

Monday Blue Newsletter



Ocean Shore School

Pacifica, California

October 18, 2010

Quote of the Week: "*Which is the best government? That which teaches us to govern ourselves.*"
(Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, 1749 - 1832)

Important Dates

- October 12 - Life Touch Picture Day
- Hearing Tests
- PTO Board Meeting (photo at 6:45) 7 pm
- PSV Literacy Workshop for K – 5th at IBL 7 pm
- October 14 - Hearing Tests
- October 15 - Pacifica Fire Department *Fire Prevention Week* visit 9:30 am
- 7th grade to Balclutha
- October 18 - 5th grade to Outdoor Ed
- October 19 - PSV Math Workshop for 6th – 8th at IBL 7 pm
- October 20 - Red Ribbon Week begins

News and Information

Our new Student Council Officers and Members have been appointed for the 2010-2011 year. Officers represent their grades and classrooms, while members serve as a corps of volunteers for school-wide events. We have fourteen Officers and twenty-one Members from fourth through eighth grade.

Students were selected based on their applications and informal observations and recommendations.

Officers meet every other week, beginning this Wednesday, during lunch with the principal. This year's group will participate in a community service project, learn about government, run the Question of the Month writing and thinking project, develop art contests, and lead spirit activities. In their role as representatives, they will advocate for change and provide information and solicit opinions on various topics. They will have public speaking opportunities and will have leadership roles on committees and at events during the year.

Members will meet monthly and will provide valuable information, opinions, and publicity for spirit activities. They will have leadership opportunities during school assemblies. They will participate in some aspects of the community service project that is developed by the Student Council Officers. They will be called upon as needed throughout the year.

I am pleased to present our Student Council Officers: Seth Bartlett, Slonne Bleyle, and Megan

Cisneros (8th grade Co-Presidents); Cyrus Kayhan and Bree Zorrilla (7th grade Co-Vice Presidents); Dexter Hamilton, Fili Pao Pao, Vivianne Reed, and Sam Watson (6th grade Co-Treasurers/Secretaries); India Cale, Svea Listmann, and Luka Mehrling (5th grade Representatives); and Charlotte Burns and Laith Cuyjet (4th grade Representatives).

Our corps of Members consists of: Izzy Burns, Sonia Martin, Christine Munoz, Alyssa Peterson, Molly Pomeroy, and Elizabeth Rimmer from the 7th grade; Katie Claussen, Sam Louderback, Jimmy Lujan Lila Schulman, and Susan Stack, from the 6th grade; Hunter Acheson-Lagios, Alex Romero, Angelina Sack, Jessica Simonson, and Max Voorhes from the 5th grade; and Tess Bartlett, Maya Bulazo, Andrea Camacho, Florence Chang, and Zarah Kayhan from the 4th grade.

Please join me in congratulating these students. It is wonderful to see the interest in leadership from our student body. Please encourage your students to participate in the Student Council led activities throughout the year, and apply again next year to be on the Council. Working closely with the group of students is sure to be another rewarding experience for me this year.

*Laura Shain
Principal*

Fall Clusters are just round the corner. They will take place Friday, October 29, 2010. We will need many MANY hands to make this event a success!!! We would especially like clusters that will lend themselves to cross age/grade participation. This is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your special projects requirement and have fun with kids at the same time. We will have two rotations that will take place between recess and lunch. Contact Joanne Simonson at joanne.simonson@gmail.com.

The **We Teach Science Foundation** is working with Ocean Shore to offer free math and science mentoring to 8th grade students through an online program. The students connect through an online program to their mentor who is at his or her office. The program happens from 3-4 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Ocean Shore Computer Lab. There will be about 5-10 students in the computer lab at a time. We are looking for a few parent volunteers who are reasonably computer savvy to help us run the program. The job requires organizing materials consisting of tablets and headsets, helping students switch to another computer if something goes wrong, and signing the kids in and out. We are not able to run the program without the help of volunteers. Email Dina, the program manager, at dina@weteachscience.org, if you're interested.

We are looking forward to the **Ocean Shore School Beach Clean-Up** every month! We will meet at the levy at Sharp Park Beach at 9 am on the second Saturday of each month. PARENTS: Bring your children! You will receive hours for keeping our beach clean! Contact Kelly Hopkins at kcoppsean@aim.com if you have questions.

The **UnWaste Fundraising Event** is coming to Ocean Shore School on Saturday, October 16 and

Sunday, October 17. Keep all your old electronics out of our landfills while safely recycling them. Many other items will be accepted, please see fliers for details. We will need volunteers to help with this event, please sign up in the parent hallway. All the heavy lifting will be done by the UnWaste employees. If you have questions, contact Jill Grochowski at jillybean201@hotmail.com or 355-3707.

The 11th **Ability Awareness Day** will be here on Wednesday, October 27. Please join us for this very special school-wide event which educates and celebrates with students about the many different learning styles. We are looking for volunteers to help in the following areas: accompany small groups, help with an activity or provide snacks for the speakers and volunteers. Plan on working 8:25 - 11:30 am. If you can help out please contact Teri Voorhes, teriryan13@yahoo.com / 650-738-6997.

FREE! **Play and Discover Day**, Saturday October 23 from 10:00 - 1:00 pm at Linda Mar Education Center. This event is brought to you by Special Olympics and the Pacifica School District - Special Education Parent Advisory Committee. We are looking for young athletes between the ages of 2 to 7, of all abilities. Bring the family for a fun afternoon of sports activities supervised by middle school buddies. If you would like to sign up your young athlete or if you are in 5th - 8th grade and would like to help for the day please RSVP to Teri Voorhes at teriryan13@yahoo.com / 650-738-6997.

Please be considerate and do not park in the **staff parking lot** during the day. We have some staff who are scheduled to arrive for their work shifts throughout the school day, and they have not been able to find spaces in the staff parking lot. Thank you.

The sign up sheets are here! We are looking for help with our **Scholastic Book Fair**. The book fair is held twice a year and is the only fundraiser for the Library and Computer Lab. We will need help with the set up, tear down and cashier shifts from November 9 through November 19. The shifts are posted in the Parent Hallway or you can contact Jillian Robinson, Scholastic Book Fair Coordinator, at shycookie9@yahoo.com.

In the news... Our Teri Voorhes wrote an article for *Signing Time* about Sign Language and Down Syndrome. Teri is thankful for all of the opportunities she has had at Ocean Shore to share sign language with the kids. Check out her article at: www.signingtime.com/blog/category/newsletters/.

Our Recess Before Lunch program was the topic of an article written by Darya Mead for the new online news service *Patch.com*. Follow the link here: <http://pacificapatch.com/articles/a-small-but-significant-change-at-ocean-shore-recess-before-lunch>.
