

FARALLONE VIEW NEWS

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March 5, 2003



CALENDAR

- Wed., March 5** **PTA Board Meeting**
7:00- 9:00pm
Farallone View Library
Free childcare provided
Robin Greenblat, mitory@aol.com
- March 10 - 14** **Parent Conferences, Minimum Days**
- March 10 - 14** **Spring Book Fair**
Diana Chambers 712-1574
Marian Lacey 728-8331, melacey@pacbell.net.
- Fri., Mar. 14** **Newsletter Deadline for Mar. 19 issue**
Send your email articles to Anne Strasser at amhs@pacbell.net. Please write "newsletter" in the subject line. For information call 728-5031.
- March 24** **Writing Project Deadline**
- Sat., March 29** **Kids Night Out**
6:00 - 10:00 pm
Annette Saunders, 728-1805
A monthly fund raiser for FV Ed Fund at Gymtowne Gymnastics in Moss Beach. Space is limited. Call to reserve. Cost is \$20 a child. If you chaperone, one child may attend free.
- Sat., April 5** **Talent Show**
Contact: Beverly Garrity 728-0357
- April 14 - 18** **Spring Recess, No School**
- Sat., May 3** **Kids Night Out**
6:00 - 10:00 pm
A monthly fund raiser for FV Ed Fund at Gymtowne Gymnastics in Moss Beach. Space is limited. Call to reserve. Cost is \$20 a child. If you chaperone, one child may attend free.
- May 12 - 16** **Oceans Week**
Lisa Weston, 726-0596

AMAZING AUCTION

Our auction on March 1st was a marvelous success!! We had delicious food, great music, and a rousing live auction! The Ed Fund says THANK-YOU to the MANY volunteers, donors and buyers who made it all possible. We'll have more details in the next newsletter after we've caught up on our sleep. Z-Z-Z-Z.

PLEASE KEEP KIDS OFF SIGN

We would appreciate your help in keeping the kids off the school sign in front of the school. Aside from the fact that it is dangerous to play on it, the paint is getting scraped off and the sign itself is getting broken. Thanks, Jose Acosta, F.V. Service Custodian

BOOK FAIR UPDATE:

MORE excitement for Family Night (Wednesday, 12 March, 6 - 8:30pm)!

MORE music! Special appearance by noted musician, Smokin' Steve!

MORE winners! TEN drawing winners instead of one!

MORE art! See the winning entries of the book cover design contest.

MORE books! Catch up on the latest books.

Including:

MORE Harry Potter!

Take advantage of the chance to sign up for your special First Edition "HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX."

Presales will be taking place all week for an incredible package available only through the Scholastic Book Fair, including:

* Exclusive collectible hat (\$16.95 value)

* Official Certificate of Purchase, suitable for framing

* Invitation to attend a Magical Book Event on the day of the book's release and pick your First Edition copy of "HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX" at a Scholastic Book Fair warehouse (or you may have the book mailed directly to your home).

See you at the Book Fair, Monday - Friday, 10 - 14 March!

2002/2003 FARALLONE VIEW PTA WRITING PROJECT

Theme: Peace

Assignment: Write a story, essay or poem using the theme of "peace."

Here are some questions to get you thinking about peace: How are you a peaceful person? How do you resolve problems peacefully? How would you explain peace to a child in another country? How can you make a more peaceful community? What would you say to someone to help him or her understand peace? Do you know anyone who is or was a peacemaker? What are the relationships between peace and war? We are interested in hearing your voices, thoughts and experiences about peace.

Rules for entry:

- Contest is open to every student at Farallone View.
- All 2nd-5th grade entries must be handwritten (no computers!). K-1st grade may be handwritten or written by an adult in the child's exact words only.

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Writing Project continued

- All entries must be 200 words or less.
- No adult editing – peer editing only.
- **Very important: Include your full name, grade and teacher's name on your entry.**
- Entries will be judged on ideas (e.g. attention to detail, clear message), conventions (grammar, spelling, use of title, margins, etc.) and voice (e.g. originality, expressiveness, connection to audience).
- Deadline for submittal is March 24, 2003. Turn in your entry to your teacher or place it in the PTA mailbox in the office.
- All entries will be published in a keepsake booklet. Two students per grade will be awarded gift certificates to a local bookstore.
- All students who submit a writing piece will be invited to a Writers' Tea to celebrate the publication of the booklet. Students will be able to recite or read their writing pieces at the Tea- please practice reading your piece so you will feel comfortable presenting it in front of others.

Also, please take special note that the deadline for entries is very short this year - less than 3 weeks. Thank you for your cooperation.

The purpose of the Writing Project is to motivate and encourage children to write and to experience the thrill of being published. This project is sponsored by the Farallone View PTA. Please call Jill (728-3728) or Liz (728-3928) if you have any questions.

EDUCATION -JUST FUND IT!

Thanks again to those who've already sent their TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CASH DONATIONS! If you couldn't make it to the auction or you were outbid most of the items you wanted, don't worry! Just make a CASH DONATION. We can even accept charge cards for large donations. Our cashiers are willing to accept money 24 hours a day, 7 days a week-we do it for the kids!

Make your check payable to ED FUND and return it to the school office. You can also mail it to:

Ed Fund
P.O. Box 370436
Montara 94037

For more information please call Donna McCurdy at 728-3905 or Pat Davison at 563-9073. The Ed Fund and the PTA appreciate your support because our children deserve the finest possible education.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This notice is for all individuals who made CREDIT CARD purchases at the Scholastic Book Fair in October 2002. If you have noticed on your statements, you have not yet been billed. Scholastic will be processing the credit cards within the next two weeks. If you have a question or concern (number has changed or expired) please contact Pat Davison, 563-9073. Thank you for your understanding.

AFTER SCHOOL SPANISH CLASS HAS OPENINGS!

After school Spanish classes are held **every Tuesday**. If you were hoping to get your child signed up for Spanish you are still welcome to join us. The K - 2nd Grade class is covering: numbers, colors, basic expressions, etc...using visual aids, music and games. The 3rd - 5th Grade class will focus on learning basic Spanish conversation, utilizing games and writing to reinforce their progress.

Spanish class for K - 2nd Graders will be held in Mrs. Rothenberg's Room (A-6) every Tuesday between **12:50 - 1:50 PM**. Spanish class for 3rd - 5th Graders will be held in Mrs. Purucker's Room (C-2) between **1:55 - 2:55 PM**. Classes are \$10.00.

Session I: 2/11/03 - 4/1/03 = \$80.00. Session II: 4/8/03 - 6/3/03 = \$80.00.

Payment for classes will start the week your child begins attending.

To sign up for class please call Deanna Barnes at 728-2424. Or simply attend a class with your child next Tuesday!

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Interested in helping out but don't know how to? There is an immediate position open for a Pennies from Heaven coordinator. **It's so simple, you can do this from home!** Collect the pennies and spare change that is donated to PTA and redeem it for playground equipment for the kids at Farallone View. That's it! One person is all we need so call Robin at 728-7275 and be a part of the action!

PTA ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP!

It's that time of year folks, when the PTA begins to look for volunteers to fill the many board and chairman positions open for the next school year. The amount of work it takes to make one school year a success for our kids looks overwhelming, but with the support of many volunteers it all comes through. It takes parents like you, who have a "Can Do" attitude to step up and fill these positions (list is attached).

So, you've seen the list and you are interested in something? It's so easy to find out more! Come to a PTA meeting or call Pat 563-9073 or Robin 728-7275 and we'd love to chat with you directly and answer your questions. If you already know someone in an active position, you can also ask them to pass on your interest. Remember, as graduating parents move on, there is a great need for new parents to move in! Won't you consider one of these spots?

THANKS FROM THE "INFIRMARY"

Thank you to the McGaw family and to Juliette Arnold from the office staff for the baggies for ice for injuries. Those bags of ice give kids a lot of comfort and we dispense a lot of them.

\$\$\$\$ SCRIP NEWS \$\$\$\$

GOT SCRIP?

Now's a good time to check the scrip list and buy a supply of whatever you use most for the month. You'll have guilt-free shopping knowing that you're keeping the merchants donating! A few scrip are not currently available at the scrip table. For the following items call Donna McCurdy at 728-3905: TALBOT'S TOYS, BLOCKBUSTER, HONEYBAKED HAM, ZANY BRAINY AND ACE HARDWARE. She has them on hand.

Buy your SEE'S CANDIES certificates while they're still only \$12 per pound!! When our current stock is depleted the new certificates will be \$12.40. (Remember, Easter is just around the corner.)

SPECIAL ORDERS for April need to be in by April 4th and will be available by April 10th.

CHANGES:

LONGS is now available only in DEBIT CARDS of \$10 and \$25. Your paper scrip will still be valid, there's no expiration date on it.

ACE HARDWARE NO LONGER PARTICIPATES in the scrip program but the certificates are still valid. We have about \$500 in stock.

NEW LOCAL MERCHANT-OCEANVIEW SALON offering \$50 scrip gift certificates at 15% profit for the school. They are located at 100 Beach St. in Moss Beach. The owner is Lynda Marenich. Call Donna at 728-3905 to order your scrip gift certificates for haircuts, facials and massages.

LOST AND FOUND

Is your child's wardrobe getting a little scanty? Particularly in the coats and sweatshirts? It may do you some good to check the lost and found. We get new items every day and some of them may be yours. We'd love it if you claimed

FECHAS PARA LAS JUNTAS DE LA MESA DIRECTIVA DE CABRILLO

- ❖ 13 de marzo del 2003 ❖ 11 de septiembre del 2003
- ❖ 10 de abril del 2003 ❖ 9 de octubre del 2003
- ❖ 8 de mayo del 2003 ❖ 13 de noviembre del 2003
- ❖ 5 y 26 de junio del 2003 ❖ 11 de diciembre del 2003
- ❖ 10 de julio del 2003

Si usted planea asistir a las juntas de la mesa directiva y requiere un interprete o le gustaria tener la agenda traducida por favor comuniquese al 712-7149.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

This school district has a policy that allows parents to request that their child attend a school outside of their school of residence. Enrollment is contingent on procedures of Board Policy and Regulations 5116.1.

If you're interested in your child attending a school other than your home school for the next school year--please request an Open Enrollment form from your school office beginning March 3, 2003. ***There is no need to complete a form if your child is already on Open Enrollment.***

Those interested in Spanish Immersion-Kindergarten at Hatch, please go directly to Hatch School or call the Hatch School office at 712-7160.

Este distrito tiene una poliza que permite a los padres solicitar matricula para sus hijos en otra escuela que no sea el lugar de residencia. La matricula esta condicionada por los metodos y regulaciones de la poliza de la mesa directiva 5116.1.

Si Ud. esta interesado en que su hijo/a asista a otra escuela que no es la que le corresponde, por favor solicite una forma de matricula abierta a la oficina de su escuela, lo mas pronto posible y regresela a mas tardar el 3 de marzo de 2003. ***No hay necesidad de completar una forma si Ud. ya esta en matricula abierta.***

Para los que deseen inscribir a sus hijos en Kinder en el programa de Inmersion en espanol, por favor vaya a la escuela Hatch o llame a la oficina al 712-7160.

MISSION

Farallone View Elementary School is located in a small, Pacific coastal community, with access to San Francisco and Silicon Valley. Our mission is to ensure that all students acquire the academic knowledge and skills to excel in their next educational challenge, love learning, and respect others and the environment. Together, in partnership with our families and caring community, we will provide all students a rich, academically challenging and well rounded program.

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