

# Ocean Shore School Newsletter

December 2010

*Ocean Shore Community,  
Welcome to your Forum*



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## **Note from the Editor**

2010, I'm not sure I'm ready to let you go. I wonder if the time seems to fly as quickly for our kids as it does to for us grown-up folk. It's all about perspective, I suppose.

Fresh from our season of thanks comes our season of giving. Thank yourselves for giving your time, goods and money to our fundraisers benefitting both our school and the local community. Do you think that all kids look at their own pile of well-wrapped gifts and consider the families without shelter, food or hope? *Our* kids might. With that kind of perspective, these young people are positioned to find ways to benefit communities far beyond our lovely Pacifica. Before long, they too will find themselves as grown-ups, reflecting over swiftly passing, and well-spent years.

*-Shanti Cale*

## President's Message

### **Helping Hands**

Recently I had a chance to help out in fourth grade math, and besides being completely enchanted by those personalities, I was also struck by the kids' willingness to help ME with the classroom procedures. Not to say a few didn't try some creative negotiating but most were very quick to tell me where the finished homework went and what I was supposed to do next. We joked, we discussed, we compromised and we learned much more than just the math lesson. We realized that working together made it better for all of us (well, except for the lessons on estimating – I never did quite get the point of that).

As we start into the crazy, busy month of December, Ocean Shore is revving into high gear. We've got lesson plans and field trips, theme days and musical performances and, of course, the annual Winter Bazaar. Lots of stuff happening in a short three weeks. And while it can be almost overwhelming I have to admit that it is one of my favorite times of the year. These three weeks showcase our program at its' very "alternative" best. The moment you walk in the doors you can feel the bustling energy. Teachers are busy pushing shopping carts through the halls, parents are hurrying in with supplies for craft projects and cooking activities, band kids

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are practicing their performance pieces on the playground – everywhere you look, there is creativity bubbling away along with all of our usual academic endeavors. And the thing that is holding this all together is each of us doing our part.

The teachers are juggling vocabulary lessons with dress rehearsals and craft creating. The parents are packing the break out rooms and kitchen lab and lending their support wherever needed. And the kids? Well, the kids are going with the flow in true Ocean Shore fashion – handling all the transitions like pros, learning about compassion and community service and, perhaps best of all, realizing that they are an important part of something bigger than themselves.

So let me end this by once again saying thank you to all of you. You are an important part of Ocean Shore and Ocean Shore is an important part of our larger Pacifica community. The money we raise from the Winter Bazaar – yes, the money raised by the supplies you purchase, then come in to help craft into a lovely project, THEN return to purchase and take home – will go onto helping many local charities through the Pacifica Holiday Fund. In addition, these funds also support our own families by funding the PTO Family Emergency Fund and the PTO Field Trip Scholarship Fund. Through your helping hands, along with our children, Ocean Shore is able to provide support to many, many families in need. In my estimation, that's saying a lot!

-Kathy Shiokari



## **Announcements**

### **Winter Bazaar Fundraiser**

The Winter Bazaar is an Ocean Shore PTO fundraiser, and long standing tradition, in which our community comes together to raise monies which benefit a variety of charities both in and out of our program. Children, parents and teachers collaborate to create seasonal items to sell and baskets for auction. Proceeds from the sale and auction will be distributed as follows:

Initial contribution of \$3000 to the Pacifica Tribune Holiday Fund  
(supporting local charities)

Contribution to the PTO Family Emergency Fund (max of \$2000 budget)

Contribution of \$1500 to the PTO Field Trip Scholarship Fund

Any remaining balance would be additionally allocated to the Pacifica Tribune Holiday Fund

*The Winter Bazaar will be held on December 9 in the Multi-Purpose Room.*

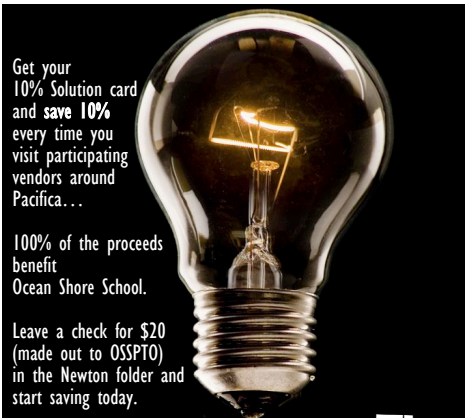
### **Equal Exchange Fundraiser**

Thanks to all who participated in the Equal Exchange Fundraiser! It was wonderful to offer a fundraiser that also fit Ocean Shore's values.

We raised over \$3,500 for the PTO General Fund from selling \$8,300 of products. The "Biggest Sellers" were the Organic Hot Cocoa and the Handmade Gift Wrap with the Organic Very Dark Chocolate and Very Dark Chocolate with Almonds not too far behind.

We had 71 families and staff participate this year, and next time we hope to have more. Remember, this money supports your child's education through funding of field trips, art curriculum, technology support, literature, math, science and PE. Thank you for helping us to keep our program strong.

- Stephanie Hamilton



## Be Part of the 10% Solution

Enjoy product and service discounts while you benefit Ocean Shore School!

**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 - Tattoos  
 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)  
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