



# Elementary Newsletter

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

## Warmer Weather



The weather is getting warmer. If you would like your child to have sunscreen, you should send it with your child. The children will need to apply their own sunscreen.

## EII Science Camp

**Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The EII students will be attending the “Web of Life” Field School from Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Information packets have already been sent home. Please return all necessary paperwork and your payment by **Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**.

## EI and EII Field Trip to see *Rubies and Fusion*

**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

The EI and EII students will be going to San Francisco to see a production of the San Francisco Ballet’s *Rubies and Fusion*.

We will travel to San Francisco by bus and will return to school by 3:00 pm.

The students will eat their lunch on the bus while returning to the South Bay. Please do not send any food that requires heating up.

The San Francisco Ballet will present the “Rubies” section of George Balanchine’s evening-length ballet *Jewels*. Igor Stravinsky’s sassy music provides the backdrop for this stylish neoclassical piece. Additionally, San Francisco Ballet Choreographer in Residence and former principal dancer Yuri Possokhov investigates the classical and traditional styles of movement in *Fusion*. The ballet’s music is three jazz pieces by Graham Fitkin sandwiched between Indian music by Rahul Dev Burman.

## Memorial Day

**Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Memorial Day is Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The school will be closed. There is no school and no daycare.



## Mother's Day Luncheon

Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

The students of the Elementary programs will once again be hosting a Mother's Day Luncheon for their moms. Please join us at the Santa Clara site at 12:00 noon on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> for lunch and entertainment, provided by your children. The San Jose children need to be dropped off at the Santa Clara site that morning.

Please remember that this is a minimum day, and school will end directly after the luncheon, at approximately 1:00 p.m. There will be no daycare.

## EI & EII

### Parent-Teacher

### Conferences

Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

Parent-Teacher Conferences are Monday & Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> for returning and graduating students. For non-returning students, parents will receive a progress report in the mail. Exit conferences for students who are not returning will be given in June upon request.

**Please make a note of your time and date!**

There will be no school these days. Daycare is for full-day students only.

**The sign-up sheets for each class have been posted on the bulletin board. Please be sure you sign-up on the correct classroom's sign-up sheet.**

If you also have children in Primary or Infant Community, please check those classrooms' calendars, as their schedules may differ from Elementary's during conference days.



## Pioneer Day

Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

On Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be having Pioneer Day from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. The event will be held at One World Montessori's San Jose campus. All elementary students and their parents are invited to join in the special activities we have planned during the afternoon. Please see the attached letter for more detail about the event.

We will need parent volunteers to drive students from the Santa Clara site to the San Jose site. Parents who are not joining us for the event may pick up their students at the San Jose site.

## Donations Due

Your family's \$200 donation to the school is now due. If you haven't already done so, please turn in your donation to the office. Each family is contractually obligated to make this donation, which is 100% tax-deductible. This money will go directly to our scholarship fund to help those families who are struggling financially.

## 50/50 Raffle for Jr. High

Thanks to all of you who purchased tickets for the Junior High's latest fundraiser – the 50/50 raffle. They raised over \$400 for their trip to Washington, D.C. this spring!

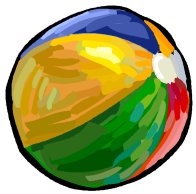
Congratulations to the following winners:

Kalina family - raffle winner (over \$400)  
Arbizu family - barbeque set  
Khemani family - set of collector cards  
Joshi family - gardening set

## Help the Rainforest



Thank you so much to all of you who have purchased apparel in our effort to save the rainforest. With our collective purchase, OWM has saved 16 acres of Malagasy rainforest!



## Summer School

Please remember that any changes to your child's summer school enrollment must be received in writing by **May 29<sup>th</sup>**. After that date, you will be financially responsible for all sessions in which your have enrolled your child, whether or not s/he attends.

*Thank You*

## Santa Clara

- Thank you to the Menher, Maillart, Leon, Jones, Ayache and Nakamura families for the Easter donations.
- Thanks to Therese Ayache for driving the students to see a performance of *Beyond the Beanstalk*.
- Thank you to the Mehner, Leon and Gilbert families for Monday snacks.

## San Jose

- Thank you to all the families who made donations for Easter.
- Thank you to the Himawan, Keith, Casier, Arndt, Taylor, Damron, Pochet, and Feyfant families who donated money toward the purchase of our biome studies books.
- Thanks to Lindsay MacInnis, Roger Shaul, Michele Damron, Kristi Burdsall, and Lisa Himawan for driving the students to see a performance of *Beyond the Beanstalk*.
- Thank you to the Ackley and Pochet families for Monday snacks.
- Thanks to the Kakaria family for their generous donation toward the purchase of new materials for E1 and E2.

## Looking Ahead to June:

**June 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Standardized testing.

**June 8<sup>th</sup>** - Field trip to Great America.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>** - Graduation ceremonies in Santa Clara.

**June 12<sup>th</sup>** - Last day of school. School ends at 12:00 pm. There will be no daycare in the afternoon.





# PIONEER DAY

FRIDAY, MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

On Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be having Pioneer Day at the San Jose campus. All elementary students and their parents are invited to join in the special activities we have planned during the afternoon.

We will have an array of fun and educational “pioneer” activities. The students will have the opportunity to learn about how the pioneers lived during the early days of American history. They will be able to visit six different learning centers with historical displays and hands-on stations. Students will also be able to pan for gold, take a pony ride, visit the farm animals, play games that the pioneer children played, visit our very own general store for a souvenir, and have a “cowpoke” lunch from our chuck wagon.

If they wish, students may dress in western wear or as Native Americans for the day or they may come in their regular clothes. Parents are also invited to join us for the day from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Elementary II living timeline presentation

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm – Lunch

12:30 pm – 3:00 pm – Pioneer activities

We will send home an order form for students and parents who wish to order the special lunch for that day.

We are excited about this upcoming event and know it will be an enriching experience for us all.