



# The Flash

A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

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## Next Week

AT PARK VILLAGE

### Tuesday (2/10)

#### Recycling Day

8-9:15 a.m. ESS Parking Lot

#### Student Store

8:40-8:55 a.m. Umbrella near K mall

#### Author's Fair with Bruce Coville

1:40-3:20pm MPR

#### 1:40 p.m. Early Dismissal

### Thursday (2/12)

#### PTA Association Meeting

6-6:30 p.m. Library

### Friday (2/13)

#### Ice Cream Sales

3:20 p.m., Lunch Area

## Character Counts!

February is the month to celebrate Respect (the yellow pillar). Here are some ways to be respectful:



- *Treat other people the way you want to be treated.*
- *Be courteous and polite.*
- *Listen to what other people have to say.*
- *Tolerate differences.*
- *Understand that all people have value as human beings.*

This month's CC! Activity is "Find the Penguin". All you have to do is be on the lookout for ONE penguin each day of the week from February 9-13. We will place a "respect" penguin around campus for you to find. If you find it, bring it to the office at a time that is convenient for your teacher. Make sure you tell the office your name and teacher, and then collect your prize!

Congratulations to Elijah Reyes, Joley Advincula, Hunter Bratt, Danielle Leano, Hayley Bratt, and Brett Wilcox. They each created a winning "Fairness" penguin. Lastly, a special thank you to Pat & Oscars on Westview Parkway for providing all the yummy pizzas for our pop tab winners!

## Black History Month

By Laura Bruvold, PV Kindergarten Teacher

Black History Month is a time to remember important people and events in the history of people whose ancestors are African. It is celebrated annually in the United States and Canada in the month of February. Black History Month started in 1926 by historian Carter G. Woodson as "Negro History Week." Woodson chose the second week of February because it marked the birthdays of two Americans who greatly influenced the lives and social conditions of African Americans: Former President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist Frederick Douglass. When the Black History Month was started in the US, many in the population had barely begun to explore black history. At that point, one only saw blacks in history books in reference to the low social position they held as slaves and their descendants, or infrequent exceptions such as that of George Washington Carver. Black History Month is also referred to as African-American History Month, or African Heritage Month. Part of the aim of Black History Month is to recognize significant contributions to society made by black slaves and how their history is integral to the mainstream population. Black History Month is especially notable this year in that for the first time, the US has an African-American President, Barack Obama.

PUSD district resources for Black History Month can be found at: <http://www.powayusd.com/projects/edtechcentralnew/BlackHistory.htm>. Other good sites for information are: <http://www.biography.com/blackhistory/index.jsp> and <http://www.asalh.org/>.

## Reflections Correction



In last week's Flash, the winner of Second Place in the Palomar Council Section should read instead *Michelle Zhao*, Literature, Intermediate

### Park Village



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## Park Village Family Heritage Night

By Jeanette Soriano, Family Heritage Night Chair

On Thursday evening, January 29th, 2009, Park Village students and their families gathered in the Multipurpose Room for the PTA's Family Heritage Night. Upon entering, the students picked up their passports for an evening of fun and learning about the many cultural heritages represented in our community.

Performances and demonstrations by the Westview High Bayanihan Club (Philippine dance), Joan Davidoff (Flamenco dance), Celeste Dungca & Nidah Lontoc (Polynesian dance), David Odenwalder and Company (German Schuplattler dance), Anushka Gupta, Isha Aggarwal, Nandini Rajgopal and Park Village students (Indian dance and song), and the Rose Academy of Irish Step Dance provided the entertainment throughout the evening.

14 colorful table displays were filled with artifacts, pictures, and activities from many different areas of the world. These table displays were sponsored by our very own Park Village families and friends! The evening would not have been a success without their involvement and support. These energetic and dedicated volunteers set up the heritage displays, provided small souvenirs, and donated yummy food samples which made the evening an enjoyable event for all attendees. Special thanks to the following Heritage Night parent volunteers, their families and many other PV parents and friends for organizing the beautiful displays:

Alka Keyal Anastasia Aranovich Angela Sharma Anita Verma Birgit Neukirch Charles Fitzgerald Denise Paladini  
Elena Sullivan Fely Parker Gloria Monroe Jeanette Soriano Jenay Tabuena Judy Caraang Julia Kitts Karen Lim  
Larry Kitts Liliana Bristman Madhu Bollapragada Mala Tandon Mary Ann Santos Marina Vengrin Michaela Zajonc  
Rachna Gupta Rashmi Parida Rene Oglesby Ricardo Buchotz Sharmeela Kaushal Sheila Carpizo Shoko Nagao  
Tamami Asai Tina Burke Uzma Kazi Valerie Prutow Vandana Aswathi Wendy Fitzgerald

The Family Heritage Night Committee (Jeanette Soriano, Julia Kitts, Judy Caraang, Mari Morales, Mary Ann Santos, and Theresa Abueg) also wants to thank everyone who attended the event and they hope to see you at next year's Family Heritage Night!

### PTA Association Meeting and Principal Chat...

By Kimberly Wilkins, PTA President

This month's PTA Association Meeting and Principal Chat will be held on Thursday, **February 12, 2009**, from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Principal Ceceña will also host a Principal Chat session, so come find out about the latest and greatest happenings at Park Village. Hope to see you there!

### OCIS-PE Program

**5<sup>th</sup> Graders:** The deadline for OCIS-PE Applications is **March 27<sup>th</sup>**. Applications can be picked up at the office or downloaded from

[www.options4kids.com](http://www.options4kids.com). The application must be returned by the March 27<sup>th</sup> deadline to be considered for OCIS-PE next semester. Please return the applications where noted on page 2 of the application. If you need additional information on OCIS-PE, please visit [www.options4kids.com](http://www.options4kids.com). Thank you.



**EScrip** By Cindy Zalar  
Grocery Card Club Program Chair

**Once again, thanks** for your participation in our EScrip program. We continue to earn over \$500.00 per month for simply shopping at Vons, and we have over 400 families registered! This program brings in funds that support field trips, assemblies, DADS projects, and other events. Now we'd like to make Ralphs' and Albertsons' programs as successful as EScrip. If you have not already done so, please register your Ralphs' card by visiting [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com). For further detailed instructions on how to register your Ralphs' card, please refer to the January 23, 2009 FLASH issue. If you are an occasional Albertsons' customer or if you have yet to register your VONS' card with EScrip, please submit the following to me at [j\\_zalar@hotmail.com](mailto:j_zalar@hotmail.com) :

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Albertson's card number \_\_\_\_\_

Vons card number \_\_\_\_\_

### Family Night Out!

Please save the date! **March 3rd** is Family Night Out! Park Village will receive a percentage of sales that day at Buca di Beppo and Barnes & Noble. Head to Mira Mesa with your family for dinner and an evening with children's author Andy Griffiths. Look for more details in a future issue.



## Author's Fair

By Debra Schmidt, Author's Fair Chair

The Park Village PTA is sponsoring Bruce Coville at the Park Village Author's Fair on Tuesday, Feb. 10th. Mr. Coville will detail the creation of a book from the beginning of the idea until the time the manuscript is sold to a publisher. With younger children he will talk about his first picture book, *The Foolish Giant*. For older children, he speaks about his chapter book, *The Monster's Ring*. The presentation includes humor, addresses questions of creativity, where ideas come from, and discusses issues regarding editing and rewriting. It also includes time for questions and answers. Mr. Coville will autograph books from 1:40 to 3:20 in the MPR. Children accompanied by a parent can meet the author as he signs the child's book. If your child can not attend the book signing, his/her book will be delivered to the classroom the following day. You may email Debra Schmidt at dschmid4@san.rr.com with any questions.

## Updating Online Student Information

Is your student's emergency and contact information correct in our Student Information System? Poway Unified School District has an online student information update website. Go to <http://onlinereg.powayusd.com> and follow the easy steps to see what we have on file for your students and make any necessary changes. This site is available 24/7 for your convenience!

Here is how you update your registration on line:

First, we need you to activate your parent account. Do you still have the letter mailed to you in July 2008?

If not, contact the help desk at 858-748-0010 x 2854 for your user name and password.

Once you have this information, go to <http://onlinereg.powayusd.com/>

1. You will then click on the link titled "Account Activation". Type in your Parent Username and Password. Click login.
2. Then create for yourself a password of your choosing. Once you complete this step, scroll down, and answer the four challenge questions. Activating your account and answering these challenge questions will allow you to reset your own password in the event you ever forget your password.
3. **Important**, when you complete these steps you need to close the browser window by clicking on the X in the upper corner, this will close the window, and you will be back at our welcome page if you don't you will just loop back around to change password.
4. Now click on the link titled "Update Student Information". It is important you read each of the prompts and documents, which are linked on the Online Registration Site.
5. Enter your Parent Username as the Novel Username and your new Password in the Novel Password field. You will now go through a series of questions to update your student's information, as necessary (the students' guardians, and emergency contacts, etc.).
6. When complete, you will click the submit button and your information will be submitted to the school district.

If you have more than one student, you will need to follow the steps above for each student.



### Recycling Day

**February 10, 2009, 8-9:30 a.m., ESS Parking Lot**

Please complete and attach this form to your items to ensure your child's classroom receives credit!

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Room# \_\_\_\_\_

# of aluminum Cans: \_\_\_\_ # of plastic bottles: \_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Thank you!

Brownie troop #8125 did a wonderful job passing out catches for Fit Friday in January. **Thank you!**

### Lost and Found

Did you lose a sweater or a jacket? Lost and Found has lots and lots of unclaimed clothing articles waiting for the right owner to pick up.