

Ocean Shore School Newsletter

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*Ocean Shore Community,
Welcome to your Forum*



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Note from the Editor

Stunning work, everyone! As we say “farewell” to school year 2009-2010, read this final newsletter and celebrate all that was learned this year. It’s evident from the comments within that our kids are soaking up knowledge right until the very end. From the County Fair to Ocean’s Week and the classroom and field trip events that go right up to the last day of school, thanks to everyone for their efforts and the love you bring each day to this successful program.

Have a very happy summer.

-- *Shanti Cale*

Message from the Principal

Dear Ocean Shore Community,

As this school year winds to a close, I would like to thank the parents who led the PTO on the Executive Board and all the parents who have served in a leadership role in the school and in the classrooms. Shared leadership is a necessity at Ocean Shore as our school is complex and full of activity throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to work alongside all our parent volunteers and I am in awe at the generosity of energy and spirit that they share.

Our PTO President and Vice-President have been instrumental in apprenticing me this year as I learn about the school and make myriad decisions that involve the past, present, and future all at once. Kathy Shiokari and Richard Faust both possess massive amounts of intelligence, humor, perseverance, attention to detail, commitment, and dedication. They have been my fuel and my co-pilots. Aside from their problem-solving abilities, they make me laugh when things get ridiculous, and they renew my energy when I feel overwhelmed.

The contributions from each and every parent on the PTO and in a leadership role are significant and appreciated. It has been a pleasure getting to know so many from our community. We need to nurture new leaders as the years go by and welcome those who are willing serve in a PTO position, join a committee, act as a representative, or volunteer to help with a project next year.

Sincerely,

Laura Shain
Ocean Shore Principal

CLASS ARTICLES

Connie's 3rd Grade Class

Becoming experts on rays and skates has been fun, and now, Oceans Week has begun! Here's what we've learned.

Ian and Ruby – Megalodon was the biggest shark.

Andrew – I learned that land underwater is disappearing as fast as it is being made.

Patrick – The continents used to be one big continent called Panagea.

Joel – Not all prehistoric sharks were big, some were just a foot.

Dimitri – Megalodon could eat a whole blue whale.

Sean – Megalodon's teeth were two to three times bigger than the Great White Shark's.

Belu – Sea turtles eat jellyfish. When someone throws plastic or a bag in the ocean, the turtles think it is a jellyfish so they eat it and die.

Hank - In Virginia's class, I learned that there used to be a super continent that was called Pangaea and then it drifted apart.

Akira – Land turtles have feet and sea turtles have flippers.

Gaven – When turtles give birth, they have to dig a big hole to make sure nothing eats them like crabs or from getting washed away.

Nikko – We made shark teeth fossil models.

Emma Rose – I learned that sharks were alive before dinosaurs, and they outlived them.

Maya – The prehistoric turtle had only a shell on the underbelly.

Stephanie – A long time ago, there was a great turtle race. It was held because people wanted to save the turtles from being endangered.

Submitted by Connie Tse

Seva's Class

Although we're wrapping up our Ocean Shore years, the last month of 8th grade has been very eventful. Not too long ago, we went on a field trip to the Ropes Course. Here, we had to use teamwork to overcome challenges such as getting our entire team through a net full of holes without touching the net. We also had to overcome our personal fears to complete tasks such as walking across a

balance beam ten feet high or jumping off of a three-story high plank. We've also been preparing for Oceans' Week. As you may know, the 8th graders help teach the Oceans' Week rotations. Us 8th graders have been working our tails off preparing for our rotations, and if you look at some of our posters it really shows. Along with that, we're starting something called the Decades Project where, as a group, we extensively research one decade between 1920 and 1980. It sure has been a busy month in Seva's class!

Trent Tanzi

It seems like just yesterday when the current class started kindergarten in September 2001. Since then some students have moved on and others have arrived and it has been a fantastic journey. All of the field trips culminating with Yosemite have been fabulous and the current hallway decorations and Oceans week activities just drive home the feeling that Ocean Shore is still the alternative and well worth every hour of the hour's commitment. Thanks to all of the teachers, staff, parents and students who make Ocean Shore a unique and unbeatable educational experience. You will be missed by those of us moving on . . .

Submitted by Linda L. Tanzi, Ombud

Sheila's Class

It is always interesting to watch the kids transition from Star Testing to Oceans Week. They seem to do it almost seamlessly, and Oceans Week is such a nice balance to the testing of the prior week.

For the past few weeks, Sheila's kids have been preparing for Oceans Week including our last field trip to the Marine Science Institute. At the Institute, the kids learned so much about the natural habitat in the San Francisco Bay. The naturalists were very impressed by what the students knew already. The kids also were able to put mud on their faces and pet the fish and a small leopard shark.

Submitted by Dariush Kayhan

Helen's Class

I can't believe the year is coming to a close. It was a wonderful, whirlwind of a year, full of adventure, much laughter, some tears and of course reading, reading, reading! The children are growing in so many ways and with that growth, grows our joys and hopes. Thank you, Helen, for a great year. You have been a wonderful teacher and your hard work is much appreciated. Parents, thank you for your continued support of our great school.

We are going out with a bang! Ocean's Week has been a great success and we look forward to our Beach Day tomorrow. I asked the children what their favorite Ocean's Week activity so far has been and received the following excited replies:

Leo - Making the rays because I love rays.

Annika - I would say making the manta ray. I love art.

Albert - The activity that we made manta rays.

Michelle - I liked to make the manta rays.

Marissa - My favorite one was doing the turtle game and seeing the turtles.

Luke - The turtle egg game.

Riley - Homework (diorama). I love it!

Travis - My favorite part was making the shark.

Jaden - My favorite was making the sting ray.

Nikka - Doing the Shark smells game.

Yuly - Seeing the turtles yesterday.

Sebastian - Making the diorama.

Ethan - My favorite part was when I made the diorama.

Julia - the diorama.

Anthony - Drawing a shark.

Eden - My favorite thing was the turtles.

Nicole - Assembly when Barbara was the sea star and she pointed to Luke.

Talia - Doing my homework (diorama).

(Lauren and Matisse were absent.)



Have a great Summer!

Submitted by Barbara Bualat (Helen's ombud)

Announcements

Mark the Date

The meeting date for the final General Meeting has been changed to accommodate the district concert. The new meeting date is June 9, 7:00pm in the OSS multi-purpose room. Please mark your calendars now and save the date!

KEEP THOSE BOXTOPS COMING

I would like to remind everyone to keep clipping those BoxTops. They are popping up in surprising places these days. I will continue to bundle and send them in and Ocean Shore can enjoy a little extra cash.

Beginning in August, BoxTops will be placing bonus double Box Tops on selected products available at Safeway. They will also be running the 10 % Back to Schools from August 11th through September 14th.

Watch your receipts for this promotion.

The Box Tops box is located near the parent folders. Thanks for your support.

Joanne Simonson

Junior Olympic Review

At the annual Pacifica Junior Olympics, Ocean Shore track participants ran their best. As top Pacifica participants for their age groups, Seth Barlett and Elena Noia will be going to run in the State Hershey Meet this June. Congrats to OSS track members Padma Armstrong, Seth Bartlet, Savannah Basanez, Albert Chang-Yoo, Jeremy Chang-Yoo, Michelle Coleman, Elena DeNoia, Sebastian Del Pirro, Cameron DeVry, Riley Dohrmann, Dylan Drain, Justice Dumlao, Sydney Gallant, Asa Gibson, Christian Guido, Ava Hall, Zarah Kayan, Anthony Sharp, Max Voorhes, Dimitri Weinstein, Joshua Tanner and Noah Weinstein

The following were OSS students who medaled:

1st place

Seth Bartlett (100m, 200m and Softball Throw)

Anthony Sharp (Long Jump, 200m)

Dylan Drain (Standing Long Jump)

2nd place

Elena Noia (100m)

Anthony Sharp (Softball Throw)

Sydney Gallant (Softball Throw)

3rd place

Noah Weinstein (1 mile)

Justice Dumlao, Noah Weinstein, Seth Bartlett (Relay)

4th place

Anthony Sharp (50m)

5th place

Jeremy Chang-Yoo (800 m)



Fundraising

Oceana Market has very graciously donated a number of \$20 certificates to Ocean Shore. We are selling them for \$18 each, or 5 for \$85. If you would like any, please leave a check in the WEBSTER family folder. There are fewer than 100 of them, so act fast, if you are interested. Max of 5 certificates per family. Thanks!

As you know, we will be experiencing increased class sizes next year; thus, our total amount raised this year will be spread amongst a larger student body. If you haven't donated yet, it's not too late! Our books do not close until mid-June and next year's size increase is going to squeeze our already tight budget. (Please put checks or autodraft forms in Debbie Kimball's folder). Don't forget to check with your company to see if they match your donation.

Here is a resource for looking up donors:

<http://www.matchinggifts.com/osu/>

Be sure to check with your company's HR department for details.

Thanks to our incredible planning crew and our amazing teachers & staff, we were able to raise over \$18,000 for our Readathon and over \$16,000 from our County Fair bringing our total for the year so far to over \$87,000!! We are so appreciative of everyone who planned, donated, and showed up for

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their volunteering jobs. An enormous thank you to everyone who put time in!! {photos available from the Fair- click here to view/purchase (proceeds go to OSS): http://www.printroom.com/studio_homepage.asp?domain_name=oceanshore look under galleries and go to county fair— click on images to access slide show}

I can't thank everyone enough for all you have donated in time and money to our kids!

Thank you everyone- see you at the General Meeting.

Jody Holman Webster
Fundraising Chair

OSSPTO Board

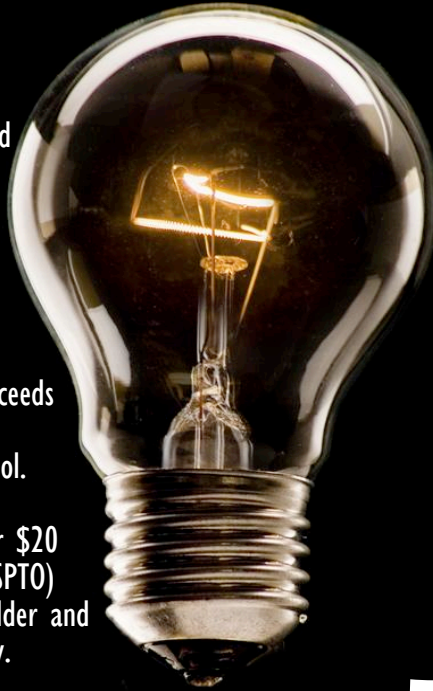
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