

# Monday Blue Newsletter



Ocean Shore School

Pacifica, California

October 25, 2010

Quote of the Week: *"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."* (Maya Angelou, 1928 – present)

## Important Dates

- October 25 - Red Ribbon Week begins
- School Site Council Meeting 3:30 pm
- October 26 - SEPAC High School Transition presentation 6:30 pm
- October 27 - Ability Awareness Day 9 am
- October 29 - Halloween parade 8:45 am
- Fall Clusters 10:30 am
- minimum day (dismissal times: K at 12:35; 1-3 at 12:40; 4-8 at 1:00)
- November 4 - Diversity Leadership Group Meeting 7 pm.
- November 7 - Daylight Savings Time ends (move clocks back an hour)
- November 9 - PTO Executive Board meeting 7 pm
- Band parent meeting 7 pm
- November 11 - Veteran's Day holiday (no school)
- November 15 – 19 Minimum days for conferences (Wednesday early out schedule)

## News and Information

This week we have Red Ribbon Week, sponsored by our local Police Department; Ability Awareness Day, led by our teacher Shelley Denny; our annual Halloween costume parade; and Fall Clusters, organized by parent Joanne Simonson. These days, it seems that everyone is pulled in many directions and under a lot of pressure. We are all so busy that we really need to be patient with ourselves and each other. When we couple overflowing schedules and expectations with personal work ethics and high standards, we can produce the burden of incredible stress. I wish I had words of wisdom to share, but all I can offer is the call for understanding. We can try to do less, we can try to relax our standards, we can prioritize and focus on the most important tasks, we can work differently to share the workload, and probably most importantly, we can find balance by focusing on the most important parts of our lives... the time that involves the people we care about.

Red Ribbon Week is a time when schools use age-appropriate discussion and activities to promote healthy and safe choices for our students. We encourage students to develop passions and hobbies that will give them meaning and purpose throughout their teen years. The local police department provided red ribbons for our students. We are using these as bookmarks rather than using pins to attach to clothing.

We will be celebrating Ability Awareness Day this Wednesday with each classroom participating in two sessions in the morning. Ability Awareness Day has occurred at Ocean Shore for many years under the leadership of Shelley Denny. We have many guests visiting to share their experiences and to lead students in adapted activities, and a variety of presentations about the disability movement, learning styles, guide dogs, the power of language, and developing friendships.

On Friday, we will start the day with our annual Halloween costume parade. Again this year, students should arrive at school in costume as the parade begins at 8:45. Costumes should be school appropriate – no weapons as props, not too revealing, and not too gory. Remember the age range of our students and consider the young ones when wondering if a costume is too scary. At 10:30, we begin our Fall Clusters with students participating in cross-age activities throughout the school. Joanne Simonson has organized a great variety of experiences for our students and we have many volunteers to thank for their help in leading these activities.

*Laura Shain  
Principal*

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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.

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We are pleased to announce this year's **Elna Flynn volunteer award winners** for Ocean Shore School: Kathy Kellerman and Catherine Kaiser. Please watch for the upcoming article in the Pacifica Tribune which highlights the wonderful contributions by Kathy and Catherine over the years to Ocean Shore School.

This means its time again for the Fabulous Annual Elna Flynn dinner at Nick's. This year's event will be held Friday, November 19 at 6 pm. Meal choices are roasted chicken or teriyaki steak, and include salad and dessert. Tickets are only \$35. Come out and support our school volunteers and enjoy good food and company, too!

Checks should be placed in Heather Tanner's parent folder. Checks should be made out to OSS PTO and you should include a note to indicate your meal choices and the names of all people you are purchasing tickets for. (Note: vegetarian meal choices are available upon request.) Reservation forms can be found in the Tanner parent folder. The deadline for reservations is October 27.

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**Equal Exchange Fundraiser:** We're underway with this great fundraiser! One of the wonderful things about this fundraiser is that the food products are 100% organic. Organic farming practices ensure no chemicals or pesticides were used in the production of Equal Exchange products - which protects the farmers who grew the products, the surrounding environment, birds and other wildlife, as well as the people who enjoy these products. Coffee in particular grows best in a shaded environment.

Keep up the good work in sales! Every sale benefits our school and other good things going on in the world. Questions can be directed to parent Stephanie Hamilton at hamiltonpac@yahoo.com. Thanks!

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Please join the **Pacifica Education Foundation** at our annual **Casino Night Fundraiser!**  
Test your skills at Black Jack, Roulette and Craps! Enjoy tasty food and then dance the night away!

The event is on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at the Pedro Point Firehouse from 7:00 – 11:00 pm.  
Reserve your tickets now for the event of the year! Space is limited and tickets will sell out! Tickets are \$50.00 per person, which includes \$100 in gambling chips, drink ticket and savory finger foods.

**For tickets**, please contact Dawn Wineinger at [dwineinger@pacificaEF.org](mailto:dwineinger@pacificaEF.org) or Carol Morales-Burnham at [cburnham@pacificaEF.org](mailto:cburnham@pacificaEF.org) or your own OSS/PEF Liaisons, Ana Santos Restivo at [asantos@pacificaEF.org](mailto:asantos@pacificaEF.org) and Darlene Mann at [dkmann@pacificaEF.org](mailto:dkmann@pacificaEF.org).

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Consider joining the **Portola Discovery Site Hike** sponsored by the Pacifica Historical Society, GGNRA, and the Pacifica Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Department on November 6 at 9:30 am. There will be a strenuous 3-mile round trip hike starting at the Pacifica Community Center on Crespi Drive after a short film and then a carpool to the Sweeney Ridge trailhead on Fassler Ave at 11 am. Please call 738-7381 for more information.

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**Kindergarten siblings** of students currently attending Ocean Shore School (who will be returning for the following school year) will have priority at our school until Friday, January 14, 2011. Please notify the office if you have a sibling who will be attending Kindergarten next year.

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OSS teacher Katy Stearns, on leave this semester, is traveling to Guatemala with a friend next week. They will bring items to donate to a rural school in Guatemala. If you are able to bring any of the following items to school by this Friday, they will bring them on their trip: **pencils, pens, markers, colored pencils, solar calculator, back packs in good condition, small notebooks, rulers, erasers, and pencil sharpeners.**

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FROM THE OFFICE. If you want to put money on your child's **lunch account** or check their balance you can do that at the office or on line by using [www.ezschoollpay.com](http://www.ezschoollpay.com). Money is available within 10 minutes of the credit for a \$3 flat rate per upload. Or you can use [www.sodexoeducation.com](http://www.sodexoeducation.com) where payments will take 2 business days to reflect and the fee is 5% per upload. You will need your child's student ID number which you can get from the office.

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The **Diversity Leadership Group** meets monthly. The next meeting to be held on Thursday, November 4 at 7:00 pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome.

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**20 orange cones** were used at the Frontierland picnic on the last day of school to set a boundary for the water play area in the field. The cones never came back! Someone may have gathered them up and taken them home over the summer and forgotten about them. If you know who may have picked them up, please let the office know.

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The Boys and Girls Clubs of North San Mateo County at Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School are welcoming seventh and eighth grade students from the Pacifica K-8 schools to join the IBL students in the 2010-2011 **Bulldog Basketball program**. The registration deadline is October 29, 2010 and practice begins November 1, 2010. There is a \$60 basketball fee, a \$25 membership fee, and a \$25 jersey fee. Please pick up an application on the table in the parent hallway, or email lshain@pacificasd.org for a pdf version.

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FROM THE OFFICE: **When your child is absent from school** remember to call the office even if you've notified the teacher. Also, if your child will be on a trip for FIVE consecutive days or more he/she qualifies for an independent study contract. Contracts are an important way for your child to avoid missing important school work. Remember to notify the office and your teacher at least 3 days before departure.

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