

November 2011 CLCS Executive Director's Report

By Paul Bentz

Our new sports program is in full swing. I hear that the high school cross country team is doing well and the middle school volleyball teams are improving rapidly. Boys and girls middle school basketball are just around the corner. Organizational meetings will take place soon. Practice should start sometime after Thanksgiving with games starting in early January. There will be both an "A" team and a "B" team for both boys and girls, so there is plenty of room for anyone who wants to join.

Even though we have been in the building for 17 years, ACLC still only has a one year agreement for use of our current space that we get from AUSD under Proposition 39. If you follow the school board calendar, you will see that AUSD is considering adding 180 students to grades 6-8 to a program at Encinal which would eventually turn Encinal into a 6-12 school. If the pilot were successful, even more Encinal students could be coming. What this means for the location of ACLC in the future is anyone's guess. We are exploring alternatives to locating our school on AUSD property, but at this time do not have any firm options or plans to move. All of this will play out in February when AUSD is required to make their facilities offer under the rules of Proposition 39.

Our parent run foundation (CCEF) continues to raise funds for the school to support a wide variety of elective activities. I encourage you to financially support the school. For those of you who have not yet pledged, we hope that in the near future you will contribute at a level that is appropriate for you. We really do need 100% parent participation so that we can continue to provide a high quality program at ACLC in future years.