



Terrapin Talk

Turtleback ♥ PTA Newsletter

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Principal's Message

By Celeste Campbell, Ed.D.

I couldn't be any prouder of our students, staff and families as we pulled together over the past weeks to support each other through a very difficult time. The true character of a community is demonstrated during times of trial and we showed the world what we are made of. Turtleback is truly a community that cares!

So many of you have asked how you can support our students and staff members who suffered losses in the recent fires. These families are still reeling and as soon as they can determine what they need, we will pass along this information to you. Thank you for your extreme generosity!

Harvest Festival Rescheduled for November 9

Turtleback's signature event is coming Friday, November 9. We all need a celebration right about now, so call your friends and relatives and join us for this community-wide carnival and auction from 4:00-8:00. You really don't want to miss this event!

Gift Wrap Delivery Date

Gift wrap items will be delivered Tuesday, November 6. If your child sold a large quantity, you might want to help them after school.

Reflections Reminder

The *Reflections* Program is a nation wide art program for students. It is a way for students of all grade levels to learn about various art forms. The theme this year is "I Can Make a Difference by..." What could be more fitting? You can pick up your entry form in the office. Don't forget to get your art work completed and turned in by November 5th. Contact Sandy Buccat with any questions at rbuccat2@san.rr.com.

Red Ribbon Week Hammered Home an Important Message

Thank you to Diana Takamori and Cheryl Modrow for taking the lead on organizing Red Ribbon Week 2007. While events were scaled back quite a bit in deference to the fire recovery effort, our students still benefited from a strong message about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Look for Progress Reports on November 9

The first grading period of the year was extended by one week, so please look for your child's progress report to come home November 9. In order to re-coup as much instructional time as possible, parent conference days were cancelled last week, but you are encouraged to contact your child's teacher if you would like to schedule a conference about your child's progress.

Character Counts!

Pillar

☺ Respect

LOOKING AHEAD:

- 11/4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11/5 *Reflections* Submissions Due
- 11/8 *Reflections* Assembly
Kindergarten Parent Night
PTA Board Meeting
- 11/9 Report Cards Go Home
Student Council Coin Drive
- 11/12 Veterans' Day - NO SCHOOL
ESS & Preschool CLOSED
- 11/14 Lamb's Players Assembly
Boy Scout Food Drive
- 11/15 GATE Parent Night
- 11/16 Student Council Coin Drive
- 11/19-20 NO SCHOOL
ESS & Preschool OPEN
- 11/21-11/23 NO SCHOOL





Delayed Disaster Response

Many of our kiddos are faring quite well now that the routine of school is back in place, but some children will experience waves of irritability, fear, anger and guilt for days and weeks to come. If you notice any behavior changes in your child, please notify your child's teacher. We have many support systems in place for our students and families if you only let us know what you need.

PTA Membership Update

Watch Tommy Terrapin climb up the thermometer as we get closer to turning Dr. Campbell into a human ice cream sundae. Membership information will be available at the "Spirit Wear" booth at the Harvest Festival. You can sign up then or return your membership envelope to your child's teacher. We're already 20% of the way there. We really need your help to make this happen.

Several classes are hard charging towards an ice cream party. Make sure your child doesn't miss out:

- Mrs. Harris 76%
- Mrs. Scott 65%
- Mrs. Hiel 63%
- Mrs. Dastrup 58%
- Mrs. Marshall 58%

Thank You Barrons Market

Barron's Market in Rancho Bernardo generously donated 80 gift certificates for full size pumpkins to be awarded to deserving students at the school. The next time you shop there, be sure to thank them.

Friday Bank Days

It's time to resume the Washington Mutual School Savings program at Turtleback. Look for a WAMU School Savings packet to come home with your child in the next few weeks.

Tables will be located at the front of the school and by the ESS gate. They are staffed from 7:45 - 8:05 each Friday. Once your child's account is set-up, he/she may make deposits.

Washington Mutual will deposit the first 25¢ and your child will get a free prize. There are no hidden fees for this program. Accounts do not pay fees until the child turns 19. It offers parents the chance to teach their children about money with the convenience of depositing at school and not making a trip to the bank. It is a terrific program to teach responsibility. Sign-up today!

Coin Drive For Station 33

Student Council will be hosting a Coin Drive for Fire Station 33 on Friday, November 9th and Friday, November 16th. Station 33 is our local fire station that is in great need of updating. Show your gratitude to the brave men and women of Station 33 by dropping your coin donations off at the front of the school.

PUSD Fire Relief Fund Information Sheet

The Poway Unified School District has established a PUSD Fire Relief Fund and is working in collaboration with the Palomar Council PTA to assist all staff, students, and families affected by the recent wildfires. This relief fund was created for the purpose of accepting general and specific monetary donations.

Please make checks payable to: **PUSD Fire Relief Fund**. Donors may designate that funds be directed to assist

staff, students, and families at a particular site. Please mail checks to:

Poway Unified School District
Attn: Mary Jo Stollfuss,
Accounting Dept.
13626 Twin Peaks Road
Poway, CA 92064-3034

If you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Cindy Hicks, Poway Unified School District Coordinator - Relief Efforts, at 858-229-7344 or e-mail at chicks@powayusd.com.

Square 1 Art

If you missed the order deadline for Square 1 Art, but would still like to place an order, you can do so, but your order will not be part of the school fundraiser. To can visit www.square1art.com and look for the retail order form under the FAQ section or contact Leslee Albright at 487-1669 for a form.

Time Banking—Every Friday

Turtleback will continue its weekly time banking with an early (12:50) Friday dismissal for grades 1-5. Time Banking allows our teachers time for on-going instructional improvement, grade level articulation and planning. An ESS day care package is available for Friday afternoons only. Please contact Merry Dawn Szybowski at 673-3659 for information.

ABSENCE HOTLINE
(858) 673-3967

November



Current Fundraisers

- Plastic Bags
- Entertainment/Values Books
- Box Tops for Education
- eScrip and Ralphs Community Contributions