The Child's Primary SCHOOL

A learning community since 1983

Tuesday, February 8th 2011

Mark your Calendars Now:
February 21-25: No School - Presidents' Week
Mon, February 28th: Staff Work Day - No School
(special daycare available - see below)
Tues, March 1st: Students return for classes
Sat, March 12th: Big Event

Welcome New Board Members!

We are very excited to announce that there are three new additions to the TCPS Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the strategic planning and development of the school, as well as ensuring adherence to the mission, values, and philosophy of TCPS. We are so thankful that these new board members will work with current members to continue to make TCPS a wonderful learning community.

Susan Howard: Susan has twenty plus years of teaching and administrative experience at TCPS, which makes it possible for her to offer a detailed, historic, and unique perspective of the school and its development over the years. Now semi-retired, Susan has recently completed certification as a Special Education Advocate as well as her certification in community mediation. Additionally, she has experience as a facilitator with various San Diego groups. She graduated from San Diego State University with a BA in Psychology and then completed her studies for her teaching credential. Susan lives in San Diego with her husband, Bob, and together are parents to three daughters.

Emilio Vargas II: Emilio is the co-founder and President of Marketing Excellence Incorporated. He has over 20 years of marketing and business management experience. Emilio developed his expertise while working as a marketing and business executive for several distinguished companies including Delta Airlines, Marriott, United Parcel Service, ENCAD (A Kodak Company) and SKF. Emilio graduated from Saint John's University in New York with a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Accounting. He earned two master's degrees from Pace University's Lubin School of Business, New York - MBA Strategic Marketing and MBA Organizational Behavior. Emilio teaches marketing, management, and leadership at Alliant International University, National University, and the University of Phoenix. He is the Chairman for the Alliant International University Academic Advisory Board for Marketing and Public Relations. Emilio, his wife, Claudia, and their 5 children reside in Poway.

Carol Rainey: After working for 27 years as a teacher and administrator in New York City's school system, Carol Rainey "retired" and moved to San Diego to be a full-time grandma. Carol holds BA and MS degrees in Education with a specialization in reading, as well an MS, P.D. in Education Administration and Supervision. She served as a 3rd grade teacher, reading specialist, coordinator in Special Education programs, and an Elementary School Assistant Principal in New York City. Here in San Diego, she came out of retirement to serve as Principal of a K-8 private school for 4 years. She continues to be an active volunteer in the greater San Diego community through several organizations, her church, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir. She enjoys dabbling in photography and going to the theater and is very devoted to her 6 grandchildren (3 in San Diego - TCPS students/alums and 3 in Maryland). She is an ardent supporter of TCPS and is looking forward to serving on the Board of Trustees.

Time to sign up for TCPS Soccer!

All students ages 8-12 interested in playing soccer for TCPS please contact Coach Santiago. We will be having our first practices on Monday February 7th and Wednesday February 9th. Practice will start promptly at 3:15 (and end at 4:30) in the park next to the school. There is a $125 charge for this soccer session.

All players need to be wearing shin guards and athletic shoes. Athletic attire MUST be worn. No jeans or long pants are to be worn. Each player must bring a soccer ball to practice (ages 8-10 -- size 4, ages 11-12 -- size 5).

TCPS soccer teams will be formed based on the amount of players within the age groups. Younger players can always play in the older group but older players can't play in the younger group. The cut-off date for age restrictions is June 6, 2011. All players must turn 8 before May 1st in order to play in league games. If there are any questions, please contact Coach Santiago.

Support the TCPS Tigers Basketball Team!

Come and support the TCPS Tigers Basketball teams this weekend! There will be 4 games held this Saturday and Sunday. All of our games are played at Alliant International University. Admission is $3 and children under 5 are free.

4th Grade: Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
6th Grade: Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Hope to see you at the games!

Alliant International University
10455 Pomerado Road
San Diego, California 92131

Monday, February 28th - Special Daycare Announcement

Daycare **will** be available on Staff Work Day - Monday, February 28th. Because the day's activities are planned around a theme with projects that may require special materials, **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway past the Main Office. **Lunch will not be provided**, so be sure to pack a lunch and a snack for your student. Please contact us with any questions.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE!

Coach Santiago has started a group to take the President's Challenge together: TCPS TIGERS. And you are a part of it!

What is it? The President's Challenge is a series of programs designed to help improve anyone's activity level. Joining a group is a great way to make staying active easy.

Why join? Staying active with others can be a lot of fun. They'll help keep you motivated - even when you don't really feel like it. Groups are a great way to meet new people. There are even programs for people at different activity levels: the Active Lifestyle program aimed at beginners and the Presidential Champions program for those who are already active.

How to Join:

1. Go to the Presidents Challenge Website
2. Fill out the registration form.

* Be sure to include the following info during registration*
Your Group ID Number: 95027
Your Group Member Number: the first initial and last name (ex: msantiago)

3. After registering, start logging your activities. As you log activities you'll be able to track your progress toward winning a President's Challenge Award or Medal.

Contact Coach Santiago with any questions.

Announcements & Reminders

- It's time to fill out March's Hot Lunch Menu. Be sure to turn in your calendar with the meals you are ordering circled along with a check for the total amount due. And remember, there is no snack provided, so if you would like your student to have a snack on the days you've ordered Hot Lunch, be sure to pack one for them. **Hot Lunch Menus are due NO LATER than Friday, February 11th. Please Note: We are not able to accept orders after this date!**

- **TCPS Students' Ecology unit work is on display** at the Boyd Avenue entrance to Tecolote Canyon. From TCPS, head south on Mt. Acadia Blvd. and take the second left (by Ranch Catering) and follow the road for 1/4 mile. Park in the parking lot at the entrance to Tecolote Canyon and take a look inside the kiosk!

- Visit the TCPS Science Blog to view students' work on potential and kinetic energy. Students are making balloon and rubberband cars to better understand Newton's Laws. Check out the blog for updates and pictures!

Thank you to Sanjay Dhir for referring a family to tour TCPS!! Your referrals are so appreciated!

Parent Page

Thank You!

As a Thank You to the teachers and staff, TPG provides lunch for the teachers on Conference Day at the end of 1st and 2nd semesters. Last month, the Jalil Family (Ali - grade 2 and Miriam - grade 1) generously provided the lunch from their restaurant, Kabul West in Sorrento Valley, on behalf of TPG for the January conferences. A big THANK YOU to the Jalil family for once again providing a delicious lunch enjoyed by teachers and staff. We appreciate you!

"TCPS Goes Wild West" - The 2011 Jogathon & Auction is coming!!

Plans are in full swing for the 2011 annual TCPS Jogathon & Auction on Saturday, April 9th. The theme this year is... "**TCPS Goes Wild West.**" So dust off your cowboy boots and get out your 10-gallon hat. Start getting your running feet ready and keep your eyes open for great auction items. Letters have been mailed out asking for the support of local businesses and restaurants, but we always appreciate wonderful and creative auction items from our parents and friends! If you have a great idea or know of a company that offers a product or service that would be a good auction item, please forward the information to our Auction Co-Chairs, Hilary Bilodeau, (Olivia - grade 2 and Ian - grade 4), at magwa@cox.net or Elisabeth Wiering (Fenna - grade 2) at wiering@san.rr.com.

Valentine's Day Parties!

Valentine's Day class parties will be held on Friday, February 11th, during the last half-hour of the school day. Please remember that these class parties are meant simply as a time for children to pass out valentines and enjoy each others company. Parents will be contacted by Room Parents to solicit volunteers to bring in juice and a small treat. Please, NO crafts, games or goody bags -- let's keep it simple! Happy Valentine's Day, everyone.

Volunteer Hours

Don't forget to log your volunteer hours! We recently had the garden build, Valentine's Day is coming up (preparing for the Valentine's Day parties count -- shopping, baking, setting up, etc.) and you may have hours that you have performed doing a myriad of other activities for TCPS. Log your hours so we can appreciate you, too! Contact Kari Ohlsen at kohlsen@gmail.com with any questions about logging your hours.

2009- 2010 Jogathon & Auction

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