

Monday Blue Newsletter



Ocean Shore School Laura Shain, Principal Pacifica, California October 19, 2009

Quote of the Week: *“Students who study the arts seriously are taught to see better, to envision, to persist, to be playful and learn from mistakes, to make critical judgments and justify such judgments.”* (Ellen Winner and Lois Hetland of Project Zero, an arts-education program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education)

Important Dates

October 20 - EAT Meeting 6:30 OSS
October 21 - Picture Day
November 13 - Elna Flynn Dinner

News and Information

Our halls, this weekend during our Great Day fundraiser in particular, reflect our schools commitment to providing excellent art education to all our students. The student art that was displayed, showed the success of our art leaders in their endeavor to inspire creativity and fine arts craft in the students at all levels, ages, and with a variety of mediums. Walking through the halls at any time shows that our teachers integrate the arts into the curriculum. Our art classes celebrate art for art’s sake. Students are able to describe their processes, intentions, and have great pride in the work they create in our art room.

Students’ lives are enriched, thoughts are stretched, and motivation is nourished through experiences in the arts. Art provides the opportunity to hope and to envision through the act of creating. What a powerful tool to provide students.

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 next **EAT Meeting** is on Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. We'll be reviewing some curve garden stage designs, and hopefully planning the butterfly garden build as well, so come and join us if you are interested!

EAT needs a volunteer to pick up toner and printer cartridges from the parent room at least 3-4

times a year, for recycling. The volunteer would need to drop off the cartridges at a recycling facility near the Embarcadero in San Francisco, so if you work downtown, this is a great way to earn hours outside of school.

Contact christinarimmer@yahoo.com with questions.

Invitations are now available to attend the **2009 Elna Flynn Recognition Dinner** on Friday, November 13 at Nick's Restaurant. Outstanding volunteers from across the district will be honored that evening. We are pleased to honor Joel Fontaine and Suzy Gurton for their dedicated and enthusiastic efforts in our program over the years. They exemplify the work of so very many of the parents who work at our school in a variety of capacities. The invitation is available on the school website. You can also contact Joanne Simonson, Parent Council Rep, for more information. Checks are due by October 23. Please respond early as there are a limited number of spaces available.
