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# THE BLACH BANNER

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## Principal's Message

**Parent/Teacher Conference**
**Monday, November 21, 2011**

We look forward to meeting with you next Monday, November 21 for our Parent/Teacher conference. Please remember that the morning session runs from 8:30 – 10:30 AM in the multi and the afternoon session is by appointment only (initiated by the school staff, not parent request.) The morning session is open to any and all parents who would like to meet and speak with their child's teacher. Thank you for taking the time to attend this very important event.

On behalf of the Blach staff, I would like to wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving holiday and we look forward to seeing the students back at school on Monday, November 28.

Warm Regards,
Leslie Crane

## Educational Events

- **Wed. Nov. 16th 9 – 11 am (Hospitality at 8:45am) - Identifying and Supporting Learning Differences – Covington Elementary School Multi**
  This workshop by Beth Powell of the Reading Clinic will cover warning signs of a child who is having difficulties learning to read and developing as a writer.
- **Tue. Dec. 6th 7pm - Cyber-Bullying Workshop - Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue**
  Ron Cooper, Mt. View Police School Resource Officer will lead a workshop on teen online activities including latest trends for teens, online safety and more

**For more Parent Education Information** check out the Blach Parent Education website Parent Education

## PTA Announcements

- **Scholastic book orders due Thursday, November 17th**
  Looking for some great holiday gifts? This will be the final chance to order prior to the winter holidays! Parents may order online using a credit card by signing up for a user id and password at **www.scholastic.com/bookclubs** using Blach School's Class Activation Code **GLWJB** which is registered under Mrs. Lipinski's name. Hardcopy order forms and payment by check may be turned in to the office. If you have questions, please contact Blach PTA Scholastic Book Order Coordinator, Shari Chao, shari.chao@gmail.com

- **BLACH HOLIDAY FAIRE - Calling All Holiday Faire Volunteers!**
  It takes a lot of parents to support the students for this wonderful event. If you are able to volunteer to help with any of the following activities, please sign-up directly on the Sign-Up Genius form (www.SignUpGenius.com/go/blach) or e-mail one of our two Holiday Faire Co-Chairs - Carol Dockery (quilterbynight@msn.com) or Lamar Haggart (lamar@perfectplaces.com).

  Volunteers are needed to:
  A. Help set-up on Thursday evening, Dec 1 (6:30 - 8:30)
  B. Help check-in students in the morning, Dec 2 (7:00 - 8:00)
  C. Help during the faire 12:00pm - 5:30pm, Dec 2 (two-hour shifts)

- **Thank You BlachBuster Book Club Members!**
  A huge thank you to all of our November BlachBuster Book Club members for their support of the Blach Library! We have been able to purchase a number of books to add to our research collection as well as some great new fiction. The full list of new titles is posted on the library's BlachBuster Book Club bulletin board, so stop by and read with us!

- **MV & LA High school Presentations - Thur. Jan. 12 at 7pm – Blach Library**
  Come hear MV & LA principals as well at the MVLA High School District Superintendent speak about our high schools. This presentation will be followed by our PTA meeting at about 8:00

**School and Community News**

- **LAEF is proud to announce that we have met our challenge grant of $140k!** Thanks to all of you who donated by 11/1! Donations to date total $1million but we still have a long way to go towards our $2.35 million dollar goal for this school year. If you made a pledge at the phonathon, please send in your donation. Check with your employer about matching--this is "free money" for our children.

- **LAEF Holiday Cards Fundraiser**: We are happy to announce Tiny Prints and an anonymous donor have offered to donate 25% of total proceeds to LAEF for all holiday cards ordered through http://www.tinyprints.com/storefront/laef . All the cards will have "*Benefiting Los Altos Educational Foundation*" on the back. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to send beautiful, personalized cards to your family and friends while helping our schools at the same time.

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