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Elmwood Arts Infusion

October 2009

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Importance of Effective Collaboration

"Working together"

adapted from Learning Point Associates

"Collaboration is a process to reach goals that cannot be achieved acting singly," stated Jerome Bruner, noted educational psychologist. He outlines the elements of **effective collaboration**:

- **Joint development** of mutually accepted goals and directions
- **Shared responsibility** to obtain those goals
- **Working together** to achieve the goals
- Using the **expertise of each collaborator**

Collaboration Guidelines:

1. Involve all players for support/recognition
2. Visionary leads, take risks, facilitate change
3. Share vision for expected outcome
4. Build ownership
5. Define communication and decision-making processes address conflict constructively
6. Encourage institutional support for goals and provide resources

Set aside routine to **meet, interact. Build trust** and **respect** to survive growing pains of systemic change.

North Central Regional Educational Laboratory website

"Show Me the Story"

Arts in Action Fair

Music/Dance/Drama/Visual Arts
Parents and Community invited to attend

Wednesday, Oct. 21st in the Cafeteria from 2:45-3:45, Elmwood's **Arts in Action Fair** is designed to:

- Introduce the **school and community to current arts infusion methods**
- Feature a **key concept** that grade levels are studying
- Focus on a **current arts infusion activity** or display how to **introduce/reinforce** key concepts in other subjects such as language arts, math, social studies and science

The theme for this year's event, "**Show Me the Story**," highlights language arts, particularly the **elements that make up a good story**. The main arts featured will be **Visual Arts and Theatre** but Music and Dance will also be included. Each grade level is presenting **exciting activities that demonstrate ways to "show" (tell) a story**.

In addition to **printmaking painting, and beadwork**, a **special reader's theater** will be presented by the 2nd Grade.

OCT CALENDAR:

- 10/14 Tie Day
- 10/20 Principal Snack/Yak
- 10/21 Arts in Action Fair— "**Show Me The Story**"
- 10/22 School-Wide Fundraiser begins
- 10/22 Powerful Parent-School Partnership
- 10/30 Halloween Parade

Dance-A-Thon Puts the "Fun" into Fundraising!



Students doing the Balloon Dance
Elmwood School held a Dance-A-Thon on Friday, Sept. 25th sponsored by the PTO. Over **250 students had a fantastic time!** This event, a fundraiser for student activities, was **coordinated by our great Dance Teacher, Celisse Johnson**. Participating students gathered \$10 pledges in order to dance. The highlight of the Dance-A-Thon was the balloon dance. **Thanks goes to the PTO, Elmwood Parents, everyone who contributed and our students for a marvelous time!!**

Powerful Parent-School Partnership Workshop: "How to Read STAR Results"



Mr. Semillo explains how to interpret STAR info
Elmwood School's first "Powerful Parent-School Partnerships" workshop of the year was held Sept. 17th. Parents learned how to **easily interpret the information in the report**. John Semillo, our principal, also shared the school-wide (Academic Performance Index) results, indicating **Elmwood made good growth** and met goals set by the State. Jose Maciel, Coordinator for the San Joaquin County Migrant Education Program also gave a presentation on **Migrant Education services available for parents**.

Elmwood's next PPSP Workshop: Oct. 22nd