

Monday Blue Newsletter



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Quote of the Week: *“What is the meaning of life? To be happy and useful.”* (The Dalai Lama, 1935 -)

Important Dates

- October 27 - Vision test retakes AM
- October 30 - Costume parade 8:45 AM / Fall Clusters 10:15 AM
- November 12 - Book Fair opens
- November 13 - Elna Flynn Dinner

News and Information

This past week was Red Ribbon Week for the Pacifica schools. This is a week that is sponsored by the Pacifica Police Department and is a naturally recognized effort that encourages communities and individuals to work together to preserve children’s hopes and dreams with a commitment to live drug-free lives. The effort takes a concerted approach and includes all the techniques we use to build strong family relationships and promote healthy and joyful living. This includes keeping communication open with children and young adults; facilitating participation in healthy sports, activities, and hobbies; monitoring whereabouts, friendships, and being aware of changes in behavior. Education and knowledge are important tools to keep our youngsters from engaging in unsafe activities including smoking, drinking, and drugs.

Our local police department is incredibly supportive of our school district and Ocean Shore in particular. You will routinely see a police cruiser parked in our lot as Officer Tom Cumming stops by to check on us each week. He is assigned to our school Tuesdays through Fridays. If needed on Mondays, another Officer comes by. Whenever a Police Officer needs to talk to our students, I will be present also. I have been very impressed by the professionalism and intelligence of our local police in the schools. Our Officers are kind, gentle, and make an extra effort to put students at ease when they are questioned.

Each school was presented with a \$500 check from the Pacifica Police Activities League last week to support the efforts of the Parent Teacher Organizations. We thank our local police department for selecting the schools as a recipient of these funds, and we thank the Pacifica community for the donations to the police fundraiser.

School-wide emails will now come to you from rbffire@yahoo.com. The email address was changed due to problems being encountered with the AOL address. If you have not received an email from Richard at rbffire@yahoo.com and wish to be on the email list, please send him an email.

Kindergarten siblings for the next school year (2010 - 2011) need to be registered with Patricia in the front office to reserve a spot for next year's kindergarten. If you do not register your child prior to the January deadline, you will lose your sibling status and have to go on the waitlist. Please contact Patricia as soon as possible to register kindergarten siblings.

FROM THE OFFICE: **Kindergarten sibling enrollment** is underway! If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before December 2, 2010, your child is eligible to attend school in the fall 2010. Applications are available in the office. The deadline for returning them to the office is January 8, 2010.

Attention Attention! Ocean Shore **t-shirts and sweatshirts** are now available to order! More styles are available this year in response to the your input, including zip-hooded sweatshirts and "babydoll" shirts in women's sizes. This year we are also offering black! Please fill in the order form that was emailed and return with a check made out to "OSSPTO" by Friday, Oct 30th. Contact Aprile at uhland@earthlink.net or 650-238-4578 with questions, Thanks!

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.

UNICEF boxes for collecting donations will be distributed this week. Students may choose to support this organization by asking for donations when they go trick-or-treating. Please return the boxes to classroom teachers when finished soliciting donations.

The **Ocean Shore State Preschool** currently has openings for 3 children. We accept children who are 3-4 years of age and potty trained. The class runs 5 days a week from 9 AM – 12 PM. We are a child-centered program. The preschool's curriculum focuses on developing and strengthening the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive needs of each child. For more information please call Peggy Ussery at Parks, Beaches & Recreation at 738-7388.
