

CSI PTO HOWLER

March 2, 2021

FEED THE WOLF! LET'S START THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR OUT ON TOP!

Filling our Fabrication Lab and Design Lab will give our students a healthy start come fall!



Help us reach our goal of \$300 per CSI family!

Visit our fundraising page <u>here</u> for more information! Or, just donate now!

MARCH IS CSI'S STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH

Our amazing CSI staff is working so hard and doing so much for our kids - the extra hours, the new ways of developing curriculum, the extra attention to social-emotional needs - the list goes on and on. **So over the next several weeks**, **let's make an extra effort to show them how much we appreciate them**.

- Words of Appreciation: Being told you're appreciated is one of the simplest and most uplifting things a person can hear. Let's show our CSI staff how much they mean to us by writing cards or letters to each of them each week during the month of March. Sign up <u>here</u>.
- **Lunch:** Boxed lunches will be provided to CSI staff a few times in March with PTO funds the Wolfpack has previously raised. Our staff would LOVE not having to think about, shop for, or make their own lunches once in a while. It may seem like a small gesture, but it will go a long way in easing their lives and feeling our appreciation.
- Connect with your Room Coordinator to see what surprises are planned for your teachers and support staff. If you're not sure who your Room Coordinator is you can contact Maria Gray at <u>csipto.roomcoord@gmail.com</u>.
- Questions? Contact Michelle Phipps at <u>csipto.hospitality@gmail.com</u>.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join us **TONIGHT**, **3/2 at 7:30pm** for a Walk-A-Thon Planning meeting via Zoom.
- Join us at the next PTO General Mtg Wednesday, 3/10 @ 7:30 pm via Zoom
 Will call for a Board Election Nominee Committee during this meeting.
- We're **Dining Out** Again!!! This time, please head over to **MOD Pizza** on **3/16** from **10:30am-10pm** to support our amazing students. Just mention the fundraiser when you order for takeout or delivery!
 - 2000 S. Bascom Ave Ste 110, Campbell, CA, US 95008
 - <u>Visit MOD Pizza's online order website.</u> Use the **promo code of "GR174357C"** and 20% of your meal's price will be donated back to the PTO.
- Save The Date: Virtual Walk-A-Thon will take place April 2 16.
 - Planning Committee Meeting will also be held on **3/16 @ 7:30** via Zoom.
 - A general Pledgestar tutorial and question/answer meeting will be held on **3/31 @ 7:30** pm via Zoom.
 - Please reach out to <u>csipto.fundraiser@gmail.com</u> if you want to help!

REMINDERS

- Be sure to check out <u>csipto.com</u> to find the latest information and content, including:
 - **Our Music Appreciation Program,** created by professional musician, **Justin Imamura.**
 - The **Yearbook** photo submissions
 - School Event **Calendars**
- **Tax Donation Receipts** If you made a monetary donation to the PTO for the 2020 tax year, and have not received a receipt, please email Sara Siegrist at <u>csipto.treasurer@gmail.com</u>.
- **Flat Wolfeys** are available at the Welcome Center. Come grab one and document his many adventures through photos! You can download and share through <u>csipto.com/yearbook</u>.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT - MS. LORETTA TOY

Kindergarten, 2nd Year at CSI

Hello Ms. Toy and thank you for participating in the Staff Spotlight! Could you please tell us about some of your hobbies.

Some of my hobbies include teaching Zumba & LaBlast at local gyms, baking for my family and friends, and playing the piano and ukulele. I am a certified Group Fitness Instructor

with ACE (American Council on Exercise) and am licensed to teach LaBlast and Zumba. I love exploring world rhythms and learning different dances from around the world. I discovered the world of competitive ballroom dancing 10 years ago and traveled around the country competing in American Rhythm with my dance partner. We competed at the United States Dance Championships (held at Walt Disney World) and were vice-champions at the World Pro/Am Dance Championships. I believe that it's never too late in life to channel your inner dancer. Happy feet are truly good for the mind, body, and soul! I am passionate about music and movement and try to find ways to incorporate that as a part of my instruction.

Would you mind giving us a peek into your professional career?

I started my career as an educator teaching kindergarten. Over the past 12 years, I've taught kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 2nd/3rd combo classes and was the middle school Maker Science teacher at a Project-Based Learning middle school. When I learned about CSI, I felt that it was a place that closely aligns with my beliefs and teaching practice. I believe that a TK-8th school allows learners and their families to develop a strong sense of community. Design thinking has a human-centered core that encourages empathy. I am proud to be at a school that embraces the motto that we are all designers. I enjoy creating and designing learning experiences that will help students become empowered learners. I consider myself very fortunate to be a part of the CSI community!

What are some things CSI families would find intriguing about you?

A few years ago, I started volunteering my time helping train a team of dancers for the Special Olympics. The team took gold in the 2017 World Winter Games in Graz, Austria! At the time, dance was an exhibition event. All of that changed last year. At the Abu Dhabi games, it was announced that dance is an official Special Olympics sport! I will be helping



train the team of dancers as they gear up to hopefully represent the United States at the Special Olympics in the future.

Happy birthday to Bailey (cute doggy!), who turns seven this week!

FUNDRAISING

Don't forget to select CSI PTO as your AmazonSmile non-profit of choice! They will support our students with every purchase! SHARE THE LOVE!

Check out our <u>ongoing fundraising campaigns</u>! You can learn more about our fundraising goals, and how the funds are allocated on <u>csipto.com</u>!



COMMUNITY

Private class level Facebook Groups links are directly available on: <u>https://www.csipto.com/facebook-groups.html</u>

EVENTS CALENDAR

The current PTO Calendar can be located on the Calendar tab of the CSI PTO website: (https://www.csipto.com/calendar.html) and on our Facebook PTO Events page here. *** Versión en español disponible a www.csipto.com

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