



The Flash

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Next Week

AT PARK VILLAGE

Saturday (3/14)

1st Annual Jr. First Lego League Expo

1:00-3:00 p.m., MP room

**Schoolwide "Pennies for Patients" Collection
3/16-3/20**

Meet the Masters Classroom Lessons: Ringgold

Tuesday (3/17)

Student Store

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

1:40 p.m. Early Dismissal

Thursday (3/19)

PUSD PEPP Parent Information Meeting

6:30p.m., Painted Rock School
MP Room

Friday (3/20)

**Kindergarten ASSEMBLY:
Dr. Zoolittle**

Lunch with D.A.D.S.

PEPP Open House

2:30-3:00 p.m., PEPP Classroom

D.A.D.S. Group Meeting

Ice Cream Sales

3:20 p.m., Lunch Area



YEARBOOK is DONE in April!!

By Larissa Scors Anderson, Park Village Yearbook Editor

Submit Pix by Saint Patrick's Day for print consideration!

<http://parkvillage.shutterfly.com> (YES, you can still request to be a member, if you are not one of the nearly 300 families already online)

The 2008-2009 yearbook is in the final month of creation. **NOW** is the last chance to post pictures for selection - these are the pages being finalized for print:

- 1) Grade level highlights (FEATURES BEST PICTURES FROM AUG-MARCH)
- 2) Running (including cross-country, jog-a-thon, running club)
- 3) Talent Show
- 4) Science & Literature (science nights, authors' fair, book fair, etc.)
- 5) DADS (movie night, lunch, projects around school, dad-child etc)
- 6) Volunteers (room-moms, PTA, Foundation, etc)

Capture the Magic of Park Village Memories - keep your camera handy AND POST YOUR PICTURES BY 3/17! :-)



eScrip

By Cindy Zalar, Grocery Card Club Program Chair

Hello Park Village Parents!! We continue to earn much needed money for our children, teachers, and school supplies through our Vons Grocery club rewards. Now it is time to get going on the Albertsons participation!

Please fill out the form below to include: your Albertsons card number, the name and phone numbers under which your card is registered, your child(ren)'s name and teacher's name. You or your child can return this form to school and place it in the collection box that can be found in the office. Your child will receive a small gift later in the week for every slip they return to the box. We can enter parents, grandparents, neighbors, or anyone who wants to participate in the grocery club rewards for Park Village. This program runs until April 3rd! This is a simple way to help Park Village Elementary earn \$\$\$\$ for our programs without asking parents to do anything more than their weekly shopping! Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Albertsons Card # _____

Child(ren)'s name _____

Teacher's name _____

Lunch With D.A.D.S. next Friday!

And be sure to stop by Friday, March 20th, 7:00pm at the home of Harvey Payne, 12366 Dormouse Road.



PENNIES FOR PATIENTS!

By Julia Kitts, VP of Programs



We are underway! Thank you all for your donations this past week for our Pennies for Patients program, benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We are counting away and working towards our goal! Remember, if you haven't had a chance to donate that spare change lying around the house, or you found MORE spare change, we will be at a table in front of the school with our collection container on some days, and the container will be at the entry of the Reading Garden EVERY DAY during school hours. If you'd like to drop off a donation at the front office, please address it to: **Attn: PTA VP Programs Julia Kitts**. The program will run for 2 more weeks until Mar 27th. Thank you for your help in supporting the LLS in finding a cure for blood cancer. Remember you can help your children learn more about blood cancers by logging onto www.lls.org/sdh. We would like to dedicate this year's collection in honor of PVE mom, Sheri Wyss. Sheri is currently undergoing treatment, including a stem cell transplant, for acute myelogenous leukemia.

Family Night Out Thanks

By Beth Kiernan, VP Ways and Means

Many thanks to those who helped make our most recent fundraiser, Family Night Out, a grand success. We also appreciate the time Mrs. Winters and Mr. Ceceña spent in the children's section reading to our students last Tuesday night. We appreciated those parents who helped hand out stickers on Tuesday afternoon to promote the evening events. Many thanks to Mrs. Carlisle for distributing promotional bookmarks prior to the fundraiser and to the teachers for handing out flyers. Thanks to the teachers for handing out flyers too. And most important, thanks to all the families who came out on a weeknight, when you all had many other things to manage at home, and gave your time and money in support of our school. We hope you enjoyed the readers, including Andy Griffiths. The children's giggling could be heard across the bookstore during that half hour! We also hope you enjoyed some delicious meals at Buca di Beppo. Net earnings for the night were: \$583 from Barnes & Noble and \$190 (10% of sales) from Buca. These funds will be used by the PTA to fund assemblies and events from now until the end of the school year. Thanks, Park Village, for your support!!

Updates on PUSD Character and Ethics Film Festival

The **submission deadline for videos has been extended to Mon., March 30th**. Remember that a signed release form is required for each student in the video and is included with the submission of the video.

There are two opportunities for additional student participation, as follows:

* Student-created posters about showing good character and CHARACTER COUNTS! These will be displayed in the foyer of the RBHS Performing Arts Center the evening of the festival.

* Classes can perform a skit, rap, or song. One class from grades K-1, 2-3, and 4-5 will be chosen to perform at the festival.

If you have questions, or for more information, pick up a flier on the PV Rack or contact Linda Ellett at lellet@sbcglobal.net.

Your Voice Matters!

First 5 San Diego is forming a new five-year strategic plan to guide future investment in programs that support the healthy development of children ages 0-5 and their families. As part of the planning process, First 5 San Diego is conducting a web survey to hear from parents of children ages 0-5 about children's and families' greatest needs. Please share your opinions on the needs of your young children by taking the brief online web survey at www.first5sandiego-strategicplan.org and clicking on "parents" under the features section. Thank you for helping First 5 San Diego design programs to better prepare children for entering school as active learners.

Spring Book Fair

By Charity Toetter, Book Fair Chair

Spring is fast-approaching and that means it's time to be on the lookout for our Spring Book Fair presented by Scholastic. Starting Wednesday, April 1st, through Friday, April 3rd, your dollars will go a lot further because it's the favorite, **BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE** (while supplies last)!! Look for more details to come!

SPRING FOOD DRIVE



With the current economy, many more families within PUSD are struggling to put food on their tables. The annual Palomar Council Spring Food Drive will help these families provide 3 meals a day when their kids are home over spring break. A collection bin will be located outside the library from March 23 - April 2. The items

needed are: canned fruits, vegetables, soups, beans, peanut butter, rice, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned tuna or chicken, cereal and toiletries (toothpaste, shampoo, etc) **Please check items for expiration dates before you bring them to school. Expired food will be thrown out.** If you have any questions, contact Ann Misuraca, Community Concerns Chair at 484-8444 or annmizz@san.rr.com.



Meet Faith Ringgold

By Jennifer Myers, Meet the Masters Coordinator

This week, Park Village kids learned about Faith Ringgold (1930-), She is known for creating the new art form called story quilts, changing the perception of what is craft and what is art.

Story quilts combine writing, painting, and quilting. Ringgold has also written and illustrated seventeen children's books, some of which are in our library. She currently divides her time between her New York City art studio and her teaching position at UC San Diego.

This week, children have viewed one of two age level appropriate DVDs about Ringgold and learned about her painted quilts. Students also worked on their learning packets, which focus on visual memories, pattern and texture. Next week, everyone will have the opportunity to create their own story quilt in an hour-long art class.

As Faith Ringgold is a living artist, she answers commonly asked questions on her website, www.faithringgold.com. A portion of this Q&A is below. If there is something she hasn't answered that you are curious about, you can even contact her using the Send a Message page on her website!

Are you making another children's book?

Yes, I have just published a new book titled "Cassie's Word Quilt" for preschool children. I am working on two new books "My Grandma's Story Quilt" and a story about the Harlem Renaissance Party.

How long does it take to make a story quilt?

Some quilts take more time than others. Tar Beach took me only a month to make.

How do you write the story of your quilts?

I think about the characters and the story I want to tell and then I begin to write the chapters in segments. And then, just like the materials of a quilt, I piece the words together until they make a story. I have to edit many times before it is finished and ready to be written on the quilt.

Where do you get your good ideas?

My ideas come from reflecting on my life and the lives of people I have known and have been in some way inspired by.

Do you have any children?

I have two daughters and three granddaughters. They are all strong readers and can fly.

What do you do in your spare time?

I try to relax and do nothing but somehow it never works out that way. I really enjoy working and I can find many ways to work that are almost play.

Do you keep many of your quilts for yourself?

I try to keep the best for myself but I have not been able to.

What inspired you to write story quilts?

I thought it would be a good way to get people to read my stories and maybe that way I could get one of them published as a book. It worked with Tar Beach.

The first time on the roof were you scared?

I was never afraid because my parents and my brother and sister were always with me on the roof.

Since your brother was older than you did he ever kid you?

Andrew was fond of telling scary nighttime stories about the Boogie Man when all the lights were out and we kids were supposed to be asleep.

Who has the original Tar Beach quilt? The Guggenheim Museum in New York City.

Do you have a pet? Yes, we have an indoor aquarium with goldfish.

How do you write on a quilt? I use a black fine (felt) tip Sanford Sharpie marker.

1st Annual Jr. First Lego League Expo

Park Village will be hosting the 1st Annual Jr. FLL Expo this Saturday, March 14th from 1:00-3:00pm in the MP Room. Come meet our PVES teams: Weather Whiz Kids, Planet Lego and The Foggy Four to see their hard work and hear what they learned about "Climate Connections". Along with the event, we will have Lego Building Stations, FLL robotic demos, and a bake sale to raise funds for the Lego League's trip to the US Open Championships in Dayton, Ohio. Everyone is welcome to join the fun.



Cancellation

INCOMING 6TH GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT on March 24 has been cancelled. It is postponed until further notice.

Thanks to all the DADS!

who helped install banner hooks, painted the PTA shed, repaired the reading garden benches, cleaned up the school, and stayed to enjoy a fun evening of softball. You guys make this a great school!

A big wonderful **thank you** to all the people that donated health office supplies this month.

The band-aids, cotton balls, gloves and zip-top bags are appreciated.

Marlene Stroyer, Health Technician

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