

Monday Blue Newsletter



Ocean Shore School

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Pacifica, California

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Quote of the Week: *“Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.”* (Chief Seattle, 1780 – 1866)

Important Dates

- October 5
 - Outdoor Ed for 5th grade
 - Character Initiative Meeting 3:30 DO
- October 6
 - Hearing Tests administered
 - Yearbook Meeting 6:00 OSS Library
- October 10
 - Pacifica Education Foundation Benefit 12 – 5 PM
Seiwert Family Home, 828 Rockaway Beach Ave.
- October 12
 - Staff Development Day – no school for students
- October 13
 - Diversity Leadership Group Meeting 6:30 OSS
- October 18
 - Great Day Fundraiser
- November 13
 - Elna Flynn Dinner (date change)

News and Information

Our fifth grade students will be enjoying a week of Outdoor Education at Jones Gulch camp in the redwoods of the Santa Cruz Mountains with their teachers Jonathan, Patricia, and Virginia. We have two assistants attending also – our Antonio, who works in Patty’s class, and Krist, another wonderful aide, from Ortega School, who has agreed to spend the week at the outdoor school. Students will enjoy a week of experiential and environmental education. They will learn about forest and beach ecosystems, and will join with the naturalists, cabin leaders, teachers, and other schools to form a community.

The Outdoor Education programs are excellent at working with the students to reduce waste, recycle, and compost after meals. With diligence and a coordinated effort, the students become successful, and feel pride, in being proactive regarding waste and as stewards of the earth. We here can build upon this experience, and refresh our school-wide efforts to become more efficient about recycling during our lunchtimes at Ocean Shore. Please consider waste-free lunches with reusable containers whenever possible. At school we can make a greater effort also to be sure recyclables and compost is separated from landfill waste.

The Yearbook is in need of volunteers to help out in many aspects of creating this year's yearbook. If you are interested in helping, please come to the meeting on Tuesday, October 6 at 6:00 in the OSS Library. Also, the yearbook needs your photos! Please send in your photos, clearly labeled to ossyearbook@gmail.com. They may also be placed in the photo container near the parent folders. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students are invited to be a part of this year's Yearbook staff. There will be work on Wednesdays after school. If you are interested, please join your parents at the meeting on October 6.

Ocean Shore's **Diversity Leadership Group (DLG)** holds first meeting, Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30. Come help plan the events for the upcoming year. Everyone welcome. Contact diversityleadershipgroup@yahoo.com for more information.

The **District Wellness Committee** needs parent representation from all the Pacifica schools. If you are interested in representing our school on this PSD School Board-affiliated committee, please contact the principal, Laura Shain, at Lshain@pacificasd.org

FROM THE OFFICE: We are receiving too many calls asking for other parents' phone numbers or email addresses. Please use the roster from the PTO for this information and only call the office for numbers and addresses in an emergency. Thank you.

Homework Center on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays in the OSS Library. Students, please join Dottie, our RSP aide, and Jeffrey, Oceana student, in the library after school for drop-in homework support from 2:45 – 3:45. This wonderful program is available to us again this year with funds from the county.
