

Ocean Shore School Newsletter

November 2010

Ocean Shore Community,

Welcome to your Forum



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Note from the Editor

Has everyone found their groove yet? Hopefully, families new and veteran both are finding the myriad of opportunities to contribute and watch the glorious learning experiences unfold. Look to the Announcements section of this newsletter to find just a few shout-out's for help.

Amongst other things, October featured Ability Awareness Day, an event that brings understanding and compassion to our children while bringing tears to the eyes of the parent volunteers lucky enough to be there in person. This school is an inclusive and loving community, in which we can each play an integral part. That is a groove we can all enjoy.

-Shanti Cale

President's Message

Commitment

Well, the year is already zipping along and our commitment activities are in high gear: yearbook meetings are under way, our student council is up and running, we've held our first General Meeting, Fall Clusters are under our belt, the fundraising machine is up and operational with fireworks/Fog Fest corn booth/e-Waste/Equal Exchange Fundraiser events, another successful Ability Awareness Day completed, field trips organized, theme days occurring ...Wow! Is it really only November?

Our program has expanded again with the increase in class sizes and with this increase we have welcomed many new families. It is important that all families, new and continuing, understand and support the commitment we all make to our children. We talk a lot about the hours requirement but our commitment is more than "putting in the hours". The commitment is about supporting the classroom activities, enhancing the academic program and providing a whole child curriculum. This is a commitment that can stretch us to our limits, therefore we should all monitor our enthusiasm. No one is served when we over-commit, when we martyr ourselves and play super-volunteer only to end up in a crash and burn heap. I've seen it happen and it's not pretty.

Anyone can "do the hours". We have many, many opportunities available to complete our hourly requirements. Family members can work in the classroom, drive on field trips, attend weekend projects, take home tasks from the classroom, even purchase hours if it best fits their busy schedule. All of these efforts are

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required to safely and affectively run our program. But first and foremost I believe we need to keep in mind the “why” of these activities. It’s about the kids.

Our newer families bring with them enthusiasm and a fresh perspective. Our continuing families return with experience and familiarity with our policies and procedures. Our staff provides guidance, curricular knowledge and developmental understanding. All of us, together, create a unique program, rich in hands on activities, enhanced by our collaborative efforts. This is where our commitment shines. This is where the magic happens. With and for our students.

So, keep volunteering. Continue your commitment. Find your niche, stay positive and pace yourself. Our program, our children, are depending on you.

Kathy Shiokari
OSS PTO President

CLASS ARTICLES

Connie’s 3rd Grade Class

I would like to resubmit the following article about PE in our third grade class and make a huge correction from last month’s newsletter. The following article should have been credited to Aidan Deal and Clayton Reid. The editor of the class apologizes.

PE – Clayton Reid and Aidan Deal

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.

Submitted by Connie Tse

Jan’s Class Update

When our class went on the Balclutha we learned a lot. We had to work together to get tasks completed so we could set sail to Oregon. The galley crew had to cook all our meals for us. They made an amazing applesauce cake that was delicious! The bosun crew paddled a rowboat, hauled lines, and hauled buckets of seawater onto the ship. The rigger crew set up a bosun’s chair to fix the things on the boat you couldn’t reach just standing. When you are in the bosun’s chair you feel stronger because you can see everything that is happening on the boat. The boat crew paddled a rowboat and raised and

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lowered a dory for the captain. When the boat crew and the bosuns rowed the boat they sang, "Don't Stop Believing" by Journey and they saw killer seals that stared at people. The deck hands swabbed the decks and also made and hoisted the ensign. At night we had to do night watch. On night watch you stand on the boat silently and watch for any dangers. You cannot talk at ALL or move at ALL on night watch. When we got back we wrote letters to the next crews and DIDN'T lie at all. Also, we got our seaman's cards.

The Balclutha was different than any other experience. We really learned about what it was like to be a sailor back in 1906. One word of advice when you go on the Balclutha: watch out for Poseidon's Minions. And bring a bident. We can't wait to sail on the Alma.

Submitted by: Christian Almaguer, Leah Francis, and Cyrus Kayhan

Announcements

Congratulations to Kathy Kellerman and Catherine Kaiser for winning this year's Elna Flynn Volunteer Award for Ocean Shore School. Kathy and Catherine have gone above and beyond supporting our program for many years and we are pleased to be able to award them this honor.

Don't forget to vote! *Tuesday, November 2*

There are three spots open on the PSD School Board. We have tough years ahead and need some strong leadership.

The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming *November 9 through November 19*

Great chance to support our OSS Library as well as some hours earning opportunities. Sign up sheets are in the parent hall or contact Jillian Robinson for shift information (shycookie9@yahoo.com)

Equal Exchange Fundraiser

We're underway with this great fundraiser! One of the wonderful things about this fundraiser is that the food products are 100% organic. Organic farming practices ensure no chemicals or pesticides were used in the production of Equal Exchange products - which protects the farmers who grew the products, the surrounding environment, birds and other wildlife, as well as the people who enjoy these products. Coffee in particular grows best in a shaded environment.

Keep up the good work in sales! Every sale benefits our school and other good things going on in the world. The deadline is coming up quick so turn in your order sheets by November 12. Questions can be directed to parent Stephanie Hamilton at hamiltonpac@yahoo.com. Thanks!

International Walk/Bike/Carpool to school day on October 6, 2010 was a big success. Thanks so much to all the students, parents and teachers who participated in this event. We even had one family bicycle all the way from Park Pacifica to Ocean Shore School – what commitment! The goal of the event was to raise awareness of our how we get to school, the impact that has on the environment, and try to find ways to reduce that impact. To ensure we remain aware of the environmental impact of our commute decisions, the Pacifica School District will be having monthly 'Reduce your Carbon Footprint' days on the first Thursday of each month. Put it on your calendar, so you can participate!

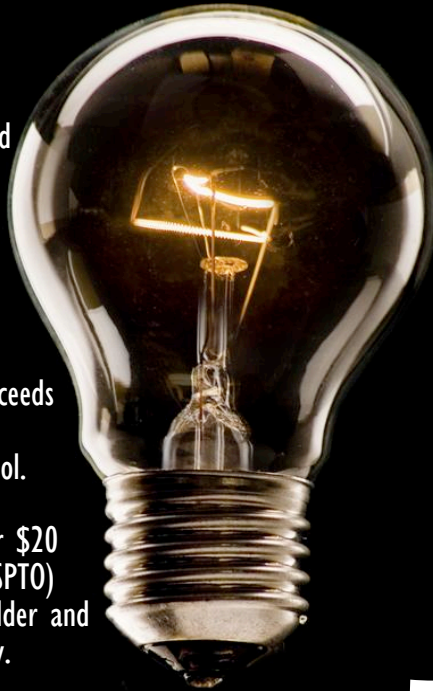
Christina Rimmer, EAT Coordinator

Be a part of the solution...

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
Jimmy the Printer
John the Sign Guy
Neat Yellow Cab Company
Running Water Design
Rosenberg Plumbing
One on One Tutoring
The Painted Siren - Tatoos
Ace Hardware Linda Mar
Anime Imports
Annabee's Doggie Boutique & Café
Gearhead Bicycles
Generations Baby Clothing
Linda Mar Florist
Pedro Point Sirens Coastal Gift Boutique
Silpada Designs Fine Sterling Silver
Stephanie Hamilton Designs (jewelry)
Vintage Cove