

TURTLEBACK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 02/04/10

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Things are really hopping at Turtleback Elementary School. We've posted tons of information and helpful links on our school website: www.powayusd.com/pusdtbkes. Please consider making our website your home page to keep up with the opportunities for fun and learning available to your family.

1. Parent/Child Valentine Dance – Friday, February 12

I would like to especially draw your attention to the Parent/Child Valentine Dance which will be taking place next Friday, February 12 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM in our Multipurpose Room. This will be the first of two large scale fundraisers our Turtleback Education Foundation is hosting this spring. Tickets for the dance can be purchased by sending in the order form found on our website, after school next Tuesday and Thursday, or at the door on Friday. Tickets cost only \$7 for each Turtleback student (preschoolers through fifth graders). Adults are FREE. Refreshments and glow necklaces will be available for purchase. Many students are planning to dress up in fancy attire to make the night extra special, but there is no dress code. We just want you all to come and share a special night with your student(s). If this event is cost-prohibitive for your family, please let me know. If you cannot attend, but would like to make a donation to the foundation, you can do so easily on the Foundation's website: www.turtlebackeducationfoundation.org/.

2. eScrip

Another easy way you can support Turtleback through the Foundation is by signing up for eScrip. I just registered my credit cards in less than 3 minutes and now a portion of every purchase I make with one of those cards will benefit our school. Instructions for registering with eScrip are found at <http://www.turtlebackeducationfoundation.org/eScrip.html>.

3. Valentine Gram Smencils

On a lighter note, you can order Valentine Gram Smencils (scented pencils which the kids love) for your own student(s), your favorite staff members, and for your child's friends. Each Smencil is only \$1.50 and will be delivered to your child or other "special person" next Friday. Orders are due by Tuesday and you can download an order form on our website. I ordered twelve Smencils just the other day. Join me!!

4. Brown Bag Lunch with Your Child – Friday, February 12

Our Dads' Club is sponsoring another brown bag lunch with your child next Friday. The kids really love this!! Moms, dads, and other special adults are welcome to join their student for lunch next Friday according to this lunch schedule:

- 11:10 Kindergarten
- 11:20 First grade
- 11:30 Second grade
- 11:40 Third grade

11:50 Fourth grade

12:00 Fifth grade

5. Family Fitness Night – Thursday, February 25

Save the date! More information will be coming soon about our 6th Annual Family Fitness Night. Please sign up your family before the upcoming break by completing the form on our website.

6. Change for Children Uganda Project Results

I am so proud to share that during December and January, Turtleback students donated almost \$900 to help build the first children's hospital in Uganda. Your children are amazing!!

7. Absence Hotline

Please, please, please call the Absence hotline at 673-3967 when your child is absent. If you receive an automated message from the school on the morning your child is out, please return the call or send an e-mail to Mrs. Small (tsmall@powayusd.com) with the reason for the absence. Thank you.

8. Dismissal Times

Please remember that your child is dismissed at 2:30 Mondays-Thursdays and at 1:00 on Fridays.

9. Cookbooks & Yearbooks

It's not too late to order a Turtleback Family Cookbook or a yearbook. Order forms for both can be found on our school website. We are also in need of more photos of Turtleback school and class activities for the yearbook. You can submit your photos to tbkyearbook@yahoo.com through March 8.

10. Thank You

Please accept my sincere (yet belated) thanks for the generous gifts I received just before winter break. My Southern mother would be extremely disappointed that I did not write individual thank you notes to you (please don't tell her), but most of the gift cards were separated from the gifts when I transported them home. I was deeply touched by your thoughtfulness. Thank you!

11. Other Dates to Note

Monday, 2/8 @ 6:00 PM – Oak Valley Middle School Parent Info Night in Turtleback's MPR

Tuesday, 2/9 – Valentine Gram Smencil orders due

Thursday, 2/11 @ 7:00 PM – PTA Association Meeting in Bishop Center

Friday, 2/12 – Valentine Dress-Up Day

Friday, 2/12 – Family Fitness Night registration forms due

Friday, 2/12 @ 8:15 AM – PIP Parent Info Meeting in Connection Center

Friday, 2/12 – Dads' Club Brown Bag Lunch with Your Student

Friday, 2/12 @ 6:00 PM – PARENT/CHILD VALENTINE DANCE in MPR

2/15-2/19 – NO SCHOOL (ESS open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)

Thursday, 2/25 @ 6:00 PM – Family Fitness Night in MPR

Friday, 3/5 – Jog-a-Thon

24-hour ABSENCE HOTLINE is (858) 673-3967