

# Monday Blue Newsletter



Ocean Shore School

Pacifica, California

January 10, 2011

Quote of the Week: *"It is the spirit and not the form of law that keeps justice alive."* (Earl Warren, 1891 - 1974)

## Important Dates

- January 11
  - PTO Executive Board meeting 7 pm
  - Band meeting 7 pm
- January 12
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Tech Crew Orientation and Training 1 - 2 pm in MPR (see note below)
- January 13
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Tech Crew Orientation and Training 3 - 4 pm in MPR
- January 14
  - Martin Luther King Jr. OSS celebration 8:30 am (Students should dress in their best for the day!)
- January 17
  - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday
- January 18
  - EAT Meeting 6:30 – 8 pm OSS Office Conference Room
- January 21
  - Jump For Heart assembly
  - Kindergarten Lottery
  - OSS Ice Skating event
- January 26
  - PTO Mandatory General Meeting 7 pm
- January 29
  - OSS Global Village “World” extravaganza and fundraising event
- February 3
  - Walk/Bike/Carpool to School Day

## News and Information

The California Bar Foundation has provided copies for us to share of their publication “Kids and the Law: An A-to-Z Guide for Parents”. The guide gives a basic overview of some of the laws that apply to children, often designed to safeguard our young citizens. The guide also provides information on parent rights and responsibilities. Topics covered include bike and skateboard laws, graffiti, privacy, school rules, truancy, work permits, Internet, as well as topics that relate to crimes and police encounters. This 16-page guide is filled with useful information. Our seventh and eighth grade students have the guide available in their classrooms for specific lessons and we have placed copies on the table in the parent hallway for parents to take (check in the office if the supply needs to be restocked). Please help yourself and share the relevant information with your children.

We are excited by a variety of upcoming events at Ocean Shore. Each year we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with thought, song, and symbolic dress to learn about Martin Luther King’s ideals of change through nonviolent means, the power of people uniting and taking a stand, and to show respect for an American hero that helped to move us forward in the ways we regard one another and the laws and rights that guide us toward equity. Thanks to the Diversity Leadership Group and the staff for organizing this meaningful experience.

Additionally, our Peer Mediation program has begun; we have some pre-Oceans Week activities, including an assembly and station rotation, coming up in late January; Jump for Heart activities; our fundraising extravaganza, “One World;” as well as an ice skating social event for the whole family. We are concluding our tours for incoming families and will host an evening event to share our 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade program highlights with

our current 5<sup>th</sup> grade families. With this event, we will have a step-up day where our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will see for themselves what the upper grade classrooms and teachers have planned for next year.

Have a wonderful week. See you next week at our PTO General Meeting.

*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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**The yearbook is now on sale!** There are price discounts on both hard over and soft cover books if you purchase before January 31, 2011. Hard cover books go from the current \$39. To \$45, and soft cover from \$33. To \$40. There are opportunities for memory squares for messages to the graduating class. Please put checks made out to the OSS PTO in the Cittadini/Babb parent folder. Contact Denise Cittadini at 650-619-3243 or [denisearn@hotmail.com](mailto:denisearn@hotmail.com) Thanks!

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**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**, will be celebrated this Friday, January 14 at the beginning of the school day. Please encourage your child to dress up in a show of respect for this hero. The entire school will first listen to an excerpt in King's voice of his "I've Been to the Mountain Top" speech, and then join together in the hallways to sing "This Little Light of Mine". In individual classrooms, teachers will prepare the students for this event by discussing King's historical significance, vocabulary of speech, and organizing art projects. Happy Birthday Martin Luther King, Jr. from the Diversity Leadership Group.

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**Come to the Ocean Shore School World Party!** Enjoy performances, food and goodies from around the world.

Saturday, January 29, 2011

6:00 – 9:00 pm at Ocean Shore School

\$5 to watch the show, \$10 per adult plate of ethnic food.

Tickets go on sale January 14th after school. You can also return your save the date with a check to the Rodriguez (Isabel and Lila) family folder and tickets will then be placed in your family folder.

Come dressed in traditional clothing!

Want to help with the event? - To volunteer, please sign up in the parent hallway or email Melissa Rivera at [mamarivera916@yahoo.com](mailto:mamarivera916@yahoo.com).

- To cook, please contact Melissa Rivera at [mamarivera916@yahoo.com](mailto:mamarivera916@yahoo.com)

- To donate to the silent auction or raffle, please contact Carol Kipervarg at [carol@kipervarg.com](mailto:carol@kipervarg.com). Please don't buy items for the silent auction; purchased items can be used for the raffle.

- To perform, please fill out a performance request form in the parent hallway and return it to the Jaden Rivera family folder.

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Scott Kinzey and David Bradley are coordinating and leading our student **6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Tech Crew**. They are offering multiple dates for interested students to attend for an orientation and training. Students should just attend one session. Students were interviewed for participation and will be placed in various tech roles as they become more experienced. There is a role for all students who are interested and demonstrate responsible behavior during the trainings and programs. Tech Crew students help with a variety of technical production situations that may include the use of our sound system, lighting, multimedia, stage, and computers. Please contact Scott Kinzey at 650-355-3881 or [skinzey@earthlink.net](mailto:skinzey@earthlink.net).

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**Environmental Action Team (EAT) Meeting** - The January EAT meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18 from 6.30 - 8.00 in the OSS Office Conference room. Join us to help strategize and implement our environmental plans!

**Walk/Bike/Carpool to School Day** - February's Walk/Bike/Carpool to School Day is scheduled for Thursday, February 3. Help reduce your carbon footprint - you will save one pound of carbon emission for every mile you don't drive!

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