

TURTLEBACK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 11/9/09

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Please refer to our school website for more frequent updates on Terrapin happenings: www.powayusd.com/pusdtbkes. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please e-mail Dr. Celeste Campbell, Turtleback Principal, at CCampbell@PowayUSD.com

1. **Innisbrook Products to be Delivered Tomorrow**

The products that have been ordered from Innisbrook will be delivered to your child's classroom Tuesday, November 10th. If you ordered a lot of items, you will want to help your student carry the products to your car. If your child goes to ESS after school, plan on picking it up from the classroom on Thursday morning, November 12th. Also remember, that you can place orders on www.innisbrook.com year round and Turtleback will continue to receive 50% of the purchase price when you use our school number 109344. There are many more items on the website beyond what the catalogs offered. Please contact Joanne Stohs with any questions at jrstohs@yahoo.com

2. **Foundation Fundraiser at Rubio's – Friday, November 13 (Carmel Mtn. Ranch)**

Please mark your calendars and plan to join Turtleback families for Turtleback Education Foundation's fundraiser at Rubio's Fish Tacos Restaurant (Carmel Mountain Ranch, not Bernardo Center Drive) on Friday, November 13th from 5:00-8:00. Flyers will be going home with students on Friday so please check your child's backpacks. You must present a flyer when you order so that 20% of all proceeds from your purchase will benefit Turtleback Elementary. Thank you in advance for your support. You can also download a flyer from our website <http://www.powayusd.com/pusdtbkes/2009-10/Rubios%20flier%2011%2013%2009.pdf>

3. **Adopt A Family Program**

Please consider helping a less fortunate Poway Unified School District family this holiday season. The Adopt A Family program is starting in November so that the receiving families can (hopefully) feel a bit more relaxed as the holidays approach. The Turtleback Adopt-A-Family program will end Monday, November 30.

If you would like to help,

- Go to the office, ESS, or the preschool room
- Take the tag detailing an item from a receiving family's wish list
- Buy the item
- Return the unwrapped item to the designated box in the office, ESS, or preschool

We would greatly appreciate your tax deductible donation in the form of an unwrapped gift, a gift card, or cash (checks can be made out to Turtleback PTA). If you have any questions please email Jennifer Bivin at j_bivin@hotmail.com or Rachel Dixon at dangrant@rocketmail.com.

4. Turtleback Cookbook For Sale

We have collected the best recipes from parents, friends and staff of Turtleback and compiled them into an attractive keepsake cookbook. You can pre-order our one-of-a-kind cookbook for the low price of \$12.00. All proceeds go to the purchase of supplies for the teachers. The cookbook contains 190 well-loved recipes including appetizers, main dishes, desserts and many others. Only 200 books will be available so order yours now. Order forms can be downloaded on our website at <http://www.powayusd.com/pusdtbkes/2009-10/PTA/cookbook%20presale.pdf>

5. GATE Testing Deadline – November 30

GATE testing will be held the week of January 11 – 14, 2010. The deadline for requesting GATE testing for your child is November 30. More information is available at http://www.powayusd.com/depts/LSS/GATE/GATE_Request.pdf

6. Reporting Absences

If your child is sick and cannot come to school, please call the attendance hotline at 858-673-3967, every day that they will not be in school. In an effort to make it easier for parents to let the attendance office know about any upcoming absences, please feel free to call or e-mail Teresa Small, our Attendance Technician, at 858-673-5514 or tsmall@powayusd.com

7. Student Morning Drop Off

We would just like to remind all of our families that we do not have any supervision in the front or the back of school until 7:50 am, so please do not drop off your students before this time.

8. Other Dates to Note

Wednesday, 11/11	Veterans' Day – NO SCHOOL (ESS closed)
Friday, 11/13	5:00-8:00 PM Foundation Rubio's Restaurant Night (Carmel Mtn. Ranch)
November 16 – 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences – 11:45 dismissal each day; short day includes lunch
Thursday, 11/19	6:30 PM PTA Executive Board Meeting (Bishop Center)
Thursday, 11/19	7:30 PM PTA Association Meeting (Bishop Center)
Friday, 11/20	Holiday Smencils orders due (see website for order form)
November 23 – 27	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
November 30	Adopt a Family gifts due
November 30	GATE testing request deadline

December 4 8:15 AM Friday Flag

December 21 – Jan. 1 Winter Break – NO SCHOOL

Monday, 1/4 School resumes

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