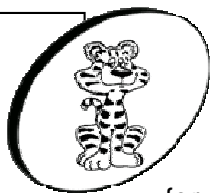


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BOGO Book Fair

WOW! Buy One and Get One Free? That is exactly what happened at the fall Book Fair. The students were able to purchase two books for the price of one. I am sure there was a lot of reading over winter break. What a wonderful way to keep on reading! The PTA wants to personally thank everyone involved who made the Book Fair a wonderful success from our parent volunteers to our custodians. Further, thank you to our Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles of this wonderful school. Without your continued support of great programs like this, they would not be available to our children. Look for the next Book Fair to head our way in the springtime. Just in time for your SUMMER reading!
~Shannon Langbehn

Letter from the President

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter vacation! Hopefully all the gems which were floating around school have had a chance to run their course and be gone; and we will look forward to a healthy and Happy New Year. I can't believe it is already 2010!

We have lots of wonderful things planned for the remainder of the school year. Jr. Olympics is just around the corner, so get ready all you 4th, 5th and 6th graders! Nominee forms for the PTA's Honorary Service Awards will be coming out soon. Please nominate someone who you think does an outstanding job at Garden Grove.

It looks like good news for the Spring Carnival as we have a Chairperson and the planning has started. If you would like to help please let me or Shannon Langbehn know. We have some great assemblies planned and some family nights in the works. The yearbook is in production, so don't forget to order yours. (Quantities will be limited this year.)

There are many opportunities to help out. If you are interested, please let your child's teacher, the office staff or a PTA Board member know.

-Deanna Smith, PTA President

Box Tops/Campbell's Labels

Our current Box Top challenge ended Jan. 15th. Prizes will be awarded in March. Our goal this year is 12,000 and so far we have turned in 8,366. Keep clipping and look for our next Box Top Challenge beginning March 15-May 10th. Always include your students and teachers name so they will be credited.
~Laurie Cox

Service Award Nominations

It's that time of year again to honor members of our school and community with service awards. The Honorary Service Award, Continuing Service Award, Very Special Person Award, and, the Golden Oak Awards will be presented. This is your opportunity to recognize and honor those people who are special to your child or the community. Information and nomination forms were sent home on January 14th. They need to be filled in and returned to the PTA by February 12th.

~Laurie Cox

CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE!

www.gardengrovepta.org where you can find all the latest information on PTA and school events. You can also access the site by first going to the school's website, www.gardengrove.simi.k12.ca.us, then clicking on "PTA" in the main menu. Information on Garden Grove's PTA Website includes PTA's calendar of events, membership information, volunteering and fundraising opportunities, issues of Tiger Talk, and more. Bookmark the site and check back often as it gets updated with new information!

~Julie Johnson, Web Master

SPECIAL NEEDS PARENTS

We had our first Special Needs Parent Meeting on December 9th and although it was a small group, it was informative and encouraging to those who attended. The ultimate goal of these meetings is to: create awareness by providing helpful information, keep parents involved, maintain open communication between parents and the school, create networking opportunities and form a "buddy" system of upper grade parents with lower grade parents. Some of the ideas the group came up with for future meetings were:

- IEPs 101
- Special Education 101
- Support for Siblings
- Defining Acronyms
- Quick Reference Resource List
- Regional Center Resources
- Starting on the 'Right' Foot
- Working with the District (Do's & Don'ts)

Our next meeting will be held on February 23rd from 6:00 – 7:00 pm in the MPR room and will cover the topic of IEPs. Childcare will be provided to those who attend this meeting and all future meetings. We hope to have these meetings on a regular bi-monthly basis going forward. If you are interested in becoming involved and would like to provide ideas and/or help with future meetings, please email Carol Richards, the committee chair, at carol.richards@unionbank.com.

Are you interested in getting involved in PTA Leadership?

The PTA Nominating Committee is currently preparing the list of Nominees for next year's Elected Executive PTA Board Members for Garden Grove. A finalized list of Nominees will be posted by February 18th, prior to the March 18th PTA Association Meeting when the election will take place. PTA is seeking and welcomes people who are interested in getting involved and making an impact at Garden Grove while meeting other Garden Grove parents. There are a variety of opportunities available (including many that are not elected positions). If you are interested, please see Julie Johnson, Michelle Kilmnick, or Sue Apostolof ASAP. You can also leave a message for them in their mailboxes in the Tiger Den. We welcome your interest and look forward to your involvement!

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Upcoming Events

- 2/3: 6pm – ELAC Potluck
2/5: 8:30am – K Pride Assembly; 1pm – 1st & 2nd Pride Assembly
2/8 – 2/12: For the Troops Collection; and, 6pm PTA Board Meeting
2/15: President's Day (No School)
2/22: PTA Founder's Day
2/25: 12th District Association Meeting; and, Achieve Now Science Assembly & Family Night
- 3/2: Read Across America Day
3/5: 8:30am – K Pride Assembly; 1pm – 1st & 2nd Pride Assembly
3/8: 6pm – PTA Board Meeting
3/11: 2nd Trimester Ends
3/12: No School (Teacher Preparation Day)
3/18: 6:30pm – PTA Association Meeting, HSA & Elections
3/23: 6:30pm – Rachel's Challenge @ SVHS
3/26: End of 3rd Quarter
3/30 – 31: Parent Conferences (1:10 dismissal)
- 4/1: 4th – 6th grade Trimester Awards
4/2: Local Holiday (No School)
4/5 – 9: Spring Break

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