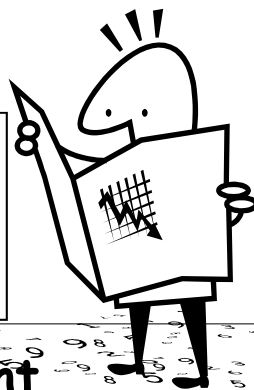


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Debt Reimbursement

With all the recent attention focused on the construction/renovation projects of Mt. Eccles, few of us are aware of critical work that has recently been completed at our high school too. Work on our air handler motors alone will save nearly \$20,000 per year. Other work this past year included: adding insulation/new siding to our gym; adding a covered area to the vocational shop for outside work/storage; putting in a glycol solution into our heating system that will protect against rust as over time the dissolved oxygen in the system had deteriorated many system components, and corrosion had caused

issues with valves and thermostats that had resulted in uneven heating throughout the school building. A final project will provide badly needed technology upgrades for the school campus. Much of the school's existing technology infrastructure is outdated and inadequate for the district's programs and curriculum. Increased use of computers and video content has seriously strained available capabilities. The school's existing servers will be replaced and augmented with three new servers, backed up with larger capacity and more reliable uninterruptible power supply units.

As most of us flinch when it

comes to financing these critical upgrades, the council recently voted to support the completion of a Debt Reimbursement Application to the state. Once approved, the state will reimburse 70% of all costs associated with the projects listed above. It will, however, require a vote of the public during the March 2 general election as it requires the purchase of a bond (state requirement for reimbursement). Ultimately, the city will be responsible for \$108,000 and will recoup \$360,000 for reimbursement to the school district for costs associated. See the fact sheet attached to this newsletter.

Cordova School District February 2010



February 2010

2/10...School Board Mtg. 7:00 P.M

2/15... No School
President's Day

2/28...Basketball
Homecoming

2/28...Special School Board Mtg. 7:00 P.M.
Superintendent's Evaluation

March 2010

3/5...End of Third Quarter

3/17-19...Conferences
(Parent/Teacher)

3/22-26... Spring Break!

School Calendar for 2010-2011 The school board has been looking over options for the 2010/2011-school calendar for the past couple of months. As you may imagine, an extended summer for construction work is necessary, requiring a later start time this fall and pushing the last day of school to the first week of June. Final approval is scheduled during the March Board Meeting. You can find the proposed calendar (as well as proposed 2011-2012 calendar) at Cordovasd.org.

Mt. Eccles Update

A quick drive by Mt. Eccles will show daily progress of the new gym. Although you can't see it, similar progress is noted daily on the interior renovation too. Electrical work, plumbing work and new wall construction is all underway. Recently the opening for the new stage area/music area was cut out of the concrete wall in the commons area of the lunchroom. I feel that the students and staff continue to successfully accommodate the daily disruptions, knowing that the first half of the project is ahead of schedule.

Phase A (students/staff currently displaced) will be completed by August 15.

Phase B (kitchen renovation/new roof-siding) will begin June 1 and be completed by August 15.

Final phase (students/staff to be relocated fall '10) will be completed by December 15.

The gym will be completed by July 15 and will be used to house 3-4 classrooms between August and December.

Both projects are scheduled to be completed and fully functional when the students/staff return from their Christmas Break January of 2011.

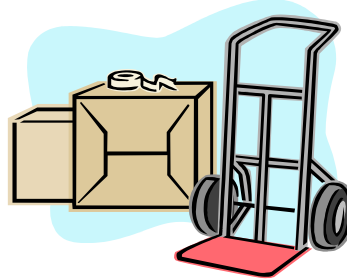
One of the biggest remaining hurdles of this project will be removing every item out of the school this summer (including the kitchen) and then returning it prior to school beginning in the fall. This is critical to the pro-

ject, as a vacant building will ease the painting schedule, carpeting schedule, ceiling replacement, etc., along with the many other items scheduled for completion. Look to see a "call for help" later this spring when we schedule the move (we have only one week to move everything out).

Summer school programs as well as the summer lunch program will be hosted out of the high school for this summer only.

For those interested in participating in the Art Committee (established to discuss/prepare an RFP for artwork in the newly renovated school/new gym) or the Color

Committee (established to work on actual colors of the renovation/gym (floor-carpet-tile/walls/countertops) please contact this office, 424-3265.



Activities Policy Development After nearly five months of committee work and public testimony, the school board is scheduled to address this activities policy during their February Board Meeting (February 10). Although this meeting's goal will be to develop the first reading of the newly developed policy, it is anticipated that the new policy will not be in effect until school year 2010-2011 (July 1).

Note from the Superintendent

With the end of the 3rd Quarter less than one month away, it is exciting times in Cordova as we prepare for the final stretch of school year 2009-2010. In Cordova we all maintain very busy schedules...but never too busy to answer your questions. Please contact this office with any questions you may have regarding this newsletter. For any remaining questions, please contact your child's teacher or the respective principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Lippard".

Superintendent of Schools
Cordova School District



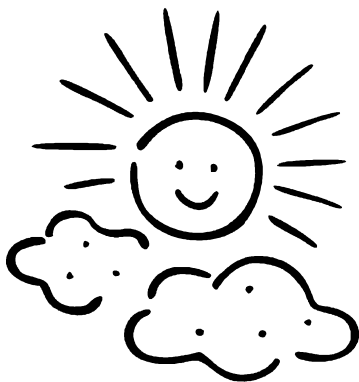
Be Conscious of Your Time to Gain Patience

Patience may be a virtue, but it's one that relatively few of us practice with grace. It seems that today's world moves too fast to allow us time to even catch our breath. But that's just an illusion. We can slow down the pace any time—if we do so conscientiously.

One tip you've probably heard a lot is to breathe slowly when a situation is careening out of control. A few slow, deliberate breaths can calm you and give you the time and space you need to restore order to the chaos around you.

You should also take advantage of time spent waiting to do something else that has to be done. Maybe that's just the universe's way of opening up the time and space to get that job done.

When you're waiting for someone to show up or do part of a job so that you can do your part, try to relax. It will turn an annoyance into a welcome break from the rat race. By using patience and consciously forcing yourself to relax, you can take full advantage of the opportunity to have a few moments of peace.



Be Ready for Any (Minor) Medical Emergency

You never know when you'll need first aid. Accidents happen, and though you can't predict them, you can be ready. Here's what to keep in a well-stocked first aid kit:

Adhesive bandages (at least 25, different sizes and shapes).

Antibiotic ointment.

Antiseptic wipes.

Aspirin, acetaminophen, ibuprofen.

Sterile gauze pads (different sizes).

Non-latex gloves.

Scissors.

Oral thermometer.

Burn ointment.

Eyewash solution.

Tweezers.

Safety pins.

