

Monday Blue Newsletter



Ocean Shore School

Pacifica, California

January 24, 2011

Quote of the Week: *"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer."* (Albert Einstein 1879 - 1955)

Important Dates

- January 25 - Final Talent Show auditions 3:30 pm
- January 26 - Parent Education Session with counselor on cyber-bullying 6 pm OSS Library
PTO Mandatory General Meeting 7 pm
- January 29 - OSS Global Village "World" extravaganza and fundraising event
- February 1 - 5th grade families: 6th – 8th grade Program Presentation 7 pm OSS Library
- February 3 - Walk/Bike/Carpool to School Day

News and Information

We are offering a parent education forum the hour before the PTO General Meeting. Rachel Gladstone, our K-8 district counselor, will share information on helping students remain safe while using the Internet and other technology. Her multi-media presentation will include strategies and information about cyber-bullying and its effect on young people in schools. Please join us in the Ocean Shore library at 6 pm. Refreshments will be served.

Our students have begun some Oceans Week station rotations to integrate the lessons further into the school year. Oceans Week itself will occur in May but we enjoyed an inspiring assembly last week to begin focusing our students on the topics to be discovered this year. Students watched a four-minute clip called, "The Majestic Plastic Bag – a Mockumentary" that can be viewed on youtube.com. We are preparing to kick-off our new recycling and composting procedures at the end of February with guidance from the district and Recology.

A group of representative teachers will be visiting two schools in San Jose this week to explore their implementation of "Response to Intervention" strategies, also known as RTI. This approach seeks to provide students who are having difficulty learning with early identification to align teaching methods with their specific needs. Intensive, research-based instructional interventions coupled with frequent assessment and data, have been shown to be effective in keeping students from falling behind academically. The RTI method is in contrast with the discrepancy model of identifying students with learning disabilities based on a measured discrepancy between their ability and achievement. Ideally students receive targeted instruction before they fall significantly behind. Our district employs some RTI techniques both in our classrooms and through our special education programs. It will be an enriching opportunity to visit other schools outside of our district to see firsthand their implementation of this new program.

Have a great week.

*Laura Shain
Principal*

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. Thanks!

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.

- To cook, please contact Melissa Rivera at mamarivera916@yahoo.com

- To donate to the silent auction or raffle, please contact Carol Kipervarg at 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.

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!

Please join the **Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC)** for our latest workshop. On Tuesday, January 25th at the Pacifica School District Office, we will be presenting a "Parent Self Care" night. The evening begins at 6:30 pm with networking and refreshments; followed by a 7:00 pm presentations by:

Dawn Summers – Yoga Instructor

Jenna Gilman – Marriage and Family Therapist

Judy Pruzinsky – Acupuncturist

Jane Pittsinger/Lisa Mann – Physical Therapist /Massage Therapist

Please RSVP by January 21 :Email: sepac.rsvp@gmail.com or call 650-738-6997.

21st Century Education Workshop - Join Pacifica School Volunteers, Pacifica Education Foundation and Pacifica School District professional learning facilitator, Steve Kesel, for a free, interactive workshop for parents exploring the new model of education for the 21st Century. Parents and guardians will learn what is meant by 21st Century Education, understand how Pacifica classrooms are changing to meet the demands our

children will face, explore ways to help our children succeed in our evolving world and discover online resources. The workshop will be held in the library of Ingrid B. Lacy (IBL) Middle School, Wednesday, February 9 at 7 pm. Space is limited. Please call 650.355.9432 or email psv@pacificasd.org to register.

The school **Lost and Found** is bursting at the seams. Please check it for your child's clothing. Whatever remains will be given to a charitable organization on January 27.

Jump for Heart packets will go out on Monday. We are raising funds to support the American Heart Association and promote heart health. We will have a school-wide jump rope event on February 11, the day the donations are due.

Our **Student Council** is collecting pennies for the "Pennies for Peace" project to support schools in Afghanistan. This international service learning program can be seen at penniesforpeace.org. Please send your extra pennies to the classrooms for our penny collection. Classroom rewards will be earned for collecting pennies and there will be a contest for most pennies collected. Details will be provided in next week's newsletter, but the pennies can begin coming in now.

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