org/parent/enrichment.html>

Parent Ed Events NurtureShock: New Thinking About Children, Po Bronson.

When: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 7:00 – 9:00pm

Where: Los Altos High School Theater, 201 Almond Ave, Los Altos

More info is located on our [Parent Education](#) page.

The Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) Spring & Summer 2010 Catalog is here! Music and art classes for all ages begin on Monday, January 25. Download the catalog in PDF format now at www.arts4all.org/docs/catalog.pdf, or browse the course listings online at www.arts4all.org/register.

Interested in Going Green? Come to be inspired by the students, who will be presenting their ideas at the first local Green School Summit in Los Altos on **Thursday, January 21st from 3:30pm to 5:30pm**. The Green School Summit will be held in the **Eagle Theater** at Los Altos High School, 201 Almond Ave, Los Altos 94022-Thursday, January 21 from 3:30-5:30. For more information: email [sybilcramer\[at\]mac.com](mailto:sybilcramer[at]mac.com) or call (650) 940-4650.

Attention 6th Grade Parents – Incoming parent tours of Egan begin on Wednesday, 1/27, 9:30 - 10:30am and Thursday, 1/28, 1:30 - 2:30pm in the Egan library. Please check the Easing into Egan <http://www.eganschool.org/egan2/easing_into_egan/new_students.html> for other important dates for 6th grade families -- and tell your friends!