



The Penguin

Press



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Pacific Beach Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Parent Conferences

Students in grades 1st through 5th took District Benchmark exams in Language Arts and Mathematics in late October or early November. These results and other data will be shared with you during the week beginning November 30 through December 4th during your parent conference. **The entire week of conferences we will have Minimum Days.** You should be receiving an appointment for your conference shortly.

Principal for a Day

Our Principal for a Day will spend the morning of November 6th in my shoes as we visit classrooms and speak with teachers and students. Jim Rodisch, the father of a PBE graduate, will have the opportunity to observe the rigor of our educational programs.

Budget

At the Board of Education meeting of October 27th District budgets, spending, and hiring were frozen. We have sufficient school supplies for the present. I will continue to report to FOPBE if there are needs that we cannot meet.

Save the Date

On December 16th we will have a Holiday Sing-Along followed by our Las Posadas celebration and home-cooked lunch. Come and celebrate the season with PBE families and bring your friends!

Missoula

The children's presentation of Pinocchio was incredible! This was one of my favorite

performances. Thanks to all those parents and children who participated.

Thank You

Thanks go to FOPBE, ELAC, all the parents, grandparents, and volunteers who help us to raise funds, read with children, run in the morning, stay drug free, and to become better artists. The number

of volunteer hours is staggering and we are so pleased to have such a community-minded school.

For our Students, Sherry Turner



Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary

The year is well underway with the beginning of the year rush behind us. Our FOPBE October Potluck meeting was well attended. Parent volunteers have been busy making huge successes out of our Giftwrap fundraiser, Contributions Drive, Tiles, Book Fair and PBE T-shirt sales. Our Art Attack program, organized by parents, is in full swing and producing some beautiful masterpieces by our students. Pizza Wednesday volunteers have been working hard and have introduced a new and faster system for getting that delicious pizza and salad to you. If you missed October's Family Fun Nite at Big Kahunas, you missed great food, friends and an all around good time. Mark your calendar now for November's restaurant

fundraiser at Brueggers Bagels! November promises lots of excitement with Student Council Elections (November 12), and our See's Candy Fundraiser. On behalf of FOPBE we wish you and your family a fun-filled and safe Thanksgiving vacation (Nov. 23-Nov. 27).



Enrichment

We have had a great start to the new school year here at Pacific Beach Elementary!

Assemblies

The “*Einstein Alive*” all school assembly will be here at PBE on **Monday, Nov. 16, 2009, at 1:00pm** in the auditorium! Come join us for an hour with the genius of Einstein and learn about the Black Fabric of Space. This highly engaging and interactive assembly gets students to stretch the imagination, ask better questions, and think beyond their vocabulary. Einstein shares stories and thinking strategies, paints vivid pictures, draws wonderful metaphors and stimulates our children to think things through.

On **Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 1:00pm** in the school auditorium, **Arithmetickles** will captivate your child with their educational fun-filled assembly. Arithmetickles is a one-of-a-kind, interactive live theater experience that explores the most imaginative and entertaining aspects of math. This captivating assembly combines comedy, pantomime, and theatrical effects to demonstrate how math can be exciting, challenging and FUN! Lots of audience participation and fast paced excitement will guarantee your child will love this educational math assembly. Math + Fun = Arithmetickles!

Family Arts Night reminder....January 29, 2010, 6:00-8:30pm in the auditorium. Don't miss this amazing family event! Fliers with all the details will go out with your child in the New Year!

After school enrichment

Mad Science will be finishing up their after school science program on Nov. 17. Sparking the imagination of our children, Mad Science has shown them that science is fascinating and fun! Experimenting and speculating, the kids have expanded their imaginations and watched the wonders of science in action!

Play-Well TEKnologies' Engineering Fundamentals with Legos will begin their after school program for **2nd – 5th grades only** on **Tuesdays, January 19-March 9, 2010**, from 2:15-3:45pm in the auditorium.

Registration begins Wednesday, January 6th and will be on a first come first served basis. The registration forms/payments must be turned in to the front office to Gloria to be dated and time stamped. The forms will go home with your child that Tuesday night before registration begins. Registration ends January 15th

After School Tennis will begin for **grades K-1st** on Tuesdays, January 26 – March 2 from 2:15-3:15pm on the blacktop. Registration begins **Tuesday, January 5th** and will be on a first come first served basis. Please bring your registration form/payments to the front office to Gloria. The fliers will go home with your child the Monday before registration begins. Registration ends January 15.

In April we will switch the age groups offered in these 2 programs. 2-5th will have the opportunity to play tennis and the K-1st graders will build with Legos! So look for those fliers in the New Year and take advantage of these great after school programs.

“Sing it and Speak it in Spanish” is going strong after school and the math club is creating some little math geniuses!

The FOPBE is very proud to offer such diverse and enriching experiences for our children. We could not do it though without your continued support, through donations and volunteer time. Thank you for all that you do.

**Congratulations to the PBE
Cast & All the Volunteers of
Missoula Children's Theatre's
*Pinocchio!***

The show was fabulous!

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Pinocchio - Finnegan Snead
Jiminy Cricket - Pauline Hales-Brown
Blue Fairy - Martina Pulido
Fox - Jackson Williams
Cat - Grace Skinner
Candlewick - Eric Flores

Candlewick’s Crew – Zachary Bodnar, Isaiah Herrera, Tanvir Reza & Samuel Smith

Urchins – Kayla Barrowclough, Lizbeth Corona, Jade Glawe, Jordan Ryan, Evelyynn Smith, Whitney Snead & Emma Wolff

Puppets – Emery Reyna, Maddie Tandy & Ryan Yearick

Pleasure Isle Kids – Troy Barrowclough, Kai Deatruck, Matthew Ferries, Kevin Flores, Vivian Gil, Christopher Kracha, Brianna Manning, Piper McCarty, Mitchell Norman, Liam Stransky & Gabriella Tassinari

Toys – Adam Ferries, Susan Guerrero, Isaac Knudtson, Fiamma Mezzetti, Kitsy Nipper, Tahseen Reza, Hunter Ryan, Daniela Salgado, Katerina Sidell, Zoey Stady, Violet Tolley & Wyatt Warner

Assistant Directors – Joey Gaskins, Ashley Ortiz & Haylee Thiel

Accompanist – Deanna Hastings, PBE Music Teacher

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Congratulations to Ms. Suyenaga and her 2nd Grade Class.

In the 2009 Contribution Drive, she had the highest percentage of participation. In fact, Ms. Suyenaga’s class was the only class with 100% participation. As promised, her class will be given an ice cream party!!!!

Thanks to all of the students and families for their participation in the Contribution Drive. All together, we raised over \$7,000.00! Every donation was appreciated. If you did not have a chance to donate, contribution envelopes are in the office and are welcome at any time.

Again, thank you to all Pacific Beach Elementary families for their generous contributions.

Lisa Michel & Janet Skinner
Contribution Chairpersons

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Let’s Play at PenguinPals!

We are pleased to announce that our PenguinPals Program has been funded again for an additional three years as part of the Early Mental Health Initiative. This

program provides students in the K – 3rd grade some special time and attention in a playroom setting along with participation in a small group designed to foster self-esteem and social skills. It is a service which enhances the educational experience and personal development of children.

Students are invited into PenguinPals after a school-wide screening by K – 3 teachers. The greatest benefit from the program is seen for children who may feel somewhat disengaged from school, are shy, withdrawn or overly-active in a classroom setting, feeling stress from school academic or social issues, and/or are coping with some change in their lives, i.e., moving, new baby, absence of a parent, illness or loss in the family. Invitations into PenguinPals are issued two times per year. Written parent permission is required. For more information on this program, contact Patricia Matters, District Counselor at Pacific Beach Elementary, (858) 488-8316.



SWEETS FOR THE SWEETS

Looking for holiday gift ideas? PBE will be hosting our See’s candy sales later this month. Sales will take place from November 16-30 and candy will be distributed in early December. See’s candy makes great gifts for family, friends, neighbors, teachers, childcare providers, coaches and even you . Not sure what to buy someone; purchase a See’s gift certificate. And remember FOPBE receives up to 50% of the sales.



RECYCLING AT PBE

The GREEN TEAM has been promoting on-campus recycling since it became a FOPBE committee last year. This year we need your help as students, parents, volunteers, faculty and staff. It takes only a moment to make the ‘green’ choice and be a helper! Here are some opportunities for each of us to make a difference:

Pick up loose trash and place in the trashcan – if each of us picked up three pieces of trash each day, our campus could be litter free.

Recycle printer ink cartridges – if you have cartridges from work, home or the classroom, place them in boxes marked for recycling in the school office. GREEN TEAM volunteers will send them in for recycling. The

money earned is donated to FOPBE to help our school. Cell phones, MP3 players, etc. can be recycled too.

Place all of your used 'clean' paper in the blue recycling bin instead of the trash (this means paper is used in class, newspapers, junk mail, etc. and not things like used paper towels, used food wrappers, etc.). You can do this at home, school or work. Recycled paper waste can be remade into new paper to use again, saving our beloved trees.

Place your recyclable (CRV/California Redemption Value) plastic bottles and aluminum cans in the clear plastic recycling boxes and the big blue recycling cans/bins on campus. They are located in the kindergarten yard, at the Fanuel St. entrance, beside the library, near the lunch tables, in the cafeteria and at the Pizza Wednesday sales tables. Bottles and cans are collected and taken by GREEN TEAM volunteers to the recycling center. The money earned from recycling is donated to FOPBE to help the school. Please DO NOT put your trash, food wrappers, food, etc. in these bins. They are clearly marked for recycling of cans and bottles only! This is important, as our volunteers have had to sift through rotten food and wet paper and more to get the recyclables – Yuck!!!

If you have questions or comments, please contact Bridget Santos at brsantos@san.rr.com or at 858-373-8384.

GREEN TIP: Use rechargeable batteries to eliminate waste and save money. If you use traditional batteries, do not throw them into the trashcan – they must be recycled. Battery recycling locations can be found at www.earth911.org. Ikea and Staples are two retailers that collect batteries for recycling.

GATE Update

Hi, I am PB Elementary's GATE DAC representative. SDUSD founded this District Advisory Committee (DAC) in 1972 to provide communication between the district offices and the local schools. Through this group, I can

- Bring important information about the operation of the GATE program from the district to the parents of PB Elementary,
- Provide feedback to the district office regarding how well the GATE program is working for our school,
- Pose questions and receive answers to your questions about the GATE program,
- Receive unique insight into how other sites teach and parent GATE students.

Our latest meeting included an introduction to two district administrators. A question and answer session allowed us to provide them feedback regarding the GATE program at various schoolsites. I met with other parent GATE DAC volunteers from our geographic area to find out how their programs were operated. Finally we received some information regarding changes in the policies on testing students in the upper grades. If you are interested in the GATE or Seminar program, please feel free to contact me at: pbcatanzaro@pacbell.net. Due to privacy rules, I do not have a list of GATE students or contact information for their families. If you would like to participate in a local GATE parent meeting, receive detailed e-mail updates regarding the GATE DAC meetings, or would like to have any of your questions or concerns heard please contact me.

-Brian Catanzaro

Join us for a Monthly restaurant fundraiser!



Join friends and family for some great food, great company and a great cause!

November 11-Bruegger's Bagel

December 9-Taco Surf
January -Pernicanos

Bring your friends and family and a percentage of your bill will be donated to PBE.



GOT COIN?

Student Council will be sponsoring their first fundraiser of the school year. Bring your loose change to your classroom November 5th-November 18th. Proceeds will go to a family in need for the holidays. Last year with all your help we raised over \$400. Wow!! Thank you Pacific Beach Elementary. The

class that turns in the most change will receive a breakfast party for their classroom.

Student Council Elections take place Thursday, November 12th in the Auditorium. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be attending and voting at the election.

Nominees for 2009/1010 Student Council

PRESIDENT: Shayne DeLaRosa; Pauline Hales-Brown; Haylee Thiel; Finn Snead; Ryan Yearick
Samantha Zambrano

VICE PRESIDENT: Marco Furlanis; Jade Glawe
Jakob Hernandez; Tanvir Reza

PLAYGROUND COMMISSIONER: Kayla
Barrowclough; Grace Skinner

SECRETARY: Emery Reyna

FIRE MARSHALL: Logan Turbes

TREASURER: Maddie Tandy

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Alex Bauer; Martina Pulido;
Christian Wilson; Emma Wolff

HISTORIAN: Serena Castro

GREEN AMBASSADOR: Alyssa Thuleen



Federal Survey Cards

Please make sure to fill out your federal survey cards completely and return to the office. These cards are kept confidential. Everyone must fill one out even if you don't live or work on federal property.

From the Health Office

Parents – we are in need of extra pants or shorts, and underwear (Including soccer shorts sizes 5 – 8) for the nurse's office reserves. We often loan clean clothes to students who need a change of clothes – for various reasons. Any time you go through your children's clothes and find any bottoms (or underwear) that they have outgrown, please bring them to the office. We can always use them. Thank you.

Ice Cream Sale

Don't forget every Friday is Ice cream day! All sales benefit the 5th graders.

Lost & Found article

We have many items in the Lost and Found box, next to the auditorium. Please come and claim your items before and after school. We will be donating the unclaimed items.

Open Enrollment

The Enrollment Options Office priority application time period is from November 1, 2009 through February 15, 2010. It is imperative that if you know anyone who would like to attend Pacific Beach Elementary and doesn't live in the school boundaries apply during this time frame. You can pick up an application in the school office or apply online

<http://sandi.net/enrollmentoptions>. All applications **must be received** in the office of Enrollment Options between **November 1, 2009 – February 15, 2010**, to be considered for placement in 2010-2011.

Applications received after February 15, 2010, will not have a priority. At that time, the only students who will be accepted are those “new” to the district (not enrolled) or for families who have a verified change of residence address after this date. These applications will be prioritized by date and time received and placement made on a space available basis.

PBM

Parent & Community Tours at PB Middle Pacific Beach Middle International Baccalaureate World School will open its doors on November 2, Dec 7, Jan 11 and February 1 from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Pacific Beach Middle Media Center. Parents of prospective students are invited to meet the principal, visit the classrooms and learn about the IB program.

Penguin Friday

Remember, every Friday is “Penguin Friday”. Wear your Penguin Pride t-shirt and show your school spirit!

School Tour

Our annual school tour is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. Parents of prospective and current students are invited to attend. Come and meet the principal and visit our classrooms. For more information please call (858) 488-8316.

Great Food Savings

Check out www.thetreasurebox.org. It is a food co-op that offers great savings on well known brands. The Treasure Box provides families and individuals with a substantial box of grocery store quality food retailing between \$65-100 for just \$30 each. The Treasure Box cultivates relationships with more than 500 major food manufacturers across the country to purchase and provide top quality, nutritious food at sizeable volume discounts to the general public.

Each Treasure Box contains between 21-25 pounds of high quality, frozen foods, including chicken, pork, beef, or seafood, as well as vegetables, fruit, a side dish and a dessert. One Treasure Box is enough food to nutritiously feed a family of four lunch and dinner for almost a week or a senior citizen for nearly a month.

The Treasure Boxes are offered through surrounding host locations – community action or outreach programs and faith-based organizations. Representing a savings of nearly 60% off of grocery store prices, The Treasure Box provides a positive and healthy impact to

families and individuals during this economically challenging time.

The Treasure Box is a division of Good Source Solutions, a food distribution company with more than 20 years of service to non-profits, higher education institutions, government feeding programs and specialty markets. Orders can be placed online at www.thetreasurebox.org at anytime prior to November 8 for the November 21 pick-up date. Check their website for the pick-up location closest to you.

JOGGING CLUB

Thank-you for helping with Jogging Club!

Our greatest ongoing need is six parents to log the students' laps by grade at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. Our students line up by grade & turn in tickets that represent the number of laps run that morning. Parents simply record the numbers... takes about five minutes. **Please jump in & help when you're available. No experience necessary!!**