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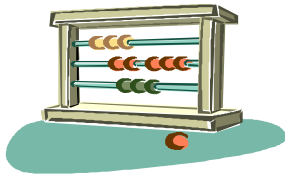
Principal's Message

Although this school year is not yet half over, it is the time of year to begin planning for the 2007-2008 school year. Both summer school and 2007-08 District budget meetings have already begun!

School and District Kudos

Congratulations to Hannah Tandy, Max Kappel, Katia Kappel, Benjamin Rhoda, Nikki Brannen, and Teresa Naputi for their selection for the Elementary Honor Choir. This year's Honor Choir Concert will be on Saturday, March 24th at Point Loma Nazarene University at 7:00 p.m.

In January our talented staff organized a Parent Informational GATE meeting and a Family Math Night. Those attending Family Math Night took home some great math games. Thanks to Dave Sandler and Jennie Cromar for organizing those events.



Our equally talented students have been steadily rehearsing for our annual Variety Show under the direction of Laura Ambrose. I'm looking forward to seeing the result of all their hard work. Reserve March 16th on your calendars.

Assessment News

A new Federal assessment called NAEP will be administered to 4th grade students on the morning of February 15th. Each student will be tested in either reading or mathematics. K-3 students' reading levels were reported using the District Reading Assessment at the end of January.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff, parents, and students for all their hard work this year. FOPBE, ELAC and SSC parents have done an outstanding job supporting our school priorities.

Please continue to read to your child at home. When your child reads independently, ask him or her about the story. Their answers will give you an opportunity to assess reading comprehension. Together we can increase student achievement.



*For our Students,
Sherry Turner*

Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary

The first FOPBE meeting of 2007 began with an agenda loaded with important news. Variety Show rehearsals began, Missoula Children's Theatre tryouts for Robin Hood were discussed and several new enrichment activities were discussed such as After-school Spanish. Summaries were provided for the wonderful Las Posadas and See's Candy fundraisers. Finally, our upcoming fundraisers were discussed. The wildly successful Taste of North PB will be coming on February 28th and the Parents' Night will occur April 22. **Please plan on attending our next meeting Feb. 7th at 6:00 in the Library.** Childcare will be provided.



Campus Clean-up

Gather up your gloves and roll up your sleeves, we will be having a campus clean up on **Friday, Feb. 16th after school from 2:10-5 PM** for anyone who is able to help out! The

clean-up will involve weeding the garden, collecting trash, and painting the wall ball court. Snacks will be provided for all the little helpers and the big helpers too! Please lend a hand to make our school shine! Please bring gloves, rakes, shovels and weeding tools. Questions: Call Kim Schoetttle (858) 273-1432.



Garden

First graders planted their Peter Rabbit Garden vegetables in January. The classes planted radishes, lettuce, broccoli, carrots, and cauliflower. Then they learned about nutrition and healthy eating. When the crops are harvested in March, we will prepare a salad with our harvest and perform the play "The Tale of Peter Rabbit" by Beatrix Potter. Hands-on learning is fun!



3rd Annual Taste of North PB- Wednesday, February 28, 5-8:30 PM

FOPBE is VERY excited about this 3rd annual event! If you participated last year, you know what an awesome event this was. For newcomers, this is a chance to visit local eateries, taste their delicious samples and spend the evening with family, friends, neighbors, teachers and school administrators. Last year, we nearly sold out of the 700 available tickets. So **MAKE SURE TO GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY!** This is a joint fundraiser sponsored by FOPBE and FOPBSS (Friends of Pacific Beach Secondary Schools), benefiting Pacific Beach Elementary, Pacific Beach Middle School and Mission Bay High Schools. Ticket order forms will come home with your student. You may purchase tickets by sending the form and payment to the PBE office.

Tickets are also available at all three campuses, as well as Leilani's Café (5109 Cass St.), G-Whiz (929-A Turquoise St.), San Diego National Bank (1945 Garnet Ave.), Java Jones (4978 Cass St.) and Pernicano's (711 Turquoise St.).

Here is the fantastic list of participating restaurants:
Chateau Orleans
Chocolate Haus
The Fishery

The French Gourmet
Froggy's Bar and Grill
Java Jones
Leilani's Café
Pernicano's
Rafaela's Italian
San Diego Coffee Tea & Spice
Service Deli at Albertson's
The Turquoise
Turquoise Coffee

Don't miss this evening of eating, fund-raising and community building! For questions, please call Laura Daly: 858-270-4947.

Congratulations to the PBE cast of Robin Hood!

Congratulations to Cinthia Bedford, Chloe Campbell, Eden Causey, Timothy Daly, Chloe Marcus, Alisa Schlake, Ellie Schlake, Lily Schlake, Aijai Smeltzer, Hannah Tandy, Maddie Tandy, Mathew Taylor and Christian Wilson for their selection in the cast of Missoula Children's Theatre production of *Robin Hood* at Pacific Beach Middle School. The two performances were FABULOUS!

Enrichment

Family Astronomy Night is around the corner. Don't miss this amazing community night under the stars! Family Astronomy Night will be **Thursday February 22, from 5:30pm-8:30pm** (weather permitting). The San Diego Astronomers Association will bring their high powered telescopes and conduct viewings of planets, stars, and galaxies far, far away! Also there will be a "hands on" activity center in the cafeteria where your child can play with "Space Sand", make their own Comet, walk the orbits of the planets and so much more! Warm up with some hot cocoa, watch a cool space video, explore the activity center, and check out our amazing universe with the San Diego Astronomers Association. Invite your family and friends for this incredible night of Astronomy adventures!

Mad Science will be presenting an amazing, interactive all school assembly on **Tuesday, April 10 at 1:00** in the auditorium. "Spin, Pop, Boom!" explores chemical reactions, centripetal force, gravity and resonance....Wow! The enthusiastic Mad Science presenter will demonstrate the forces that act on a roller coaster when it circles upside down. He will experiment with the phenomena of angular momentum with a mini bungee jump and demonstrate crazy chemical reactions. For a grand finale Mad Science will created a "Foam Factory"! Your children will be enthralled with this interactive, exciting, "blast" of an assembly!

Dr. Zoolittle from our very own San Diego Zoo will explore "**Animal Outlaws**", on **May 24 at 10:15am** in the

school auditorium. Some animals have creepy reputations that they don't deserve at all. Listen to Dr. Zoolittle as he rehearses a Hollywood script, and get introduced to "creepy" animals highlighted in the program through drama and magic. Dr. Zoolittle is a zany, good-natured wildlife researcher who loves to use magic and animals to teach students about wildlife. Dr. Zoolittle will also bring an exotic animal to help explain why some creatures are considered "outlaws". There will be plenty of audience interaction, and lots of laughs. Join us for this entertaining assembly!

After School Enrichment Programs

Our very own Yolanda Kamphaus is teaching our after school Spanish program called, "Sing it and Speak it in Spanish!" Hopefully you have received the flyer and have signed up for this wonderful after school program. It runs from January 9-March 15. This 10 week program meets in Room 8 on Tuesdays for grades 3-5, and Thursdays for grades K-2. This popular and fun after school Spanish program is designed to teach students core vocabulary and sentence structure. All materials blend Spanish and music in an entertaining fun-filled way! If you missed this round of Spanish enrichment, there will be another 10 week session beginning at the end of March. Look for the flyers coming home with your children at the end of the month.

Mad Science will be offering it's wonderful after school enrichment program **Fridays, April 20 – May 25**. The program meets after school from **2:15- 3:15**. Grades K-2 will meet in Room 8 and grades 3-5 will meet in the auditorium. Look for the flyers coming home with your children in March. Mad Science after school programs are always popular and fun. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!



Music to Our Ears

I am constantly amazed and surprised at the wonderful things that happen at our school. There truly isn't anything like it anywhere! I appreciate all that is done by the PTO, FOPBE and a special thank you, PBE families, for your generous remembrances during the holidays.

There are lots of wheels rolling down in the music room. We are working on our first fifth grade musical production, the June concert, the district wide honor choir and the variety show to name a few. The little ones are studying the wonderful classic, "Peter and the Wolf" by Prokofiev, where they are learning about the instruments of the orchestra and the way they can represent a character. We will be improvising the story soon with simple props. If you have a little one, ask them about Peter and his Grandfather.

There are some things that would be nice additions to the music room and our performance space. We could use some nice congas for our percussionists and our recorder players could use a patio table with benches and umbrella so when they practice on the music patio they have a good place to sit. So.....I'm wishing away and am off to another rehearsal. Thanks for everything!

- Ms. Hastings



A New Partner in Education

A huge thank you and recognition to our local Pacific Beach Jamba Juice for becoming our Partner in Education! We are so excited to be working together. We thank Jamba Juice for the generous donations for our upcoming Jogathon in May and our Field Day in June! Please show your gratitude by patronizing them and thanking them for supporting our wonderful school!

**Thank you,
Utahna Atwell
ELD/Gate Resource Teacher**

Kindergarten News

Ms. Alba, Mrs. Galvin and Mrs. Wilson's classes will be celebrating the 100th day of school on February 16th. They have lots of exciting activities planned and are asking students to bring in 100 stickers (1/2 inch or smaller) and a collection of 100 things. The collection, which should fit into a gallon Ziploc bag, could be buttons, legos, candy, bells, bows, mini cars, popsicle sticks, etc. Parents are asked to volunteer on February 16th between 10:30 am and 12:00 pm to assist with group activities.

Spirit Fridays are Coming

Show your Penguin Pride by wearing your PBE T-shirt or sweatshirt, wear clothing with penguins and/ or check the schedule and dress the theme! One Friday per month will be designated as Spirit Friday. See the schedule below for the fun themes. Use your imagination and let your Spirit shine!

February 23-Pajama Day

March 16-Green Day

April 20-Hawaiian Dress Day

May 25-Red, White and Blue Day

June 15-Baseball Day



Don't Miss It:

Yearbooks- Order your yearbooks early and get a discount. Don't miss out on the fun, the friends and the memories.

OCILE is scheduled for the week of March 19-23, 2007, for 4th & 5th graders. There are no modified days at the Old Town and Balboa Park Programs. Students will be dropped off at the same time every day.

Registration- New student registration for the 2007-08 school year begins on Monday, April 9 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



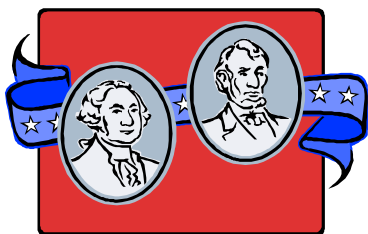
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Please continue to bring in empty cartridges, laptops and used cell phones to earn extra funds for our school.
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eScrip Reminder

You could be contributing to PBE EVERYTIME YOU SHOP! eScrip is easy and secure. Simply sign up at www.escrip.com, group ID# 140972320.

Quote of the Month

"To live life with no regrets is to understand the process of learning."
-Anonymous



Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY 2007

12- No School

14-Recognition Assembly 11:15 am AUD

16-Campus Clean Up, 2:10-5pm

19- No School

22 - Astronomy Night 5:30pm-8:30pm

28- Taste of North P.B., 5-8:30pm

PBE T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Available in the PBE office

Youth T-Shirts \$8
Adult T-Shirts \$10
Sweatshirts \$22

Please drop off your PBE photo submissions for the Yearbook at the office or email to

heather@cultivateddreamers.com
