

Monday Blue Newsletter



Ocean Shore School

Pacifica, California

December 6, 2010

Quote of the Week: " *The highest, the most logical, the purest and strongest form of painting is the mural. It is, too, the most disinterested form, for it cannot be made a matter of private gain; it cannot be hidden away for the benefit of a certain privileged few. It is for the people.*" (Jose Clemente Orozco, 1883 – 1949)

Important Dates

- December 7 - PTO Board Meeting 7 pm
- Band Parent Meeting 7 pm
- December 8 - PSD Board Meeting (Installation, Oath of Office, for our Richard Faust) 7 pm
- December 9 - Winter Bazaar
- December 16 - Winter Band Concert and 2nd/3rd grade Choral Music Performance 7 pm
- December 17 - Minimum Day
- December 20 - Winter Break begins
- January 3 - School resumes

News and Information

A few weeks ago, I received an email from the artist, Ellen Silva, who helped with the design of the mural facing the play yard at the end of C wing. I was thrilled at the fortuitous chance for us to refresh the mural with the original artist, so invited her for a visit. She had never seen the mural completed as her contract was for design only. I wanted to discuss some issues, artist to artist, with her as we looked at the work.

Ellen had color photographs of the original plans on her website, and Catherine Kaiser was able to provide the original sketch for the mural. Ellen's role originally was to work with the group of students to design the sea elements, work out a composition that was then placed on a grid, and guide students in color selection for the drawn plans. She was not contracted to oversee the actual production of the mural.

After looking at Ellen Silva's mural work throughout the Bay Area on her website at <http://ellensilva.com>, I asked her to draft a proposal for working with us to revisit the original intentions of the project. Ellen's proposal includes repainting the background and objects to more closely match the varied colors intended, complete the outlining, adjusting some of the composition, and applying finishing sealant. She would work with the original artists and include some new students to keep the project vital.

This is an important project for our school. The mural should be a source of historical and community pride. We have a rare, one-time opportunity to refresh the art and have it reflect the original vision. We will fundraise in January to raise \$1,000 to support this project. Please help us by purchasing raffle tickets for a special art basket when we return from the winter break. Final raffle sales and the drawing will be on the evening of the January General PTO Meeting. If you can volunteer to help with the raffle sales in January, please contact me.

*Laura Shain
Principal*

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.

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 or 355-3707. Thank you.

Everyone is invited to hear our 2nd and 3rd grade students perform with **Choral Music** teacher, Marilyn Wells, on Thursday evening, December 16. Students should arrive at 6:45 pm for the 7 pm performance. Students should dress nicely in dark pants or skirts and solid color collared shirts. A \$2 donation is requested from adult audience members to support our Choral Music Program.

Do you have any **children's bikes** that you would love to give to a family in need? I would love to receive them! The children's ages are 10, 8, 6 and 5. If you can help, please see Alice in D60. Thank you.

Please do not park in or near the red zone in the turnaround when dropping off or picking up your children. Leaving cars in this area blocks traffic and creates an unsafe situation for our students and community.

The **Winter Bazaar** is an Ocean Shore PTO fundraiser, and long standing tradition, in which our community comes together to raise monies which benefit a variety of charities both in and out of our program. Children, parents, staff, and teachers collaborate to create seasonal items to sell and baskets for auction. Proceeds from the sale and auction will be distributed as follows: There will be an initial contribution of \$3,000 to the Pacifica Tribune Holiday Fund that supports local charities. A contribution will then be made to the PTO Family Emergency Fund with a maximum of \$2,000 in this budget; then a contribution of \$1,500 will be made to the PTO Field Trip Scholarship Fund. The remaining balance would be additionally allocated to the Pacifica Tribune Holiday Fund. Thank you for supporting our efforts to help those in need in and around our community.

The **After-School Enrichment Program** Winter Session will begin the second week of January. Information will be available by Friday, December 3rd. Sign-ups will begin on Monday, December 6. If you are planning to be out of town, have a friend drop off the form and payment for you. Don't miss out!

Photos are needed for the **Yearbook**. Please email any photos you have from this year to tanyaguido@comcast.net.
