

# Monday Blue Newsletter



Ocean Shore School

Pacifica, California

November 8, 2010

Quote of the Week: *"A civilization flourishes when people plant trees under which they will never sit."*  
(Greek Proverb)

## Important Dates

- 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)
- November 16 - Picture retakes
- November 19 - Elna Flynn Award Dinner 6 pm
- November 20 - PEF Casino Night fundraiser 7 pm
- November 22 – 23 Work Furlough (no pay) days
- November 24 – 26 Thanksgiving Break

## News and Information

Congratulations to our very own Richard Faust for his election to the Pacifica School District Board of Trustees! Richard brings years of school volunteerism and PTO leadership experience, wisdom from parenting his twin seventh grade boys, and has served the community as a SF Firefighter / Paramedic.

Richard will resign as the PTO Vice-President this Tuesday night at the PTO Board meeting. Though he is more than adept at multi-tasking, it is considered a conflict of interest for Trustees to serve in a leadership capacity at a school site. Richard has assured us that he will still be an active volunteer and will continue with many of the roles he has assumed over the years, including helping lead tours, and managing our waitlist. I say "including" because Richard is always helping in some capacity, even when he just drops by with his apple fritter and coffee. He listens to our needs, sees where he can help, and jumps in. He has a wonderful memory for procedures and knows about every aspect of the program. His expertise has helped with sick and injured students and even family members during evening performances. He never turns from a request for help. He has a keen grasp on details and a logical approach to decision-making.

While it may seem that I am unashamedly currying favor from our future trustee, we are already in good hands with alumni parent Joan Weideman and current parent Cynthia Kaufman. They, along with board members Mike O'Neill, Karen Ervin, and Eileen Manning-Villar have all been appreciative of the Ocean Shore program. I do want to take this opportunity to say thank you to Richard for all he has done for our school over the years, and for the tremendous partnership he has provided me as I

learned about Ocean Shore, its complexities and histories while a new principal last year. He is smart, hardworking, and kind; but most of all, hilarious. We will miss Richard at our PTO board meetings and miss his on-site leadership. Please join me in congratulations and thanks to Richard.

Teachers are preparing for our fall conferences where we hope to meet with every student's family during the week of November 15. Conferences are an important time to hear about your students' progress and to share insights about your children with the teacher. Seeing the child through the loving eyes of a parent, helps attain the goals of teaching the 'whole child.'

We have minimum days this week so teachers will be able to conduct conferences during their workday. Please be respectful of the time the teachers have set aside and attend at your scheduled conference time. You can work with your children's teachers to find a mutually convenient time to meet. Except in rare instances, we do not schedule conferences for evenings. Our teachers need to get home for their own family responsibilities and for their rest.

The *Family-School Partnership Act* (Labor Code Section 230.8) is a California law that allows parent, grandparents, and guardians to take time off from work to participate in their children's school. The law allows up to 40 hours per year off if you work for a company with at least 25 employees. The time off is without pay, but vacation, personal leave, and compensatory time can be used. Please see the California Department of Education website for more information. [Family-School Partnership Act](#)

*Laura Shain  
Principal*

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**Equal Exchange Fundraiser:** This is the last week of the Equal Exchange Fundraiser!!!! **Forms are due this Friday - November 12 to your child's teacher.** Extra forms are on the table near the Parent Folders & we will have some more coffee and hot cocoa to try Tuesday morning.

This is a MAJOR fundraiser for the PTO & we receive 40% of the sales amount to our school. We are so excited that this fundraiser that also fits our school's values. If you checked that you would be helping to meet your monetary family commitment through selling, this is your time! And everyone - thank you for all you do for our kids! Questions can be directed to parent Stephanie Hamilton at [hamiltonpac@yahoo.com](mailto:hamiltonpac@yahoo.com). Thanks!

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Please join Laura Shain, OSS staff and families, and others from the community at 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@pacificafoundation.org](mailto:dwineinger@pacificafoundation.org) or Carol Morales-Burnham at [cburnham@pacificafoundation.org](mailto:cburnham@pacificafoundation.org) or your own OSS/PEF Liaisons, Ana Santos Restivo at [asantos@pacificafoundation.org](mailto:asantos@pacificafoundation.org) and Darlene Mann at [dkmann@pacificafoundation.org](mailto:dkmann@pacificafoundation.org).

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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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Library happenings at the **Pacifica Sharp Park Library**, 104 Hilton Way, 650-355-5195: **Uncle Jer's Bees** on Monday, November 15 at 3 PM. Come see and learn about live bees!

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Alice's second grade class is continuing their **food drive** for the Pacifica Resource Center through Friday, November 15. Please send in non-perishable items to help families who rely upon the generosity of others through food donations. Consider sending in protein rich canned foods, such as peanut butter, chili, tuna as well as any other canned food items or boxed foods. Thank you!

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Our two remaining **lice checks** will be held Friday, January 7; and Friday, April 29. If anyone does not have experience performing lice checks and would like to help, training can be arranged. Please contact Jill at [jillybean201@hotmail.com](mailto:jillybean201@hotmail.com) or 355-3707. Thank you.

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