

# JOHN ADAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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## **THANK YOU TO OUR ADAMS DONORS**

- **Thank you to PTA** for donating DVD/VCR combo units for each of our classrooms. We've also had great field trips to San Juan Capistrano (4<sup>th</sup> grade) and the whale watch (3<sup>rd</sup> grade). Our Bubblemania assembly was awesome and our 5<sup>th</sup> graders love their class shirts!
- Thank you to Dr. Mark Kahn from the Lomita Torrance Dental Office for volunteering to speak to each of our classes about dental hygiene during Dental Health Month and to the South Bay Childrens' Health Center – Dental Clinic for volunteering dental screening for our students.
- Thank you all of you who donated to the American Heart Association – we collected \$1,313 to donate from our Jump for the Heart event. They thanked us by giving us 86 high quality jump ropes for our PE program.
- Thank you to Dana Clark for her ongoing updates to our website. We have more of the newsletters and Accelerated Reader titles available now. Please check in.
- Thank you to the Hino family (Jordin & Justin) for the donation of rainy day games that were shared with the classrooms.
- The Jongrungpinyo family (Bryan) for the donation of binders.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO ADAMS TEACHERS!**

Mrs. Chance, Mrs. Slade and Mrs. Van Wie, along with 6 other TUSD teachers, have been selected to participate in a very special training opportunity. The Exxon Mobil Corporation and the Phil Mickelson Foundation are pleased to announce the second session of the Mickelson Exxon Mobil Teachers Academy. The Academy will be conducted from June 25 to June 30, 2006 at Exxon Mobil's facilities in Fairfax, VA. Phil and Amy Mickelson and Exxon Mobil, in conjunction with the National Science Teachers Association and Math Solutions, created the Academy to provide teachers with the opportunity to hone their mathematics and science teaching skills, and discover new ways to motivate their students. The teachers will bring the skills they learn and their love for math and science instruction back to their students and colleagues at Adams.

## **SUMMER SCHOOL**

Summer School for the Central area will be held at Wood this summer. It is a Continued Skills Success program, appropriate for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students who need more time and reinforcement to master grade level skills. We will be combining with students from Wood, Fern and Torrance El. Recommendations are based on last year's California Standards Test scores, current reading level, and classroom performance. Teachers will discuss recommendations for summer school at the parent-teacher conference. If you have questions, give us a call in the school office, but please be reminded that we will be able to serve only those students who meet the above criteria.

## **SCIENCE FAIR ON MARCH 30th**

Our Annual Science Fair takes place March 29th – 30th. Projects are due to the cafeteria by 8:30 AM on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Each participant will have the opportunity to explain their project and what they learned to our judges from Torrance High. Our judges will select one representative project from each grade level to represent Adams at the District Science Fair on the evening of April 5<sup>th</sup>. Projects are judged on the use of the scientific method, completeness, originality, presentation, the student's ability to discuss the project, their understanding of the underlying concepts, and their participation in building the display. All of the projects will be on display during Open House. We hope that you will stop by the cafeteria and take a look. The projects going on to District will be up on the stage. Students who have already presented their projects in class may take them home at the end of Open House. All projects must be removed from the Café. by Friday AM recess.

## **JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE ON MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:15 PM**

Open House is our chance to highlight the great work our students have done during the school year. Students are invited to join their parents for the evening, touring classrooms. Be sure to stop by and visit previous year's teachers and to take a peek into the future by visiting the grade levels yet to come. Our teachers and students are proud of their accomplishments and want to share them with you. Parking will be available on the upper grade playground. **The playground and fields will be closed for play – we request that all children remain with their parents.** We begin the evening with a brief PTA Association meeting on the quad in front of the Cafeteria at 6:00 PM. After the meeting the teachers will open their doors to welcome visitors. ENJOY!

### **TUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES BOND MEASURE**

Look for a bond measure to support TUSD schools on the June ballot. Our last bond helped us get well into the “modernization” process, but was not sufficient to do all of the needed repairs and upgrades on our schools. Each site still has several million dollars in projects needed to reach the standards we expect of our schools. In our “Central” area, Hull Middle School will benefit hugely from the bond – allowing the district to rebuild the decaying campus, readying it for your children. More information on the projects proposed for each site will be available soon.

### **BIKE RODEO COMING APRIL 7th**

The annual Bike Rodeo is a time for our third, fourth and fifth graders to test their bike riding skills. All of the students at these grade levels take a Bicycle Safety Test to assess their knowledge of safety rules. Students wishing to participate in the Rodeo must have a permission slip, a bicycle with a lock, and a helmet. Please help your child to make sure that his/her bicycle is in good mechanical repair– the brakes work and the tires are properly inflated. The students ride their bike on a course that includes several tests of skill and agility. The winners at each grade level are invited to participate in a Citywide Bike Rodeo (date to be announced). PTA and the Torrance Fire and Police Departments sponsor this event. Winners of the citywide event earn a savings bond and a plaque comes back to the school.

### **SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL UPDATES**

School Site Council met on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our topic for the day was the revision of our Title I parent survey. We looked at several formats and decided that we would meld the two and review it at our April meeting.

### **MONTH AT A GLANCE**

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| <b>March</b> | <b>14-24</b> | <b>Early Dismissal grades 1-5 for Parent Conferences</b>  |
|              | <b>17</b>    | <b>St. Patrick’s Day – Wear Green<br/>Flag – Special Recognition</b>  |
|              | <b>20</b>    | <b>TUSD Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 PM, Ch. 30</b>   |
|              | <b>22</b>    | <b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Panorama – 11:00 A – wear your class shirts/sweatshirts</b>                           |
|              | <b>24</b>    | <b>Pajama Day &amp; Student Council Donut Sale school – \$ .50 each<br/>Flag – Writing Wonders</b>            |
|              | <b>29</b>    | <b>Science Fair projects due to Café by 8:30 – judging by Torrance High students</b>                          |
|              | <b>30</b>    | <b>Early Dismissal – grades 1-5<br/>Kindergarten – out at 12:30 today only<br/>Open House, 6:00 – 7:30 PM</b> |
|              | <b>31</b>    | <b>Spring Pictures</b>  |
| <b>April</b> | <b>1</b>     | <b>Torrance Education Foundation Dinner</b>   |
|              | <b>3</b>     | <b>TUSD Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 PM, Ch. 30</b>   |
|              | <b>5</b>     | <b>District Science Fair<br/>Early Dismissal - grades 1-5– Teacher Inservice</b>                              |
|              | <b>6</b>     | <b>PTA Board Meeting, 6:30 PM</b>   |
|              | <b>7</b>     | <b>Flag - Citizenship<br/>Bike Rodeo for grades 3-5, starting at 9:00 on the Upper Grade playground</b>       |

### **10-14 Spring Break – Enjoy the HOLIDAY**

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|  | <b>17</b>    | <b>Homework Club resumes<br/>TUSD Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 PM, Ch. 30</b>        |
|  | <b>20</b>    | <b>Kindergarten Round-Up – by appointment</b>  |
|  | <b>21</b>    | <b>Flag – Special Recognition</b>  |
|  | <b>22</b>    | <b>Carnival</b>  |
|  | <b>25</b>    | <b>Kindergarten Round-Up – by appointment</b>  |
|  | <b>26</b>    | <b>School Site Council, 3:00</b>   |
|  | <b>27</b>    | <b>ELMAC 5:30 Redesignation meeting in Library<br/>6:00 Family Pot-Luck in Cafeteria</b> |
|  | <b>28</b>    | <b>Progress Reports go home</b>  |
|  | <b>29-30</b> | <b>Relay for Life at South High</b>  |