



## October: National Bullying Prevention Month

National Bullying Prevention Month is a nationwide campaign founded in 2006 by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center. The campaign is held during the month of October and unites communities around the world to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention.

Over the past 10 years, this campaign grew from a small week-long event to a worldwide effort with multiple activities throughout October. National Bullying Prevention Month is supported by hundreds of schools, major corporations, and celebrities.

At Woodcrest, teachers will be doing lessons and guiding discussions about bullying, what it is, what it isn't, and how to help stop it when you see it. We are hoping to have an assembly for the students as well to promote the anti-bullying message.

On October 19th, we are asking everyone to wear orange in support of "Unity Day for No Bullying". This is a national event to raise awareness of the harmful effects of bullying and to unite children and adults alike in helping to put an end to bullying.

Be a part of this exciting anniversary and spread the message: The End of Bullying Begins With Me!

## Lunch With Your Child

Thank you so much to all of the parents who were able to attend our first "Lunch With Your Child" event this year. It was very well attended and the students seemed to have a great time eating out on the grass with their family.

As with any large event, there are bound to be a few glitches. Our goal is to learn from them and prevent them in the future. In consultation with the grade level leadership team, we have decided on a few changes to the "Lunch With Your Child" event for the remainder of the year, with the goal of reducing tears in children and frustration in parents and staff.

We will have one lunch per trimester instead of one per month. The next lunch will be held on February 9th. A week or two before the event, we will send home a flyer with a tear-off RSVP so we know exactly who will be coming to the lunch. Students whose parents have responded will be given a wristband indicating that they may wait on the field for their parent to arrive. All others will be sent to the lunch court for their normal lunch.

This can be such a fun time for families and we want to ensure that it goes as smoothly as possible. If you have other ideas that would help make it a positive experience, feel free to let me know when you see me or send an email to [jprescott@rusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:jprescott@rusd.k12.ca.us).



## PTA Corner

We are really excited for the Month of October! One of our biggest events of the year will our Halloween Happening. The Halloween Happening is a safe environment where students can win candy and treats by playing games at class booths. There will be food, raffles, and a DJ to dance the night away. The Halloween Happening will take place at the school on Saturday Oct. 22nd. Please keep an eye out for the event flyer to be sent home. To make Halloween Happening successful, the PTA is asking for donations of candy (no gum) and also for volunteers for the night of the event. Please see [www.woodcrestpta.org](http://www.woodcrestpta.org) "Volunteer Tab" for Volunteer Opportunities. We will also have a volunteer sign up sheet in the office. If you know a business that would be willing to sponsor a booth or donate for the raffle please contact [president@woodcrestpta.org](mailto:president@woodcrestpta.org).



Be sure your student doesn't miss out on Unity Day (No Bulling Day) Oct 19th. The PTA will be providing the students with a great Magic assembly encouraging "No Bulling". Students are encouraged to wear Orange this day.

October 24th will kick off Red Ribbon week at the School. There is also a PTA Meeting @ 3pm in Room 202 on October 24th. We welcome any of our families or members to join us for the meeting.

Finally, we want to thank each of you that have signed up to be a member of the PTA. Without your support we would not be able to do what we do. We will be doing the Membership Drive Movie Gift Card Raffle at our Oct. 24th meeting. The winner will be notified by phone. If you have not joined, you can still join (forms in the office) but you will not be eligible for the gift card raffle.

Please visit [www.woodcrestpta.org](http://www.woodcrestpta.org) and/or the Woodcrest PTA Facebook Page for updates and information.



## Coming Events

- Oct 10-14** Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- Oct 19** Unity Day—Wear orange for “No Bullying”
- Oct 22** “Halloween Happening” 4-8 pm
- Oct 24-28** Red Ribbon Week & Spirit Week
- Oct 24** PTA Mtg. in Room 202 @ 3:00 pm
- Oct 25** ELAC Mtg. in Rm 202 @ 2:45 pm
- Oct 28** Awards Assembly



I have registered Woodcrest for the Great Kindness Challenge. This is one school week devoted to performing as many acts of kindness as possible, choosing from a 50 item checklist at schools around the world. The official week happens in January, but I would like to implement the ideas throughout the year. It's always the right time to perform acts of kindness.

Let's build a culture of kindness at Woodcrest Elementary. If you would like to be part of this mission, please let me know!