

Santa Rita Bobcat Tracker

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Dear Parents –

Schools in the Los Altos School District have recently experienced an increase in vandalism on their campuses. Similar vandalism and destruction of property has also been experienced in the neighborhoods surrounding our schools. Recent incidents on school campuses have included fires being set, school gardens being destroyed, alcoholic beverage bottles being broken, and graffiti sprayed on buildings. Neighborhoods have experienced similar destruction of property along with car break-ins and stolen property. We view our schools as a valuable community resource needing to be protected for the benefit of our students and our community.

In an effort to protect our schools and neighborhoods, we ask that any suspicious activity on any school campus be reported immediately to the local law enforcement agency (Los Altos Police (650) 947-2770, Mountain View Police (650) 903-6344, or Santa Clara County Sheriff (408) 868-6600). We also suggest you talk to your neighbors about any suspicious behavior in your neighborhood.

By working together as a community, we can minimize these incidents – thereby protecting our sense of neighborhood and providing a safe environment for our children.

-Alyssa Gallagher

Upcoming Events

2/8	School Board Meeting, 7 pm
2/9	Spellathon Donations Due
2/10	PTA Yoga in the SR Multi, 8:30 am
2/11	LAEF Window Clings Come Home
2/12	Kindergarten Registration Packets Due, 3:45 pm
2/15-2/19	Winter Break – NO SCHOOL

Be on the lookout! LAEF Car Window Clings coming home with your child Feb. 11th

LAEF car window clings will be given to all our donors as a **'thank you!'** and as a way to promote LAEF awareness in the larger community in advance of our spring community campaign. Spread the word about LAEF in the community *by displaying your car window cling!* **Goodies will be given** randomly to cars displaying their clings in the school parking lot. Don't miss out! It's never too late to show your support for LAEF and our schools. We strive for one hundred percent participation. Have you donated yet? Go online to contribute at www.laefonline.org

Spellathon: Pledges are due to your teacher by Tuesday, February 9th. The Accounting Committee volunteers will be meeting on Wednesday, February 10th at 8:30 in the multi to calculate donations and assign prize categories.

If you need tax receipts, you can pick them up in the Santa Rita office, or print them out from the [Spellathon homepage](#). Parents, please write separate checks for siblings, as it is difficult for our accounting committee to split money between siblings or classrooms. Thank you for your continued generous support to Santa Rita!

Our Characts Counts Trait this month is CARING! Please talk to your students about being kind, being compassionate, expressing gratitude, forgiving others, and helping those in need.

Deelish no longer has an order minimum for orders! Order 1 meal or order 120 meals, all will be delivered to Santa Rita on Thursday, February 11th after school. Each order brings in \$\$\$\$ for our PTA! **Order by Tuesday, February 9th at www.deelishmeals.com - Click the "Order Now!" button and then "School Delivery."** Any questions contact Molly Black at mblack240us@yahoo.com.

Join the fun and register now for Santa Rita Chorus on Wednesday mornings! Info at: <http://www.santaritaschool.org/pdf/ChorusWinSpr2010.pdf>

Junior Olympics News: Mark your calendars for Junior Olympics--Saturday, April 24, 2010. Please visit the web site or click here for more details (link to JO page on web site--<http://www.santaritaschool.org/events/jrolympics.html>). PE Training begins on March 12th during PE Classes. Parent Volunteers are needed to help with training on six Friday afternoons (3/12-4/23) from 12:40-2:50 PM. No prior experience is necessary. Please consider helping to train our young athletes--it's fun, a great opportunity to see your kids in action, and your child will appreciate it. Click the link below to sign up via googledocs:
http://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0At_RxIgbxIUxdDhXV3FyWi1qenVxX2NKV3ZTUEZSbIE&hl=en

The PE Specialists have put together a blog with all the relevant information about relays. Teams this year will be posted on the blog, not at individual schools. Please visit <http://lasdjo.blogspot.com/> for more info and bookmark for updates.

Would you like to help our students know a little more about this world? Would you make a short presentation on the country of your heritage, or a country in which you have experience? Family members and friends can help too! When? - **Friday, April 9 from 10:30-12:00** - Your 15min. presentation would be repeated 3 times during that morning. For more information, check out this [link](#). Or contact Mrs. Dickson - ddickson@santaritaschool.org

Parent Ed Events SAVE THE DATE –

I Left My Homework on My Printer - Getting Organized: Helping Your Child be Successful in School by Ana Hodayoun

When: Thursday, March 4, 2010, 7:30–8:30 pm

Where: Egan Junior High School Multi-Purpose Room, 100 S Portola Avenue, Los Altos

Who: Parents, teachers and administrators. Talk will focus on junior high and high school students; elementary school parents welcome

Fee: No fee. No registration required

More info: Located on our [Parent Education](#) page

School & Community News Link

Bobcat Tracker - Post an Announcement in the Bobcat Tracker? If you have an announcement you think should be included in the Bobcat Tracker, please email it to agallagher@santaritaschool.org