



Pacific Primary

SUNspots

OCTOBER 15, 2009

CALENDAR

Monday, October 26 5-6:15pm

Town Hall Meeting "Preparing for the Flu Season,"
presented by the Health and Safety Committee OSS
Music Room

Tuesday, October 27 5-6:15pm

"Parents for Public School" presentation
OSS Music Room

Friday, October 30

Black and Orange Day & Halloween Sing-Along NO
COSTUMES, PLEASE! Wear orange & black clothing, if
possible

Friday, November 6 6pm-9pm

Book Fair at Books Inc. on Van Ness - SAVE THE DATE

POTLUCKS

Dear Parents,

The annual Pacific Primary classroom potluck dinners are a time for parents and staff (though not for children, please) to come together and get to know each other in a relaxed, casual way. The potlucks are part of our commitment to create an authentic community based on building relationships between parents and staff.

We greatly appreciate the families that offer their homes for the event. Our goal is that every family feels welcomed and included. Pacific Primary has economic diversity and we are proud of having families that are part of a continuum that spans all

levels of income. Sometimes, the potlucks are held at a larger home. This is often the first introduction to Pacific Primary's socio-economic diversity. The experience of attending a potluck varies from feeling excited to attend to feeling overwhelmed. Let's remember the reason for the event and be mindful that the important part of the evening is our connection with each other and not the house.

Talking about economic difference can be difficult and most schools do not address this aspect of diversity. We look forward to creating opportunities for further discussion in the months to come.

Warm wishes,

Belann, Lynn, Brian Silveira, Polar Bear Lead Teacher and the Communication Committee of the Board - Michael Dunn and Leigh Culpepper

FROM THE PARENT HANDBOOK

Celebration Handbook pg. 16

Halloween is an exciting time of the year, but it can be too exciting for many of our children. Instead of costumes which may be frightening, we have Black and Orange Day. This year we will celebrate on Friday, October 30. Everyone wears black and orange clothing, if possible and/or makes black and orange items to wear. The children learn Halloween songs and chants. We also enjoy Halloween art activities. We make black and orange necklaces, hats, etc and wear them to the Halloween Sing-Along. We also make time for the children to talk, draw and work out fears that may peak during this time. Some children love to talk about their costumes and the older children may draw and write stories about their costumes.

PHOTOS

The class/staff photos are here and are posted in each

classroom! Please complete your order by Friday, October 30. The cost of the photo is \$25 - this is a small fundraiser for the school. Please see or email Belann or Lynn if you need a reduction in price.

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