

Monday Blue Newsletter



Ocean Shore School

Pacifica, California

September 8, 2009

Quote of the Week: "I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it." (Harry S. Truman, 1884 - 1972)

Important Dates

- September 8 - President Obama addresses nation's students on the importance of education at 9 AM PST on www.whitehouse.gov.
- Meeting to discuss after-school care for older students with the closure of the Boys and Girls' Club - 6 PM OSS Library.
- PTO Executive Board Meeting - 7 PM Staff Room.
- September 11 - Field Trip Training - 8:45 AM.
- September 14 - Field Trip Training - 7 PM.
- September 16 - Back-to-School Night (see times below).
- September 17 - Constitution Day.
- GATE Testing (4th grade and new students).
- September 18 - Movie Night - Disney's *Earth* 7 PM.
- September 19 - Coastal Clean-Up Day (9 - 11:30 AM; Celebration 12 - 1:30 PM)

News and Information

All our students gathered in the multi-purpose room for a welcome back assembly last Monday morning. The students gave a welcoming applause as I told them how happy I am to be the new Principal of Ocean Shore School, and then they joyously applauded as each and every staff member was introduced. I spoke briefly about how lucky we are that the school was created over thirty years ago by a group of parents and teachers who wanted a strong community where children love learning and each individual is respected; and how we need to continue to take care of our community each day.

We have finalized our times for the Wednesday, September 16 Back-to-School Night events. Please plan on attending your students' classroom presentations to learn about the plans for the year and the routines for the classroom. We have staggered the times to help families with multiple classrooms to visit. **The evening begins at 5:00 for students in Matt Hayden's classroom. At 5:30 the Kindergarten presentations begin. At 6:00 the First, Second, and Third grade teachers begin their presentations. At 7:00 the Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth grade teachers start their presentations.** (The 4/5 classrooms met last week.)

A big **thank you** to the American Legion's Women's Auxiliary for donating school supplies. Thank you also to all the families who donated paper and other supplies to the classrooms.

Library Help Needed: We are getting ready to open our Library on Monday, Sept. 21st. We will need volunteers to staff the library during classroom visits, recess times and lunch times. We also have ongoing work available with book repair and maintenance. We have the following trainings coming up:

- **Library Aide -- Monday, Sept. 14th 8:45 - 10:30 AM**
- **Library Aide -- Wednesday, Sept. 16th 8:45 - 10:30 AM**
- **Book Repair / Maintenance -- Monday, Sept. 28th 8:45 - 10:30 AM**

If you are interested in working in the library, please contact Teri Voorhes, Library Co-Coordinator, at teriryan13@yahoo.com / 650-738-6997. Please know that our library is completely run by our parent volunteers. We appreciate all the help we can get.

FROM THE OFFICE - Absence from school: If your child is absent from school you must call the office even if the teacher is aware of the absence. Please include the following information: Date of phone call, student's name, teacher's name, date of absence, and reason for the absence.

The After-School Enrichment Program is coming. Look for information in the coming weeks. For questions or suggestions, email Heidi Lucey (Barton) at leopictures@hotmail.com. Please include *After-School Enrichment* in the subject line.

Kindergarten pick-up gate change: Please enter and exit the main front door of the school when picking up kindergarten students, instead of the gate that was previously unlocked.

Emergency Drills: Please be aware that everyone in the school during an emergency must exit. We will be conducting regular drills and will need all adults to be an example to the students by leaving the building promptly and quietly. Please exit to the paved courts in the rear of the school and wait quietly for directions.

Neighborhood Safety: Cars parked on the street near Ocean Shore School have been vandalized. A parent has reported that a rearview mirror was taken off a parent's van on the first day of school. It's best to never leave valuables in the car. We are visited daily by an officer from the Pacifica Police Department as a community service. Please let the police know immediately if you see anything suspicious in the neighborhood.