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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Dianne Feinstein School Families,

We had a very productive SSC meeting last week. A GIANT THANK YOU to all of our SSC members for working together through this process. We reviewed and discussed our 2009-2010 school year preliminary budget. This preliminary budget will be submitted to the central office by April 2. The feedback received from our Balanced Scorecard was reviewed and plans were made to revise sections from this feedback. We are in the final stages of finishing our school survey; keep an eye out for it. At the meeting, we also reviewed and discussed the data we collected regarding aftercare programs at our school.

After much consideration, I have decided that our aftercare provider for next school year will be Growth and Learning Opportunities (GLO). Our SSC worked hard at gathering information to aid in the most informed decision possible for this. We conducted SSC meetings, had informal conversations, sent out a survey, visited another aftercare program in session, compiled and reviewed all the data collected. From the data gathered above, I found that GLO will be the best option for our school. It will provide a quality program, it comes highly recommended from people who have personal experience with the program at other schools, and the tuition is less than our current provider. GLO's Executive Director, Simon Lee, has worked with GLO for nineteen years. He is dedicated to bringing a high quality program to our school and will work with our community to provide a smooth transition. A meeting has been scheduled for April 15 at 5:15 pm with GLO staff to give our community an opportunity to meet the people of GLO, hear about GLO's programs and get your questions answered. GLO will be starting their enrollment process for next year mid April. Please feel free to contact me at 615-8461 with any questions you may have.

Our Annual Auction is only days away. I would like to wholeheartedly thank our Auction Committee for their hard work at coordinating our auction. We have already sold more than 200 tickets for this event. If you have not already purchased your tickets for the auction, you can do so at school or at the event. When you arrive at the Auction, go to the Registration desk to check-in; you will receive your bidder # and Auction Catalog. If you purchased a

ticket already, your name will be on the guest list. Remember, the event starts at 6pm so come on time and bid often -- Silent Tables begin closing at 7:45pm! Please turn in purchased raffle tickets and money by this Friday.

THANK YOU to the volunteers who stepped up last week to help with our Wednesday envelopes.

Yours in Education,

Principal Michelle Chang

GOT DATES?

March

- Tonight PTA EB Meeting, 6:30 pm, Art Room
- This Week Auction drop off at Vicente Gate 7:30-8:00 am
- Thursday Turn in Auction Raffle Tickets
- Thursday Enrichment & After School Care Committee, **To Be Rescheduled**
- Friday Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 9:30 am, Multipurpose Room (bring instruments/props)
- Friday Student Council Talent Show 12:45 pm, Multipurpose Room
- Thru 3/28 Auction Night Tickets for \$25/ticket
- Saturday Auction Night, 6:00 pm St. Mary's Cathedral Event Center
- 3/30 Cesar Chavez Day, No School
- 3/31 Diversity Team Meeting 2:10 pm, Art Room

April

- 4/2 Pine Car Workshop 5:00-6:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
- 4/2 Playland-at-Parkside Carnival Classroom Parents Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm, Multipurpose Room
- Week of 4/6 Spring Break, No School

VICENTE GATE DROP-OFF AND SOCIAL CLUB

Contact: Matt at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com

When	Who
➤ 3/16 – 3/27	Room 105 (T. Wong) Room 107 (Neimark)
3/31 – 4/3 4/13- 4/17 (two non-consecutive weeks due to Spring Break)	Room 203 (Firestone) Room 208 (Sova)

AUCTION COMMITTEE

March 28, 2009

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This is it...the Auction is just 3 days away on Saturday! It's not too late to purchase your tickets. The cost is \$25/person. The silent auction portion of Auction Night will run from 6:00 to 7:45 pm, which gives everyone an extra 15 minutes to participate.

How convenient is that? We'll be out this week at Vicente Gate during drop off service (7:30-8:00 am) to pick up your donated items and raffle tickets, and sell Auction Night tickets.

The limited "Cash and Carry" pre-Auction sale last Friday was a hit. Thank you for your purchases.

Brother, can you lend a hand? We are still in need of volunteers to help set up on Auction night. Contact Soko at (415) 994-6334. Our Auction wish list continues for non-alcoholic beverages; crackers, cheese and non-perishable snacks; black or blue fine point Sharpies or markers; double-sided tape; painter's tape; brown paper grocery bags; appetizers or desserts.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Contact: Liz at lizreye@sbcglobal.net

You'll spot the "Dancing Queens" at Auction Night by the dance moves they learned last Thursday. A fun time was had by all who took advantage of the free dance lesson. Thank you to Colby Zintl for organizing this event. Our upcoming spring events include Staff Appreciation Week and Annual Pancake Breakfast. Stay tuned for more information.

ENRICHMENT AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Contact: Karen at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com

Sign up for Session 4 Enrichment activities by this Friday, March 27—many classes are in jeopardy of being cancelled. Most enrichment classes are currently in jeopardy due to initial low registration, including gymnastics, guitar, y-sports, hand drumming, photography, French, art/drawing, musical theater, jewelry, recorder, and fashion design. Don't let these fun offerings disappear for our last session of the school year. Remember to sign up your child by Friday! The Enrichment and After School Care Committee meeting originally scheduled for this Thursday will be rescheduled.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

<http://sfportal.sfusd.edu/sites/FeinsteinES>



"PLAYLAND-AT-PARKSIDE"

CARNIVAL

May 2, 2009

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Captain Kidd's Recycle Treasure Chest At the Playland-at-Parkside Carnival

Just in time for spring cleaning and your resolution to "go green"—announcing the upcoming rummage sale at the Carnival on May 2. Donate your gently used **child-related** items such as Halloween costumes, children's books, movies, musical CDs, puzzles, bikes, tricycles, and toys. Please bring only gently used items that you, yourself, would be willing to purchase. We'll be accepting donations during the last week of April through the morning of the Carnival. Stay tuned for information on how to pre-sort your castoffs so they can become another child's treasure. Help raise money for the school and keep waste out of the landfill by shopping at Captain Kidd's Recycle Treasure Chest at the Carnival!



The pine car family workshop is on Thursday, April 2, 5:00 – 6:30 pm. It will be followed by an "all-hands" Carnival meeting from 6:30 – 8:00 pm for classrooms. The Carnival Committee requests that at least one parent from each classroom report out on the class' Carnival game progress, ask questions, or get help. Kids are encouraged to participate.



Talent Show planned, performed, and directed by students, for our school community is on March 27 at 12:45 pm in the Multipurpose Room. All are welcome to attend. Parents, please note that dress rehearsal is at 9:30 am on Friday. Performers must bring their instruments and props at that time.