

# Dry Creek Elementary Panther Express

**This Week @ DC - Jan. 22 - Jan. 26, 2017**



## COOK'S CORNER

In case you missed it or if you couldn't believe it when you saw it on the calendar, it's true! The 3rd Quarter begins on Monday, January 22nd. Because our school year is crammed full of great activities and opportunities for our students, I'm certain each year feels like it flies by faster than the year before it.

Speaking of great activities, I wanted to share a few of the results from our **DC Robotics Program**. Due to the extraordinary support we received from our Jog A Thon, we were able to purchase additional robotics kits and expand our robotics teams to include even more students than last year. **Thank you** to the **parents** that stepped up to be coaches! Without you, we wouldn't have as many teams as we do.

Behind the leadership and organization of Dry Creek parents **Layne and Ken Kirk**, we were able to establish six **FIRST LEGO League** teams (grades 4-6) and four **Jr. FIRST LEGO League** teams (grades 1-3) that have a total of **72 students** participating on teams. I am also extremely proud to share that two of our six teams have qualified for the Central Valley Championships held on Saturday, February 24th. Congratulations to the **Aqua Nerds** and **Technical Difficulties!** Aqua Nerds earned a 2nd Place Champions Award and 1st Place Robot Performance at the Clovis North Stable Stomp qualifier. Technical Difficulties earned a 1st Place Champions Award and 1st Place Robot Performance at the Central Unified qualifier. Each team is aiming to qualify for the **2018 World FIRST Championships** in Houston, Texas. DC Robotics had a team that qualified and traveled to Houston last year.

If you or your student are interested in learning more about Robotics, check out the championships held at Alta Sierra Intermediate in February. I'm sure you and **your child will love it!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/27 *Y's Men Wrestling CNHS  
Clovis High Pep Classic*
- 1/29 *Block DC Forms Due to Teacher*
- 1/30 *Boy's Basketball Spirit Night*
- 2/1 *Chaperone Fingerprinting*
- 2/2 *Winter Sports Awards  
Square 1 Family Art Night*
- 2/5 *Upper Grade Awards*
- 2/6 *Kindergarten Awards  
Oral Interp Festival*
- 2/12 *NO SCHOOL/Lincoln's B'day*
- 2/13 *PTC Meeting*
- 2/15 *Spring Picture Day  
Block DC Awards  
Sonora Money Due*
- 2/19 *NO SCHOOL/President's Day*
- 2/23 *Spring Sports Pictures*

MONDAY, 1/22	TUESDAY, 1/23	WEDNESDAY, 1/24	THURSDAY, 1/25	FRIDAY, 1/26
<p>Primary Awards &amp; 2nd-3rd AR Awards 8:40 1st Grade 9:10 2nd Grade 10:20 3rd Grade</p> <p>Varsity Only Sports Practice 3:20-4:20</p> <p>Varsity Only Sports Practice 3:20-4:20</p> <p><b>JANUARY</b></p>	<p><b>WRESTLING</b></p> <p>Varsity Only Sports Practice 3:20-4:20</p>	<p>Character Counts Day</p> <p>Early Release AM K 8:15-10:55 PM K 11:05-1:45 Gr. 1-6 8:25-1:45</p> <p>1:45 Old MPR</p> <p>Chess Club</p>	<p>History Day Students Meet 12:30-1:35 LMC Lab</p> <p>Basketball District Championships Clovis High 10:30-5:00</p> <p>Area Championship ASI 9:30-1:00</p>	<p>A Team Basketball Cross Area Games 2:00-4:00 Place TBD</p> <p>Comp Pep &amp; Cheer Practice 3:20-5:00</p>
<p>French Toast Sticks Sausage Breakfast Pizza</p>	<p>Nachos Chicken Tenders</p>	<p>Pepperoni Calzonettes Chicken Patty Sandwich</p>	<p>Turkey Gravy Crispy Chicken Drumstick</p>	<p>Cheeseburger Meatloaf Cheese-filled Breadsticks</p>

## 5th-6th GRADE GIRLS

### Little Spikers Volleyball

Practice Dates

Feb. 6th/7th, 13th/14th, 20th/21st, 27th/28th

Mar. 6th/7th, 13th/14th.

Cost: \$130 (+ fee) online registration  
\$150 at the door (if space is available)

Price includes a t-shirt.

Register online @

[www.centralcalvbc.com/littlespikers](http://www.centralcalvbc.com/littlespikers)

For questions email [centralcalvb@hotmail.com](mailto:centralcalvb@hotmail.com)

## 4th-6th GRADE STUDENTS

Completed Block DC Applications are due  
to your teacher no later than 3:15  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 19th**

### Lost & Found

Our Lost and Found is overflowing. If your child is missing a sweatshirt, coat, lunch box, etc., it is possible it is in our Lost & Found. All items will be set out on the blacktop all this week for students & parents. Those items remaining will be donated to a charitable organization on Friday, Jan. 26th.

## SPORTS AND RECREATION

### Spring Girls Softball League

Girls 4yrs. thru 14 yrs.

Where: All practice/games played at Clovis Schools

Cost: \$140.00 per player(\$160.00 after February 10, 2018)

When: Practice begins week of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Games begin week of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Divisions: 6U (Mon. & Sat.) 8U (Tues. & Sat.)

10U (Wed. & Sat.) 2U (Thur. & Sat.)

14U (Mon. & Sat.)

### Spring Boy's Baseball League

Boys 4 yrs. thru 8 yrs.

Where: All practice/games played at Clovis Schools

Cost: \$140.00 per player(\$160.00 after February 10, 2018)

When: Practice begins week of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Games begin week of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Divisions: 5U (Mon. & Sat.) 6U (Tues. & Sat.)

7U (Wed. & Sat.) 8U (Thurs. & Sat.)

### 2018 Spring T-Ball League

Boys & Girls 3 to 6 yrs.

When: Week of April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Option 1

Option 2

Cost \$75.00

Cost \$95.00

(\$95.00 after March 31<sup>st</sup>) (\$115.00 after March 31<sup>st</sup>.)

Jefferson Elem.

Dry Creek Elem.

Tues. or Thurs.

Mon., Tues., Wed., OR Thurs.

OR

All games are on 6 Saturdays

Maple Creek Elem.

following practice night

Mon. or Wed.

between 8:00am & 12:00pm

### Clovis Kickers Spring League 2018

Boys & Girls 3 to 6 yrs.

Where: Community Day School

Cost: \$95.00 (\$115.00 after February 24, 2018)

When: Saturdays

Divisions: 3U & 4U years

5U & 6U years

9:00am or 11:30am

10:15am or 12:45pm

### Clovis Rugby Camp

Boys & Girls 6-12 yrs.

Where: Maple Creek Elementary

Cost: \$75.00 (\$95.00 after March 3, 2018)

When: Rookie Division

Minors Division

6-9 yrs.

10-12 yrs.

Tues. 6pm to 7pm

Thurs. 6pm-7pm

& Sat. 8am-9am

& Sat. 9:15am-10:15am

Register and pay online at [www.clovisrec.com](http://www.clovisrec.com). Find under Spring Sports. If you have any further questions please call 327-9225.

## PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR CAMPUS SAFE

The Parent Pickup Area is located in the parking lot on Nees Avenue.

**All students in Grades 1-6 should be dropped off/picked up in that area before/after school.** Supervision is provided before and after school.

-ONLY Kindergarten students can be picked up in front of the school or from the north parking lot. Please do not use this area unless you are picking up a K student.

-Honor the posted signs.

-If you park across the street from school, please do not ask your child to cross the street at mid-block to meet you. Cross at designated crosswalk only.

## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Many assume that schools receive state funding for "sick" days rather than "vacation" days. In reality our school receives state funding ONLY when students are in their seats during a school day or an Independent Study Contract is completed and turned in. Student(s) must miss at least five, not more than 10 days of school before an Independent Study Contract can be completed. If you must take your student(s) out of school for vacation, at least one week prior to leaving, you can request an Independent Study contract. The completed packet must be turned in the day your child returns to school to receive full credit. For optimal learning please plan vacations during regular school vacation time.