

The Scribbler

March 22, 2006

GRASP (Gaining Resources About Successful Parenting)

Friday, March 24th, 9-10:30am • Montecito Campus Church Library

All parents invited !!!

"Understanding The Uniqueness of Your Child"

Come hear Dr. Lee Neill give insights into your child's unique learning style, fine & gross motor skills and brain development. Dr. Neill is one of the specialists we consult with often when we are assessing student learning skills. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience in helping children maximize their learning potential. This is a special opportunity to learn from a caring expert! Child care provided, please sign up for that by Thursday, 2pm.

HEALTH POLICY

We are grateful that we have not had a recurrence of the extremely contagious noro-virus that plagued us in February, and we do not have to request you to keep your sick children home for 48-72 hours after symptoms subside. However, our NORMAL health policy is still in effect. We eagerly desire to keep our teachers and students healthy! You can help us eliminate the spread of illness by observing this health policy from our School Handbook:

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF HE/SHE:

- Is fussy, cranky, tired, and generally not him/herself.
 - Has a fever or has had one during the previous 24 hours.
 - Has thick nasal discharge.
 - Has any form of diarrhea or vomiting within the last 24 hours.
 - Has a symptom of a possible communicable disease.
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FAMILY EVENT BOOK SIGN-UPS

Thanks to all of you who have signed up for the many wonderful upcoming events!!! A number of the events are full and many have just a few spots left. DON'T MISS OUT on this opportunity for your children or yourselves to participate in the FUN, and at the same time, BENEFIT our school. Remember, this is the last fundraiser of the year.

The following events still have space available. To sign up, drop by the upper school office or call Marianne with your list. (Upper School Phone # 962-3091)

Pirate Beach Dig (Preschool)
Eastertime Egg-stravaganza(Preschool)
Zoom to the Zoo (Rm. 3)
Mini-Mad Scientists (Rm 3)
Build-a-Bear (Rm 3-K)
Carousel Fun (K & 1st)
Angel Photography (Kids)
Painting & Pizza in PJ's (K & 1st)
Little Miss Swim & Sleep (1st)
Silly Shamrocks (1st-3rd girls)
Bike & Burger (1st-2nd)
Easter Crafts (1st-3rd girls)
American Girls (2nd-4th girls)
Pajama Bowling (3rd girls)
Canine & Kids (2nd - 6th)
Family Beach Day at Hollister (2nd & up, parent/child)

Geocache Hike (2nd & up)
Mission Painting (2nd & up)
Refugio Beach (Dad/son)
Bling, Bling (3rd-5th girls)
Father/Son Baseball(1st-4th)
Hiking We will Go (2nd & up)
Drum with Pastor G (2nd -5th)
Mother-Daughter Knitting (2nd & up)
Girl's Pottery & Lunch (4th-6th)
Mountain Biking (5th-7th boys)
Quilter's Bee (Jr High girls)
Indian Pow-Wow (6th boys)
Women's Health (Moms)
Pasadena Home Tour (Moms)
Get Fit Moms
Mom's Boot Camp



Last week, the Family Beach Day at Hollister Ranch (2nd grade and above) was inadvertently left off the above list. This event, #21 in the Event Book, is scheduled to meet on June 10th from 10am-2pm.

UPPER CAMPUS LOST & FOUND box is once again overflowing with sweatshirts, shirts, and other miscellaneous items. Please have your child come into the office and look for lost items. To alleviate lost articles of clothing, why not take a few minutes and label with your child's name? Really an easy task... so easy even your child could do it. Articles not picked up before Easter break will be washed and stored in the share wear box. ShareWear is available for \$5 per article to anyone who is interested.

**Partners for Christian Education dba
El Montecito Early & UpperSchool has a tax ID # which
you might need as you prepare your federal and state
income taxes.
The PFCE tax ID #: 32-0008918**

GRANDPARENTS' DAY INVITATION ADDRESSES

Please remember to turn in your child's grandparent or special guest addresses to the school office so that the invitations can be pre-addressed and available for your child to decorate.

"CULTURE CORNER" by Nancy Wall

- "A Midsummer Night's Dream", State Street Ballet, Lobero Theatre, April 2, 2:00 p.m. based on the Shakespearian story, music by Mendelsson.
- Gisele Ben-Dor Conducts "Tchaikovsky's Serenade", Arlington Theatre, April 9th, 3:00 p.m.
- "11th Annual Trout Derby", Cachuma Lake Nature Center, April 22 and 23. All age invited to try out trout fishing. Children's activities, wild life cruises and nature center presentations planned.
- "Earth Day Festival", The Courthouse Sunken Garden, April 23rd, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Educational booths, children's activities and organic food are all a part of this family festival.
- "Maya Angelou", Arlington Theatre, May 3rd, 7:30 p.m. She will share insights and read her amazing stories and poems.
- "Children's Festival", Alameda Park, May 20th, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pony rides, clowns, games and music for the family.
- "I Madonnari", Santa Barbara Mission, May 27th -29th, chalk on pavement drawings by local children and artists.
- "Renaissance to Rococo", Santa Barbara Museum of Art, through May 28th

Out of town locales to check out:

- Huntington Gardens, San Marino. Newly opened is the children's garden. There is a wonderful tea room for lunch and snacks.
- The Getty, Malibu. The recently opened Getty By The Sea houses their antiquities collection. Reservations are a must. We like to have lunch at Gladstones on Pacific Coast Highway, down the street.
- Descanso Gardens, La Canada, Flintridge. Now is the time to view their amazing collection of camellias and azaleas.

Happy 250th Birthday, Mozart!

KEY DATES for 2006:

March 22	No preschool classes, conferences
March 24	GRASP (Parenting class) 9-10:30 Montecito Campus
March 25-26	(Sat and Sun) 6th Grade Endeavor Camp
March 26	9am Track Meet
March 27-29	(Mon-Wed) Regular classes for K-7th
March 30-31	(Thurs-Fri) NO classes for 7th grade, YES for 6th
March 31-April 9	7th Grade History trip
April 3-7	Spring Break, K-6th
April 10-14	7th Grade Spring Break
April 10-11	(Mon-Tues) NO classes for 6th Grade
April 10-12	(Mon-Wed) 6th Grade Science Camp at Forest Home
April 14	Good Friday, Minimum day
April 17	(Mon) all classes in session SAT testing begins for grades 2-5
April 18	(Tues) SAT testing begins for grades 6-7
April 28	Grandparents Day
May 7	9am Track Meet
May 29	Holiday
June 16	Last day of school (minimum day)

You can keep track of calendar changes by visiting our website calendar which is updated regularly

www.elmoschool.com

CARE HOURS AVAILABLE!

Any dad who would can build (or re-build existing) sand table for room 1 courtyard should contact Cathy Rempe for specific instructions.

VISITING OUR CAMPUSES

Did your child forget their lunch? Do you need to pick them up early for a doctor appointment?

Please remember that both school locations are closed campuses. This is for the protection of your children, to allow our program to run without interruptions, and so that we are informed in the case of an emergency.

What does that mean for you?

When you arrive on campus for any reason in-between drop off or pick up times, check in at the school office. Please do not go directly to your child's classroom. If you are picking up your child early, you will need to sign him/her out, state the reason for leaving, and note if they are returning.

*Thank you for helping us create
the best learning environment for our children!*

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Contact Julie in the Montecito office if you wish to obtain a scholarship application or information, 969-1482. Application deadline: April 15

SCHOOL LUNCH SIGN UP FOR UPPER CAMPUS STUDENTS GRADES 3-7 ONLY

- Lunch is available for all students at the Upper Campus.
- Choose the lunches you want to purchase and mark them on the top and bottom portion of the page.
- Make check payable to **PFCE** and return to the Upper School Office or
- Check the “Bill Me” box below and the lunch expense will appear on your tuition bill.

Please call the committee chair Kim Agajian, 683-0404 to get more information or to volunteer.

Lunches will begin on Monday, April 10th

Lunch Schedule (Monday - Subway Turkey Sandwich / Friday - Cheese Pizza)

_____	April 10	Subway	_____	May 5	Pizza
_____	April 17	Subway	_____	May 8	Subway
_____	April 21	Pizza	_____	May 12	Pizza
_____	April 24	Subway	_____	May 15	Subway
_____	May 1	Subway	_____	May 19	Pizza

(There is no lunch served on April 14 (Good Friday, Minimum Day). On April 28 (Grandparents’ Day) all students on the Upper Campus will be able to participate in the lunch that is provided as a part of that special celebration.

Parents of children in the upper grades should check their child’s class calendars to make sure that they will be on-campus for the lunches you choose in April and May. There are many field trips in the spring and your child’s class may not be on campus for lunch on certain days.

Save the above portion for your records

Turn in this portion to the Upper School Office - FORM DUE BY March 31st!

Child _____ Teacher _____

Allergies _____ Number of checked lunches X \$5 = @\$_____

Make checks payable to PFCE or check the “Bill Me” box: **BILL ME**

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