

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **WEB DAY**

WEB Day (Welcome Everybody) is scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> - A-K and August 20<sup>th</sup> for L-Z from 8:00 – 12:00 p.m. This is for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is a way for students to become acquainted with Kerr and to receive their schedules.



### **P.E. CLOTHES**

P.E. clothes will be sold at WEB Day and also when school starts through the Student Activities Center. The cost is \$22.00 for short, shirt, and lock.



### **NEW PARENT ORIENTATION**

The Parent Orientation will be on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Joseph Kerr in the multi-purpose room. We look forward to meeting you.



### **CELL PHONES**

Students may NOT use their phones during the regular school hours. They will be able to use their cell phones before (8:30 a.m.) and after school (3:42 p.m.). Please have your student see an adult for any emergency situations.



### **TRANSPORTATION NEWS FLASH**

Each year, the Transportation Department reevaluates routes and bus service areas. This is done to accurately determine improvements to existing neighborhoods and to plan for service to developing neighborhoods. Additionally, the evaluation is necessary to comply with District's policy for rider eligibility.

As routes are changed, including stop elimination and/or consolidation, the information will be distributed to your school site. Notification will be passed along to you through this newsletter and through written statements given to your student riders.

Please look for additional information posted in the newspaper (Elk Grove Citizen & Sacramento Bee) the week before school starts.



### **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Joseph Kerr's main office summer office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



### **LUNCH PRICE INCREASE**

We wanted to make you aware that lunch prices will increase by 25 cents a meal for the 2004-05 school year. The new lunch prices will be \$1.75 for elementary lunches and \$2.25 for middle and high school lunches. Breakfast prices will remain \$1.25 at schools that offer them, and \$1.50 at high schools.



While the district works hard to provide quality, nutritious meals for the lowest possible cost, a number of factors have required that the district increase lunch prices. The increased costs of dairy and other food products, paper supplies, and other costs related to higher fuel prices made the increase necessary in order to continue to provide quality meals to all students. The price for la carte items will remain the same.

As a reminder, you receive one extra lunch for every 20 lunches you purchase in advance. Putting money in your child's lunch account is a convenient way to ensure that your child always has money available for lunch. Checks should be made out to Joseph Kerr Middle School. Please include your child's name and personal identification number (PIN).

We also wanted to let you know that applications for free and reduced price meals will be sent home with your student during the first week of school. If you qualify, please complete one application per family, and include all household members on the application. The application takes five to 10 days to process. It should be sent to: Food and Nutrition Services, 8389 Gerber Road, Sacramento, CA 95828. Please provide for your child's lunch until you receive written notification that your application has been approved.

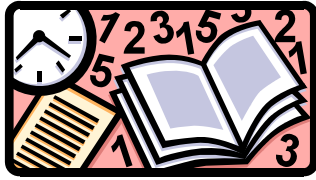
### **COMPETITIVE VOLLEYBALL**

Competitive Volleyball will begin when school starts. Please check in the Student Activities Center (SAC) for the permission slip the first week of school. ALL students who want to participate in sports (competitive and intramural) at Joseph Kerr MUST have a physical form completed BEFORE they can participate. These forms will be available in the SAC.



## **STUDENT SCHEDULES**

7<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive their schedules at WEB Day. Any 7<sup>th</sup> grade student who does not attend WEB Day will receive their schedule on the first day of school in the multi-purpose room. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive their schedule on the first day of school in the multi-purpose room.



## **SCOOTERS/BICYCLES**

Scooters are not allowed on the Kerr campus at anytime. California law requires that a person must be 16 years old to operate a motorized scooter (battery or gas).



If your child will be riding a bike, please make sure they have a way to lock their bike. Once a student arrives on campus, they will need to walk their bike to the bike rack. California law requires children to wear bike helmets.

## **COUNSELORS**

Joseph Kerr counselors will be returning on August 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, or need to schedule an appointment, please call our office at 686-7728 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



## **FUTURE NEWSLETTERS**

For the 2004-2005 school year, you will receive newsletters every other month. The next newsletter will be mailed the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October. The December, February, and April newsletters will be mailed home the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the month. Other newsletters or school related bulletins will be sent periodically as needed.]



## **ASB STICKERS**

Hey all you 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students - make sure you buy your ASB Sticker this year. The cost is \$12.00. See the Student Activities Center to purchase it. It gives you discounts on all of the activities.



## **PICTURES**

Student I.D./yearbook pictures will be taken September 2<sup>nd</sup> during their P.E. classes.



## **COMPETITIVE CROSS-COUNTRY**

Kerr will again field a Cross-Country running team and compete against other middle schools, as well as high school teams. Our success last year makes us the team that other schools look to defeat. Help Kerr continue its winning tradition and add to the trophies and plaques won by last year's team. Practice begins the second week of school, 3:50 to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. We expect to compete in at least 6 Medal Invitationals. Remember to complete a Sports Physical before our first race to be able to compete (permission slips and physical forms will be available in the SAC the first week of school. See Mr. Link in Room 43 for more information.



## **ACTIVITY DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

### **E-MAIL YOUR QUESTIONS**

Do you have questions for Kerr? Please e-mail them to [askkerr@edcenter.egusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:askkerr@edcenter.egusd.k12.ca.us) and the school secretary will answer your questions or forward them to the appropriate person.

