

# THE SCRIBBLER

Newsletter of El Montecito Early & Upper School

January 3, 2007



## FIRST-HAND REPORT FROM THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ACTIVITIES

We are so glad to be back to school after the Christmas holidays. However, this is flu season, and we would love to keep everyone (especially our teachers) healthy this year. If your child is not feeling well, or exhibits any flu-like symptoms, please keep them at home until they are no longer contagious. If your child has fever, or vomiting, PLEASE observe our health policy and keep them at home UNTIL at least 24 hours has passed since the last incident of vomiting or the fever returning to normal.

### BOOSTER SEATS

If your child outgrows a booster seat, would you consider donating it to ElMo? Whenever we take Kindergarten or First Grade students (some of whom are on that 60 lb/6yr old borderline) we need to insure proper car seating for all those students. Having a couple of extra boosters would eliminate some frantic phone calls and juggling of car seats.

### EARLY PLAYGROUND TIME ON MONTECITO CAMPUS

Please make sure that the playground supervisors (KJ and Zoe) are present BEFORE you drop off your children at the Montecito Campus in the morning. Do not just let your child hop out of the car if you are not CERTAIN that the playground is open and supervised.

Hi, my name is Elizabeth Vaccaro, and I go to the Boys & Girls Club every Monday, Tuesdays and sometimes Fridays; and I love it!!!! There are some really cool activities.

One of the activities is the Torch Club. The Torch Club is a group of people who go around and help our community. One of the ways they help is by picking up trash around the campus and so on.

Another activity is "Junior Staff." You help around the club by answering the phone, checking people in & out of the club, help in the Café, (where snack is served for !FREE! from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.). You can also work in the Club Store. The Club Store is a little store where you can buy school supplies, art activities, little stuffed animals, bead kits and other awesome things. You pay for these items with "club bucks." You get "club bucks" by being a Junior Staffer and helping out in other ways around the club.

There is art with Larry, drama with Summer, homework club with Mr. Runte, aka "Tall Paul," computers with Diana, sports with Kim and games with Rob & Michael, aka "Goo." And you can always talk to Carolyn Brown the Director or Calvin the Assistant Director.

I hope I can see some ELMO faces at the Boys & Girls Club soon!!

*Elizabeth Vaccaro, 5th grade*

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# POSITIVE DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

from the book *Positive Discipline*, by Jane Nelsen

*Misbehaving children are “discouraged children”* who have mistaken ideas on how to achieve their **primary goal -- to belong**. Their mistaken ideas lead them to misbehavior. We cannot be effective unless we address the mistaken beliefs rather than just the misbehavior.

Use **encouragement** to help children feel “belonging” so the motivation for misbehaving will be eliminated. Celebrate each step in the direction of improvement rather than focusing on mistakes.

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## BOOKS FOR MISSIONARY KIDS

If you are cleaning out the bookshelves to make room for new items received at Christmas, you could donate your used children’s books to an overseas missionary child who has limited access to an English library. Drop off your books in the “Book Box” at either campus during the month of January and they will be donated to missionary families.

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## K-8 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DVD’s

If you signed up for a copy of the Christmas program (K-8) DVD, it was sent to your house before Christmas. If you did not order one, and would like to obtain a copy, there are a FEW extras that will be distributed on a first-come basis. Contact Julie Sommers, 969-1482, or [jgsommers@gmail.com](mailto:jgsommers@gmail.com). \$20 will be posted to your school bill for each DVD ordered.

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## SOMEONE NEW TO LOVE!!

Welcome Taylor Alexis Steelman, little sister of Bailey (Kindergarten) and Asher, daughter of Kelly and Marci Steelman. Taylor was born on Friday, December 8th, 6:18 p.m. She was 9lbs, 8oz and 22” long.



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**NO FRIDAY HOT LUNCHES** at either campus this Friday, January 5th.

**HOT LUNCHES** will resume on Montecito Campus on Friday, January 19, 2007.

**HOT LUNCHES** will resume on Upper Campus the second week of January 2007.

*Sign up forms for each campus are being sent home with the students, or a form can be obtained from the respective campus office.*

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Jan 15 – Mon	Martin Luther King Holiday – no school
Jan 19 – Fri	Parent Association meeting, 9:00, Montecito Campus
Jan 26 – Fri	Jr High CIA day
Jan 31 – Wed	DATE NITE, Preschool thru 2nd Grade, Montecito Campus
Feb 1 – Thurs	REGISTRATION for 07-08
Feb 7 – Wed	DATE NITE, 3rd thru 8th Grades, Upper Campus
Feb 9 – Fri	Parent Association meeting, 9:00 Upper Campus
Feb 19-23 Mon-Fri	Winter Break (includes Presidents Day holiday)- no school
Feb 28 Wed	Early Dismissal 11:45 for Gr. K-1-2 on Montecito Campus to accommodate a church program and parking needs
Mar 6-9 Tues-Fri	Science Fair projects – Tri-Christian Schools at SBCS
Mar 21 – Wed	Preschool Conferences – <i>No school for preschool only</i> Gr. K thru 8th Parent Conferences
Mar 23 – Fri	Parent Association meeting 9:00, Montecito Campus
Mar 28 – Weds	Gr. K thru 8th Parent Conferences
Apr 2-6th	Spring Break – no school