

Ocean Shore School Newsletter

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*Ocean Shore Community,
Welcome to your Forum*



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Note from the Editor

Summer was fun, but it's got nothin' on the fun we're about to have! Welcome to all the new families and teachers. I bet it's a bit overwhelming to come to Ocean Shore School at first, but hopefully you'll soon feel it's like your 2nd home, with friends around every corner.

The newsletter format will change a bit this year, so I welcome your feedback and especially your articles or announcements. This communication supplements but doesn't replace the blue bulletin. If you're participating in one of our important committees or groups and want to share what's going on, feel free to submit to me at shanti.cale@gmail.com. -*Shanti Cale*

Message from the Principal

Dear Ocean Shore Families,

Our 2010-2011 school year is off to a glorious start. Our district has transitioned into new leadership with fresh ideas for preparing our students for their futures in the 21st century with a focus on new ways of thinking, creating partnerships, and using the tools of the digital age. We are looking ahead to a school board election in November that will bring new leadership as one board member steps down and four candidates campaign for three open positions.

At Ocean Shore we have settled into our new routines though the life of a school is one of continual growth and change. We welcomed many new students as our class size increased in our K – 3rd grades and vacancies were filled throughout the grades. New Student Council Officers and Members will be announced soon; the first edition of this year's student newspaper, *Mingle*, will be published in October; and our Peer Mediators are being trained to help with issues during recess.

We are happy to have new staff members join us this year. Jon Moyer is our new special education resource program teacher; and Judy Barton is a long-term substitute for Katy Stearns while Katy travels and is on a leave. Our new school counselor, Rachel Gladstone, has joined our staff. Rachel will be shared by the three K – 8 schools. She will be at Ocean Shore every Thursday and Friday morning. Our YSB counselor intern, Lysie Seeley, will be with us every Tuesday and Wednesday; and our psychologist intern, Harriet Garcia, will be working with our school psychologist every Friday.

It has been a pleasure to return to Ocean Shore for my second year as principal. I have grown quite attached to our dedicated staff and our wonderfully unique students. I'd like to thank this community for working closely with me and for continuing to extend a warm welcome.

Laura Shain, Principal

Message from the President

Welcome new and returning families. The 2010-2011 school year has begun and I look forward to experiencing the challenges and rewards with you and your children. My welcome message is a bit of a rollercoaster so hold on and be prepared for a bumpy ride -

Last year, aside from the usual concerns, complaints and disagreements that sometimes occur, I saw our community rise to many challenges:

At the January General Meeting, I told you about our budgetary issues due to cutbacks on the district level and previous fundraising shortfalls. Thanks to the hard work of our fundraisers and the generous support from all of you, we were able to meet our fundraising goals for the year.

We had families who were hit hard by the economic downturn. Again, thanks to your support of the Winter Bazaar and the tremendous efforts of our staff, we were able to assist a record number of families thru the generosity of the Family Emergency Fund.

We had families who dealt with illness, family troubles and a variety of concerns and again, the outpouring of emotional support and concern helped to make us an amazing community.

This is not to say that we didn't have our "issues". There were times that we were possibly a little too concerned with others or a little too involved with how things are done. But I would like to believe these are signs of how much we really do care, how much we are invested in our kids and our community.

This is not to say that we don't have continued hurdles this year:

While we did reach our fundraising goal, that goal was based on last years' size. This year, we have increased our community by 32 children – basically adding an additional classroom. So, again, we will be spreading our money just a bit farther than we intended.

Additionally, with our K-3 classes increasing in size, we would like to make sure that our Alternative Service Assistance times also increase to serve those children. Alternative Service is our unique program whereby families who cannot work in the classroom pay other families to work their hours. These A.S. parents provide daily support to our teachers on a continuous basis – becoming an unofficial teacher assistant in the classroom. They support small group or individual time that is so incredibly vital to early reading efforts and extra math support. This program can only be funded by direct payment by families. The cost for hours at the start of the year is \$10 per hour and from January on it is \$12 an hour. If you believe that your family will not be able to complete all of your hours commitment this year, please consider making a payment to Alternative Service. You simply obtain a form from our Alternative Service Chairperson – Patricia Balmas-Garcia – and make your payment. We cannot continue this important program support without family payments so a big thanks to everyone who pays for their hours!

In district news, at the August Board meeting the PSD Board of Trustees voted to fund a middle school counselor for the K-8s. This has been a pet project of mine for the last two years and I am thrilled that our middle school kids will finally get this support. Ocean Shore will be sharing this person with Cabrillo and

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Vallemar and the position will be funded out of parcel tax money (as is Ms. Blackman, counselor for IBL). I thank all of you who supported this proposal through your emails and correspondence with the PSD Board and by signing the petition. We are very lucky to have such a responsive school board.

So, ups and downs this year and possibly next year but nothing we can't handle if we remember the meeting Ground rules and apply them to our commitment to this community:

Keep focused

Everyone participates fully and no one dominates

One person speaks at a time

Recognize and consider others ideas

Treat each other with respect

Assume positive intentions

And, perhaps especially, all enforce the ground rules

Here's to another exciting year. See you in the halls –

Kathy Shiokari

OSS PTO President

Pacifica Education Foundation Update

Welcome back to another wonderful year at Ocean Shore School!

The Pacifica Education Foundation (PEF), a non-profit organization founded in 2008 by community volunteers committed to protecting and advancing quality education for the children of the Pacifica School District (PSD), is set to have another successful year. Since its inception PEF has raised over \$250K and seeks to raise an additional \$100K over the next year through Patron, corporate matching and other levels of donations.

PEF launched its first program! Through funds raised by PEF, the PSD recently hired Steven Kesel, as our 21st Century Lead/Coach. His focus will be on 21st century learning skills and will work to enhance existing programs to be district-wide and more conducive to utilizing technology in the classroom.

We've got a lot of events scheduled for the rest of this year and are currently looking to increase our volunteer base. If you're interested in helping out at these events, hosting an event or making donations, please contact Ana Santos Restivo, Ocean Shore School Liaison to PEF, at 650-799-6025 or anarestivo@yahoo.com.

About PEF

PEF is a community-based organization, wholly independent of the Pacifica School District. The PEF mission is to support the education of Pacifica's children attending public school in the Pacifica School District in alignment with District efforts. PEF will name and maintain at least one Board Member as PSD liaison to ensure alignment is maintained with PSD priorities, activities across the District and individual sites.

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PEF seeks to raise funds for well-defined programs that fill essential educational gaps across our district schools. With the support of community members, parents, educators and local businesses, PEF raises and manages funds to supplement instruction and support core curriculum in Pacifica's K-8 schools. Over time, and with the success of our initial programs, PEF will extend its fund-raising to solicit grants from philanthropic institutions and corporations. Funds are used to promote education in Science, Technology, Math and selected enrichment and support programs. While completely independent of PSD, we maintain close communication with District and Parent/Teacher leadership at individual schools to align our efforts with the PSD Strategic Plan.

As State and Federal funding for education deteriorates, Pacifica's community is rallying to devise strategies to support our local public schools. Along with organizations such as Pacifica School Volunteers and the Rob Schneider Music Foundation, PEF provides another critical source of local, long-term support for the Pacifica School District. With your help, our schools and community organizations can ensure the children of Pacifica achieve mastery of the skills necessary to compete and thrive in our local community and the global economy.

Ana Santos

OSS PEF Liaison

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CLASS ARTICLES

Connie's 3rd Grade Class

Connie's Third Grade Class

Summer has faded into the past, and our third grade class have become enthusiastic teammates. First and foremost, we are working on using details in our writing. It is with great pleasure, we would like to share with you what has been happening in our class.

Mini Me – Lorenzo Valadez

On the first day of school, our teacher, Connie told us to do a thing called Mini Me. They are bodies about 19 cm. tall. We created the clothes, shoes and hair with colored paper. We made the clothes we were wearing on the first day.

Reading – Cameron DeVry and Tait Hopkins

We sit at the rug or at our desks. We read for one hour and a half. We have read John Patrick Norman McHenessey, Fortunately, Would You Rather and then made our own page for our class books.

Tomorrow's Alphabet – Mia Pabros

We read Tomorrow's Alphabet so we could write our own little book. For example, M stands for numbers, tomorrow's Math. Each student wrote their own page from A to Z. All of them are different in their own way. Everybody is working to do their best. We all have to draw and write. I hope you will enjoy our book!

Poetry – Kailey Mullins

We have a poem every week, and we have to remember it. After we learn it, we have to go in front of the class and say the poem. Every week we have a different poem. The fun part is we get to draw! When we were learning the poem, Fall, for homework we had the words on a piece of paper, and we drew the picture about the poem.

Word of the Week – Arielle Gordon

Word of the Week is where Connie picks a word, and that word is the Word of the Week. We get a dictionary and look up the word. Then we take out little red booklets and we write the

Word of the Week, how you pronounce it, what type of speech it is, the definition and a sentence using the word. This week's word is patriotic.

The Dictionary – Solia Mayo

My class is learning about the dictionary. The first thing we did was to look up words in the Pledge of Allegiance because we did not know what they meant. They were words like pledge, justice, allegiance, republic, nation, indivisible and liberty. Now we know what they mean.

SSR – Calvin Webster

SSR stands for Silent Sustained Reading. It is when we sit down and read silently. You cannot get up until the time is over.

Grammar – Kayla Lujan

Every day we do Grammar. Grammar is when you practice upper case letters. You might say that it is easy, but it's not. You have to use upper case letters for the beginning of a sentence, holidays, days, months, proper nouns and I. Grammar may not be as easy as you hoped in third grade.

Social Studies – Griffin Spaulding and Nathaniel Chang

In Social Studies, we are studying patriotic symbols. Patriotic symbols represent the United States like the Great Seal. It has arrows and an olive branch and the Bald Eagle. Another one is the Statue of Liberty. The Liberty Bell is a symbol in Philadelphia. Uncle Sam is a fake man who wears red, white and blue. He has a white beard. The American Flag has 13 stripes for the 13 colonies and the 50 stars stand for the 50 states.

Pledge of Allegiance – Christopher Mitsuda

We all say the pledge. We put our right hand on our heart and we say the pledge together.

Square Dancing – Ava Hall

First we line up in two lines. Then we walk to the multi-purpose room. The girls sit on one line and the boys sit on another. Connie puts us in four groups with Patty's class. We honor our partner and start dancing.

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Geography - Emily Elizabeth Lund

On September 13th, our class started learning Geography. The first thing we learned was where north, south, east and west is. We even became human compasses.

We also learned about northwest, northeast, southeast and southwest. We learned even more about the directions in Science too.

Graphs – Ruthie Claussen

There are four different kinds of graphs. There's a bar graph, a line graph, a circle graph and a pictograph. They help you with math. A bar graph is like measurement. A line graph goes dot to dot except you make the dots and connect them. A circle graph is like fractions. A pictograph is when you put pictures on the paper about the information.

Music – Julia Martin

We have Music every Thursday after recess. Our teacher, Marilyn Wells, teaches us fun games with songs and instruments to go with them. She also sometimes lets us pick songs in the book to help Marilyn decide what we are going to sing in the concert. We always sing ocean songs for Oceans Week and sing holiday songs for the Wing Ding. I hope that everybody who has Marilyn likes the class.

Class Story – Emma Heiberger

After lunch, we go into the classroom and sit. We pick something to do, either color, draw or listen to the story that Connie reads out loud. Right now our teacher is reading Frindle.

Postcards – Ethan Villanueva

We wrote postcards on the third day of school about what we did during the summer. We also drew a picture of what we did. You can see them in our hallway.

PE – Clayton Reid and Nathaniel Chang

The games that we have learned in PE are Steal the Bacon in the Round, Connie's Crazy Dodgeball, Star Wars, Capture the Four Flags, The Blob, The Walking Blob, Line Soccer, Line Tag, Doctor, Doctor with Two Lives and Foxes' Den.

In Connie's Crazy Dodgeball, there are 4 people who are perimeters. They have dodge balls. You need to play on a full basketball court. If you get hit, you become a perimeter and the perimeter becomes a dodger. Then you go to half court. If you get hit in the last round, you become a perimeter and the perimeter does not become a dodger.

Jelly Belly Stories – Antonia Verdugo

We went to Patty's class and got to try different flavors of belly flops. Your partner can write a story about how the jellybean got its color or flavor. You get a different piece of paper to make a picture to match the story.

Psychomotor – Beth Trecroci

This amazing class is PE indoors! We have learned 5 Round with Tony, the forward walk on the balance beam with Georgia and the bean bag toss with Mike. We love this amazing athletic class. We don't know what is in stock for the next class, but the kids in Connie's Class, Room D-66 are anxious to know! We have learned three skills so far, but by the end of the year, kids will be begging for more! What's in store for the anxious 3rd grade? Who knows!

Lunch – Tyler West

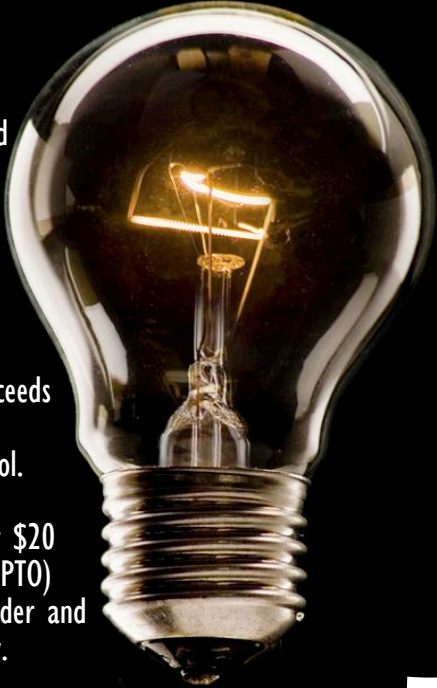
Our new lunch change is that we go to recess first, then eat lunch. We have recess first so when you play, you get hungry, and you'll eat all your lunch.

Exit News – Asa Gibson

At the end of the day, we get on the carpet and tell the activity you liked the most in a complete sentence.

Submitted by Connie Tse

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Get your 10% Solution card and save 10% every time you visit participating vendors around Pacifica...

100% of the proceeds benefit Ocean Shore School.

Leave a check for \$20 (made out to OSSPTO) in the Newton folder and start saving today.

**The
10% Solution**

Which vendors are signed up? Here is a current list, but more participants are added regularly:

Bay Coffee Company
Chit Chat Café
Columbo's Deli
DesignAVenues.net
Extreme Pizza
Go Sushi Japanese Restaurant
Good Fellows Pizza
Gorilla BBQ
Granucci's
Hot Red Masala, Indian Food
Luigi's Pizza
P-Town Café
Rainbow Island
Straw Hat Pizza
The Energy Drink Health Bar
The Green Enchilada
Upper Crust Deli
Viva Italiano
Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine
Amy Amber (Hair & Makeup)
Bella Luce Spa
Bella Nirvana Spa

Hair Techniques
House of Sun, tanning
Karma Wellness Boutique
Luce Bones, Dr. Cynthia Luce, Chiropractor
Morello Family Chiropractic
Pacifica Chiropractic
Serenity Studio, make up and skin care
The Hair Factory
Visions Seaside Spa
Coastside Critters, pet supplies
Curves
Family Martial Arts
Ground Up Fitness (ask for TJ)
Log Shop Surf Shop
Nor Cal Surf Shop
Ocean Yoga
Pacifica Athletic Center
Strongside Training Systems (Chris)
West Coast Thai Boxing
California Pacific Limousines
Caroline Totah Organizing Solutions
Extra Care Auto Care, Auto Repair

Fairmont Cleaners
Ken Seminsky, Home Repairs and Remodeling
James A Pugliese Painting, house painting
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Rosenberg Plumbing
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