



Wednesday, March 31, 2010

## Parent News

### **SLIDING SCALE TUITION – PRIVATE SCHOOL AID SERVICE (PSAS):**

The deadline for applications to be received at the PSAS office is today, Wednesday, March 31. Please refer to the reminder at the end of this newsletter.

### **SPRING BREAK:**

Spring break will begin on Thursday, April 1, at 12:00 noon. Please note there is no Extended Care provided on Thursday, April 1. Please arrange to have your child picked up by 12:10 to avoid being charged late fees. Classes will resume on Monday, April 12. We wish you all a joyful spring break. May you find peace in the reawakening of the world around us as we enter a new season of renewal. Enjoy your time with your children; they are little for such a short time.

### **CLASS OF 2010 - CAR WASH AND HOT DOG SALE:**

Get your car shined up for Spring Break! Stop in and have your car washed by the members of the Class of 2010 and help support their efforts to raise their final money for their trip to Washington. Cost per car is \$5.00, and for a truck or SUV, \$7.00. Now that is a deal! While your car is being washed, grab a hot dog for \$2.00 or a hot dog and a drink for \$3.00. If you do not have time to get your car washed, purchase a hot dog or two to go for you and your child and lunch is taken care of for the afternoon. Please help support the students in their final efforts to raise money.

Students will begin washing cars at **11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** Be the first in line and bring a healthy appetite.

### **TOOLS FOR PEACE WEEKEND WORKSHOP:**

The students worked diligently all weekend and the workshop was a great success. On Tuesday the students who attended the workshop shared with the younger students in Morning Circle the concepts they studied and how to bring them into everyday use at school. The faculty leaders were impressed with the commitment of the students and their understanding that the weekend was a working weekend. The students were fantastic and put their all into gaining the information that was being offered. We would like to thank all the parents who helped drive to and from Camp Arroyo and especially to Joel Ochoa and Francis Igual for spending the weekend on site with the students. We are all looking forward to introducing the curriculum to the students this summer and in the fall. A special thank you to Caitlin Kara for planning the weekend and to Loren Witcher who came down from Tehachapi to help lead the workshop.



### COFFEE WITH THE DIRECTORS:

Stop by on Thursday, April 1, for a cup of coffee or tea with the directors. Start your morning with a fresh cup of coffee and some conversation. See you there.

### ONE TICKET—28 CHANCES TO WIN RAFFLE:

Thursday, April 1, is the last day to return your raffle tickets if you choose not to participate in our annual raffle. Tickets were sent home with the students on Tuesday, March 23. If you do not return the tickets by Thursday, April 1, you will be responsible for their sale and charged accordingly.

Please be reminded that this is the last fundraiser of the school year and a great chance for you to complete your mandatory fundraising fee. Everyone has 28 chances to win. If your ticket is drawn as a winner, it returns to the pot for additional chances throughout the 28 days. Tickets are \$10.00 each and all stubs and money should be returned to the school office by Friday, April 30. Some families continued to sell tickets last year even when the raffle was in progress since there are so many chances to win. If you would like additional tickets, please contact Rosanne Esplanada in the school office. If you gather with family and friends for Easter, be sure to pick up some extra tickets to sell at your gathering.

We can make this last fundraiser a great success with everyone participating. Si Se Puede!

### ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR:

Please mark your calendar and join us at our annual Science Fair on Thursday, April 27, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The students will be working to prepare great experiments for your enjoyment. Be sure to stop in and visit the exhibits of our future scientists.

### Reminder - IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ - PRIVATE SCHOOL AID SERVICE:

We are aware that we have included this information in all our recent newsletters and will continue to include it. Due to the economy, like all other non-profit organizations we have seen a drop in donations. Because of this we had to limit sliding scale giving this past year and expect it to be just as tight for the 2010-2011 school year. All families who qualified for a reduced tuition for the 2009-2010 school year are not guaranteed a space. Families must reapply for consideration for sliding scale tuition each year. If you benefited from sliding scale tuition this year and would like to be considered for the 2010-2011 school year, you must complete the application process. Please note that we are adhering to the March 31, 2010 deadline for returning families to submit their forms to PSAS. **Families who do not meet the deadline of March 31, 2010 will not be considered for reduced tuition.** Please contact Jennifer Diaz if you have questions regarding this policy.



Application forms for sliding scale reductions have arrived and are in the school office for you to pick up, fill out and return to the PSAS before the March 31, 2010 deadline. **No one will be awarded a reduced tuition without the completion of the application.**