



ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1, 2008



Gandhi's Birthday

We will be honoring Gandhi's birthday on **Friday, October 3rd**. School will be closed. There will be no school and no daycare.

Picture Day

Kim Lennan will again be the photographer for the school this year. She will be at the San Jose campus on **Tuesday, October 7th** for Elementary and Primary 4, and **Wednesday, October 8th** for Primary 3 and Infant Community. She will be at the Santa Clara campus on **Thursday, October 9th**. You should already have received order forms in your child's hanging folder or cubby. If you have not, please contact the office. Order forms are due back by **Tuesday, October 7th**.

Breck's Fundraiser




Our main fundraiser of the fall season will be selling Breck's Dutch grown bulbs and Spring Hill Nursery's premium

perennials. The 100% guaranteed bulbs and plants will be delivered directly to you before Thanksgiving, just in time for fall planting. Holiday plants will be delivered in December.

Please note that **45%** of your order will be donated to OWM, plus the school earns 25 plants for every 50 items sold!

Orders are due back to the office by **Thursday, October, 9th**.

eScrip

Remember that everyone is asked to register for the eScrip program. If you registered last year,  you need to renew your Safeway registration. For more information please speak to someone in the office or visit www.escrip.com. Our school ID is: 137612721.

Sign-in/out Procedure

For Santa Clara students, please remind your child to write his or her name and the time clearly, every day, morning and afternoon.

For San Jose students, please remind your child to use his/her PIN to sign in and out, **as well as place a check mark next to his/her name on the manual list.**

Class Lists

Within the next two weeks we will make available our class lists. Should you prefer not to have your personal information on the list, please let the office know before **Wednesday, October 8th**.



A Note about Art Class

In order to keep your children's clothes from getting stained, please send in an oversized tee shirt on the day of art class (Wednesday for Santa Clara, Friday for San Jose); the children will bring it home to be laundered.

Reminders

Firstly, we would like to remind parents to please call the school if your child is going to be absent. This helps us to plan for the day and to arrange for makeup lessons and work.

We would also like to ask that if you have not yet filled out your parent volunteer sheet, please do so as soon as possible. We are still missing a few of your forms.

Monday Snack

If you haven't already signed up to bring a snack on a Monday, please do so at the sign-in/out area. We still have a few spaces left.

We would also like to ask that you check the schedule ahead of time to know when you have signed up to bring snack, as Mondays are the only day our schedule allows us to add in the extra time needed for snack.

United Nations Day



All Elementary students will be celebrating U.N. Day at the San Jose campus on **Friday, October 24th**. Santa Clara students will stay all day.

Each room in the Elementary will be dedicated to a specific continent, with activities and decorations to activate all five senses. We will have music, foods, artifacts and student activities for each continent, with students traveling in "tour groups" with "passports" on an "Around the World in One Day" tour!

We are planning to order a selection of foods from various restaurants which offer a diversity of cuisines. We will be asking for a \$5 donation per child to cover the costs of the meal. Please bring it in to your child's teacher by **Wednesday, October 22nd**. You will not be billed for this amount; we will be using the collected cash directly to purchase the food. We also need parents to pick up the food just prior to the luncheon. Please see the signups for this near the sign-in/out sheets.

To help decorate the classrooms for our U.N. Day celebration, we will be asking each child to create a 12" x 18" travel poster for one country. We will distribute the poster boards and assign countries at school; however, this project will need to be completed at home. Please help your student to find appropriate pictures and to write captions for them.

Several of the parents have already signed up to assist with this celebration; thank you in advance! They are:

Assisting with set-up (day before, 2:00-4:00pm):

Michele Damron
Floria Mena-Keith

Assisting during the event (9:00-12:00)

Birgitta Ackley
Michele Damron
Christilla Léon
Floria Mena-Keith

Assisting with lunch service:

Michele Damron
Lisa Himawan
Christilla Léon
Floria Mena-Keith

Assisting with clean-up (12:30-1:30pm):

Kristi Burdsall
Casier family
Michele Damron
Lisa Himawan
Floria Mena-Keith
Ravuri family
Meeta Saggi

Cash donation for paper goods, U.N. flags, flowers, etc.:

Casier family
Cheema family
Gilbert family
Himawan family
Pochet family
Yang family

We still need a few volunteers for this event, especially with picking up the food from local restaurants. If you can help out, please sign up on the sheet in the sign-in/out area.

Upcoming Field Trip



This month's field trip on **Thursday, October 16th** will be to Casa de Fruta's Pumpkin Junction. The bus will be picking up at Santa Clara at **8:30 a.m.**,

and proceeding to pick up at San Jose at 9:00 a.m. Please make sure to have your student to school before this time in order that he or she may participate. All students will arrive back to their respective campuses by 3:00 p.m.

Students will need to bring a disposable bag lunch, including a drink, napkin, and any necessary utensils.

Please fill out and return the attached permission slip/driver form by **Tuesday, October 14th**.

Halloween

All Elementary students will celebrate Halloween on **Friday, October 31st** at the San Jose campus. Santa Clara students will stay all day at San Jose. The children may come in their costumes and a change of clothes would be a good idea for the afternoon. We will have activities and games to participate in.



Thank you in advance to the following parents, who have kindly volunteered to help during the Halloween party. You are:

Assisting during the event (9:00 - 12:00):

Therese Ayache
Kristi Burdsall
Johan or Helen Casier
Kam Cheema
Christilla Léon
Lisa Himawan
Francine van den Berg

Assisting with cleanup (1:00 - 2:00):

Kristi Burdall
Michele Damron
Lisa Himawan

Thanks in advance also to the **Ackley, Arndt, Burdsall, Gilbert, Himawan, Kakaria, Moll, Moshy and Yang** families, who signed up on their volunteer sheets to make donations for the Halloween party. Please sign up for a specific donation on the Halloween sheet in the sign-in/out area

If you are donating items for the party, we will need them by **Wednesday, October 29th**. If you are bringing food items, please bring them on **Thursday, October 30th** (donuts can be brought first thing Oct. 31).



Santa Clara: Thank you to Yang, Maillart, Jones and Gilbert families for donating Monday snack. Thank you also to the Fonderie/van den Berg family for doing the class laundry through December.

San Jose: Thank you to the Keith, Taylor (Sammie), Himawan, and Satana families for donating Monday snack. Thank you also to the Burdsalls for donating a science book to EII.

In addition, we would like to thank all the parents for sending the children's lunches in reusable containers, limiting the number of things needed to be heated up, and minimizing the amount of garbage we create! We really appreciate it.

Looking Ahead to November

Elementary I Field Trip

EI will be attending a performance of *Ransom of Red Chief* at the Sunnyvale Community Center Theatre, on **Tuesday, November 4th** at 11:00 am. Parent drivers will be needed.



Veterans' Day

Veteran's Day will be honored on **Monday, November 10th**. There will be no school and no daycare.

Parent/Teacher Conferences*

Conferences will be held on **Tuesday, November 11th** and **Wednesday, November 12th**. There will be no regular school, and daycare only for full-day students.

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

Diwali

Elementary will be celebrating Diwali this year with the Primary classes on **Friday, November 14th**.

Thanksgiving Celebration

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving at school on **Wednesday, November 26th**. This will be a minimum day; school will end at 12:00 noon, no daycare.

Thanksgiving Holiday

We will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on **Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th**. No school, no daycare.

Cultural Night Date Change

We have changed the date of Cultural Night. It will now be held on **Tuesday, December 9th**, at the Santa Clara campus.



**Casa de Fruta
Pumpkin Junction
Field Trip
Thursday, October 16th**

___ Yes, my child(ren) _____ has/have permission to go on a bus on the Casa de Fruta field trip. I understand that children will leave Santa Clara on the bus at 8:30 a.m., and San Jose at 9:00 a.m., and that all students will return to their own campuses by 3:00 p.m.

___ No, my child(ren) _____ will not be participating in the Casa de Fruta field trip. I will keep them at home.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date