

# Santa Rita Bobcat Tracker

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Dear Parents –

*Tis' the season for parties and late nights  
Hurrying to shop and put up your lights  
Waking up late and hurrying to school  
But please don't forget all of our traffic rules!!!*

Here are a few reminders:

- Slow Down! The speed limit is 5mph in the carpool lanes and parking lots.
- Pull all the way forward as far as you can before dropping off
- Have the children be ready to exit the car (backpacks in hand and good-byes said)
- Be courteous to other drivers – allow those turning left into the carpool lanes a chance to merge into the curb lane
- Take a deep breath and relax! Being late for school or work is not the end of the world, but an accident can be if a child is involved.

## Holiday Music Concert

It is hard to believe, but it is already time to mark your calendar for the annual Winter Concert presented by our Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade students. This event is very special for our school because it presents a real opportunity for our music team to share the musical talent of our students as they progress through the Los Altos Educational Foundation sponsored program. The concert is scheduled for next Tuesday, December 15 at 1:00 p.m. Don't miss this fine seasonal event.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season!! -Alyssa Gallagher

## Upcoming Events

12/4-12/17	Toy, Pajama & Book Drive
12/10	Family Caroling at Pilgrim Haven from 5:00-6:00 pm (Meet in front of Pilgrim Haven Fellowship Hall)
12/11	Egan Holiday Faire
12/15	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Holiday Music Concert from 1:00-2:00 pm
12/18	All Unclaimed Lost & Found Items Donated to Charity
12/21 – 1/4	December Recess, No School
1/5	School Resumes ( <b>Tuesday</b> )

**Online Holiday Shopping Earns \$\$\$ for Santa Rita** **SHOP ON AMAZON** by clicking on the Amazon link on the bottom of the **SANTA RITA home page** – up to 15% for Santa Rita <http://www.santaritaschool.org/> Encourage family and friends to shop Amazon via our Santa Rita website – simple and easy to use! Still need holiday cards, order locally from Birch on Main Street in Los Altos and a portion of your purchase will go to LAEF and Santa Rita.

**Family Caroling at Pilgrim Haven** tonight at 5:00 pm. Join in and sing some holiday carols. Please meet in front of the Pilgrim Haven Fellowship Hall. RSVP to Diane Beatty at [Drbeatty1@yahoo.com](mailto:Drbeatty1@yahoo.com) if you plan on attending.

**Forgot to Order Hot Lunch?** It's not too late. Hot Lunch Session 2 began December 1, however, you can still order at <http://www.tastenutrition.com/>

**Save on taxes and support your child's education.** Make your LAEF donation before December 31st and get a deduction on your 2009 taxes. Click **Donate Online!** to make your tax deductible contribution today.

**Collect Box Tops for Education Coupons and UPC Labels** to drop off in the Santa Rita office, collection box is located near the front left corner. Products that carry these are linked at the bottom of the Santa Rita School website. If you have any questions, please email me at [kdcosta@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kdcosta@sbcglobal.net). Karen Costa,

**Donate Toys, Pajamas & Books** for our annual [holiday drive](#) between Friday, Dec 4 and Thursday, Dec 17. All new, unwrapped, toy, pajama and book donations can be brought to the SR office & benefit Community Services Agency in Mountain View.

**Sign-up Now for 2010 After School Enrichment** which includes new Creative Writing class and old favorites like Math, Legos and Young Rembrandts. <http://www.santaritaschool.org/Parent/enrichment.html>

**Attention Parents - need a night out?** Girl Scout Cadette troop 61111 is putting on a babysitting night in the Covington MP room December 12 2009 from 6pm-9pm. All ages of children are welcome, but they must be potty trained. Games, activities and crafts will be run by the cadettes (grades 6-8), supervised by adults. Healthy snacks will be provided. Cost \$25 per child, \$15 each sibling. For full details and the flyer/registration form, please e-mail Helen Morris on [khvm@yahoo.com](mailto:khvm@yahoo.com) or phone 650 938 3441.

**Shop the Egan Holiday Faire** on Friday, December 11th from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Egan students sell homemade crafts, gift items & foods. For more information, visit [www.eganschool.org](http://www.eganschool.org)

**Parent Ed Events** **Girls Leadership Institute Workshops start in January 2010** Being held at Santa Rita for girls and their parents: Tuesdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26 - Grades 2, 3 from 6-7:30pm and Wednesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27- Grades 4, 5, 6 from 6-8:00pm. More info is located on our [Parent Education](#) page.

**LOS ALTOS KIDZADVENTURES (LAKA)** is returning to the Los Altos School District at Santa Rita School, June 14 - July 10 in the summer of 2010. Classes are designed and taught by credentialed teachers for students

entering grades 1-4 in fall 2010. Registration is open now. Go to the website [www.lakakidz.com](http://www.lakakidz.com) for class selections and information. Questions? contact Niki Mitchell at [niki@lakakidz.com](mailto:niki@lakakidz.com)

**SCHOLARKIDS IS BACK THIS SUMMER!** ScholarKids is a high energy, intellectually stimulating, summer enrichment program for incoming 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Signups will be online at [www.scholarkids.net](http://www.scholarkids.net) <<http://www.scholarkids.net/>> beginning February 1st! If you have questions, please email Scholarkids at [scholarkids@me.com](mailto:scholarkids@me.com) or call 408-203-9946.

### **School & Community News Link**

[http://www.lasdschools.org/PDF\\_Files/2009\\_2010/School\\_News\\_12\\_10\\_2009.PDF](http://www.lasdschools.org/PDF_Files/2009_2010/School_News_12_10_2009.PDF)

**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](mailto:agallagher@santaritaschool.org)