



**Neil Hafley Elementary
School Community Newsletter
March 2010**

As I visit classrooms it makes me proud to see students on task and learning. Kindergarteners look and talk like first graders, first graders look and talk like second graders and on and on. Teachers have done an excellent job of adapting to the new class sizes. The number of parent volunteers has grown. The Neil Hafley school community has rallied to make sure that all students continue to get a quality education. We are all in this together and we are doing a very good job.

Also, thank you for your donations of school materials. Your continued generosity and support have allowed us to use our limited funds on other items and services to continue providing a quality education for your children. Copy paper, #2pencils, binder paper, Kleenex, and hand sanitizer are all items that you have donated in the past and we could still really use more of. Next week are teacher/parent conferences. This would be an excellent time to drop off needed supplies if you can. It has been and will continue to be very much appreciated.

Fifth graders are now selling Straw Hat Pizza cards to help reduce their Science Camp cost. For only \$10.00/per card you get ELEVEN, yes that is correct ELEVEN free pizzas! And the student gets \$8.00/per card credited to his/her Science Camp account. Please help support these fifth graders and enjoy some good pizza.

Community Club nomination forms will be coming home with your children. If you would like to be more involved with supporting students please consider becoming a Neil Hafley Community Club officer or chair person. Community Clubs have become even more important to schools during these tough economic times. Thanks to this year's community club efforts, our teacher's materials accounts have been supplemented, new basketball hoops have been purchased and other needed materials and supplies have been able to be purchased. Thank you so very much! Students, staff, and others are all benefiting for these efforts.

The very important and informative parent /teacher conferences for trimester II will be held during the week of March 8th. Please make every possible effort to attend your scheduled parent/teacher conference. Conference week, March 8th- 12th are also minimum school days, students are dismissed early.

District Program Improvement information: Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Program Improvement (PI) local educational agencies (LEAs) are responsible for implementing certain federal and state requirements during each year that they are in PI. The requirements vary based on the PI year.

The release of the most recent Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report indicated that the District met 42 of 46 of its growth targets, but did not meet all of them. As a result, the Manteca Unified School District has entered Year 3 of Program Improvement, which is called Corrective Action. District and school site staff have identified and analyzed district needs, and the District has begun revising the LEA Plan to address them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Compensatory Education Office at 858-0797.