



# Terrapin Talk

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## Principal's Message

By Celeste Campbell, Ed.D.

### Test Scores Continue to Rise!

Just last week I proudly reported that Turtleback was identified by *San Diego Magazine* (on newsstands now) as one of the top 45 schools in the county based on our 2006 Academic Performance Index of 904. We've just learned that our

students performed even better last spring, earning a whopping **913 API**. This is tremendous. I hope you will join me in celebrating your student's hard work. In the coming weeks I'll be sharing with you how we will continue to push every student's

"learning edge" through intervention and enrichment programs.



### Character Counts!

Pillar

© Trustworthiness

### Dates to Remember:

- 9/10 MAPs testing begins
- 9/11 Playground Partners begins  
Connection Center volunteer training
- 9/12 All school assembly @ 9:15 ~ Families are welcome

## School Pictures

By the time you read this you should have your child's school picture proofs. Please make a selection and mail in your form to the address listed by the deadline date. Your child's picture package will be delivered to the school approximately 3 weeks from mail-in. Even if you don't order a picture package, it is important to select a photo and return it as this is the photo that will

be used in both the class composite and yearbook (otherwise we will make the selection for you).

Absent on picture day? No worries. Make-up pictures will be taken on September 18. If your child took pictures on 8/30 or 8/31 and you were not satisfied with the proofs, it is possible to have your child's photo retaken on September 18. In

this case, it is important that you contact with Claudia Deney at 858-716-1767 or [cdeney@san.rr.com](mailto:cdeney@san.rr.com). No retakes can be done unless you contact Claudia to make arrangements. When scheduling your child's retake, please provide your child's name, teacher and what you did not like about the proofs. You will also need to send the proof with your child on retake day.

### Looking ahead

- 9/18 Make-up school photos  
Playground Partners coach training 10-12
- 9/20 Student Council candidate speeches  
Playground Partners coach training 10-12  
Ambassador meeting ~ 7 AM @ Starbucks
- 9/21 Gift wrap sales end
- 9/27 Open Air Movie Night
- 9/28 Professional Growth Day - **NO SCHOOL** for students  
**ESS closed/Preschool open**
- 10/1 Interventions and homework club begin
- 10/2 Trekker Club begins
- 10/3 Walk to School Day
- 10/4 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents' Night
- 10/5 Friday Flag ~ 8:15 AM

## Open Air Family Movie Night on Sept. 27

Join us September 27 for Turtleback's first ever Open Air Family Movie Night. The whole family can kick back on the grassy area of the playground and enjoy a classic

family flick (to be announced) on a large screen. Admission is free. Concessions will be available for a minimal fee. All you need to do is bring the family and lawn

chairs or a blanket. Be on the lookout for more details in an upcoming Yo-Pack.

## Join us For September 12 Assembly

Dr. Campbell would like to include parents and siblings at Turtleback's first all-school assembly Wednesday, September 12 at 9:15 in the Multipurpose Room. Be prepared to sing, dance and have a blast as we formally kick off the school year!



## Volunteer Corner

By Jane McGuire, PTA Volunteer Coordinator

There are many fun-filled volunteer opportunities at Turtleback. Whether you can only help 20 minutes once a week or several hours a day - we have a job for you.

*"Valet" Service* - Join Mr. House, Dr. Campbell and the other "valet" moms and dads in the horseshoe each morning. We open car doors, greet the kids, and help move the drop-off line along. This fun service is offered from 7:55 until 8:10 every morning. Please contact Jane McGuire at 213-7992 or [JEKSMCG@AOL.COM](mailto:JEKSMCG@AOL.COM).

*Copy Club* - Come help the teachers by making copies...the days and hours are flexible. Please contact Becky Peppers at [REBECCAPEPERS@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:REBECCAPEPERS@HOTMAIL.COM).

*Playground Partners* - Help with games during lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:10 to 12:00 or 12:00 to 12:45. You can help on either or both days and times. Training provided. Contact Stephanie Camerino at 674-4801 or [ZACHST@SAN.RR.COM](mailto:ZACHST@SAN.RR.COM).

*YO Pak* - Help assemble and staple the Yo Pak (stands for Youngest Only) on Thursday mornings from approximately 8:00 until 9:00 am. You don't have to be available every week if that doesn't fit your schedule. Please contact Kristi Schneider at 335-3531 or [KSCHNEIDER@SAN.RR.COM](mailto:KSCHNEIDER@SAN.RR.COM).



## We've Got Spirit . . . How 'Bout You?!

Turtleback tie dyed t-shirts are popping up everywhere. Have you bought your's yet? Available for purchase are t-shirts (white short-sleeved, white long-sleeved, tie-dyed and fleece zippered hoodies). All apparel comes in both child and adult sizes. Not only do we have these great garments at a

very reasonable price, we also have other fun accessories including frisbees, car decals, shoe decals, binder pouches, key chains, coin purses, water bottles and temporary tattoos. If you haven't seen them yet, check out the display cases (front and back) at the school office. You can pick up an

order form in the office, fill in what you want, return your form with a check (just have your child give it to his/her teacher). Your order will be filled and sent home with your child the next day. Call Claudia Deney at 858-716-1767 with questions.

## We Can't Keep It Quiet . . .

We need your help for the Harvest Festival Silent Auction! In addition to a ton of family fun, the October 26 Harvest Festival is a big fundraiser for the school. We need your help gathering donations for the silent auction. Here are some ideas to get you going:

- Do you have any antique or collector items?
- Craft items - do you paint, needlepoint, quilt, etc.?
- Do you know a local business that would like to promote its goods or services?

- Do you have tickets, passes, airfare vouchers, or gift cards that you could donate?
- How about sports memorabilia?
- Put your vacation home to good use and donate a week's stay.

Let's make this year's silent auction the best ever. Please contact Susan Sullivan at 675-0581 or [TBKAUCTION@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:TBKAUCTION@SBCGLOBAL.NET) with donation items. All donations are tax deductible.

### Current Fundraisers

- Gift Wrap Sales
- Box Tops for Education
- eScrip



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