

# Monday Blue Newsletter



Ocean Shore School

Pacifica, California

December 13, 2010

Quote of the Week: "Setting an example is not the main means of influencing another, it is the only means."  
(Albert Einstein, 1879 - 1855)

## Important Dates

- December 16 - Winter Band Concert and 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade Choral Music Performance 7 pm
- December 17 - Minimum Day
- December 20 - Winter Break begins
- January 3 - School resumes

## News and Information

Thanks to our PTO funds, we enjoyed a visit from the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival last week for a dramatic presentation of *The Tempest*. The play featured a handful of actors who played multiple roles, as was common in Shakespeare's day. The play, written by Shakespeare in 1610, is a romance. The story takes place during a storm, on an island off the coast of Italy in the Mediterranean Sea. Our student audience played the part of the storm, with fingers snapping and feet stomping, under the direction of the lead character, Prospero.

In the play, Prospero, the Duke of Milan and a powerful magician, is banished to an island by his brother and the King of Naples. As they sail past his island, they succumb to Prospero's magic powers as he uses his magic to make the lords repent and restore him to his position as Duke. He creates the tempest in the sea, so his enemies' ship wrecks and the passengers are now on the island. Ultimately, Prospero triumphs and forgives the others.

According to the curriculum guides that the Festival shared with us, "Shakespeare played with language. He chose how formal and structured his language should be depending on the emotional and theatrical needs of his characters. Our students heard the characters reading in the rhythm of iambic pentameter, a rhythm that corresponds with our heartbeat and the natural rhythms of English. He uses the iambic pentameter as a backdrop with the jazz of his characters to affect our hearts and minds."

Our Student Council's first *Question of the Month* writing contest encouraged creative, free-style poetry with a Magnetic Poetry concept with words chosen by Student Council officers, and one by the poets. (Words in *italics* were chosen by the writers.) At the last meeting, all the entries were read aloud and the officers selected seven for publication and reward. Students who wrote the following entries received a free popcorn coupon and special pencil. Thank you to all students who participated. Our next QOTM will be a response to a question selected by the Student Council this week. Congratulations to the following writers:

Beth Trecroci, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: **Is friendship *true*? Yes, and a real dream.**

Arielle Gordon, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: **The little Giants monkey *tiptoed* and ran saying I see a rainbow. Finally your turkey tree screamed water that glows sad friendship.**

Julia Martin, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: **I will rise and tiptoe along the Giants *dugout*. I creatively made friendship finally change.**

Aidan Deal, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: **The Giants finally scream and hullabaloo! Creative yellow little monkey says blah. Glowing turkey will tiptoe *down* a rainbow.**

Carmella Baldassarre, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade:

**I see you.  
Say blah *three* times.  
That's a sad cat.  
I am happy!  
I ran up a tree  
Scream real loud.**

Lillian Dittes, 5<sup>th</sup> grade: **A wave will rise and I *gonna* change.**

Hank Lie, 4<sup>th</sup> grade: **The legit cat screamed about a creative yellow monkey who is screaming blah!**

Lila Schulman, 6<sup>th</sup> grade: **Chronological the Giants will rise hullabaloo when we take friendship, dreams, and happy creative change. Through real legit listen that yes your time finally says wondering am I a glowing warmed *optimistic* life? Monkey ran about sad rainbow cat. See long little yellow turkey wave waterly! Tree tiptoe then blah scream *no* made who.**

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season and respite from the school routine. I hope you all enjoy the extra time with your children and loved ones. And I hope everyone can find time to read, spend time outdoors, explore hobbies, play games, visit a museum or show, and of course we all have things that need cleaning and organizing to start the new year right! We look forward to seeing everyone back rested and refreshed on January 3.

*Laura Shain  
Principal*

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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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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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Everyone is invited to hear our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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**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.

In addition, the streets have a rounded corner so when parents park on the corners it becomes hazardous for children to cross the street. Drivers can't see cars coming around the turn and can't see the students. U-turns are also dangerous in the turnaround area.

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Thank you to everyone for picking up your Equal Exchange orders! If you have not yet, your order has been given to your child's teacher. Please get it from him or her at your earliest convenience. Look for a table after school on Monday and in the morning on Tuesday to get some additional goodies. We have coffee, chocolate, baking cocoa and some regular cocoa.

And a big thanks to all who participated! We raised over \$3,500 for the PTO General Fund from selling \$8,300 of products. We had 71 families and staff participate this year, and next time we hope to have more. Remember, this money supports your child's education through funding of field trips, art curriculum, technology support, literature, math, science and PE. Thank you for helping us to keep our program strong.

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**Lunch Prices Will Increase January 3, 2011.** The board voted on October 27 to increase the breakfast and lunch prices across the district to help with our increased costs in order to provide better quality, fresher foods and eliminate the use of foam across the district in our lunch rooms.

The lunch prices will increase as shown below:

	Breakfast Current	Breakfast New Price	Lunch Price Current	Lunch New Price
Elementary	\$1.60	\$1.75	\$2.60	\$2.75
Middle	\$1.60	\$1.75	\$2.85	\$3.00

We will still offer our 10 cent discount per meal when parents purchase 20 days in advance. If you have any questions or concerns please call Karis Gulizia (650) 738-6622.

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Starting January 12th, the **Homework Center** will be open on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in the Library. Please see the After School Enrichment Program schedule and descriptions for more information.

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The 3rd annual cookie exchange is Wednesday, December 15 at 1 pm in the MPR after school. Everyone is invited who likes to bake or eat cookies! Bring two dozen cookies and the recipe (optional) to exchange. Plates and foil will be available. There will be door prizes also! Please contact Tanya Mochel at 415-452-9842 or [tanmo@faludi.com](mailto:tanmo@faludi.com) for more information.

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