



Pacific Primary

SUNspots

January 21, 2010

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 24

Brunch for Pacific Primary LGBT families and all families

Thursday, January 28

5:00pm-6:15pm- "Encouraging Cooperation and Expecting the Power Struggles with Your Child, Part 2" presented by Belann and Lynn

Monday, February 15

School Closed -President's Day

Tuesday, February 16

School Closed-Staff Development Day

Saturday, March 6

Pacific Primary Auction - SAVE THE DATE!

AUCTION FEVER!

Thanks to all those who have submitted their Auction donation forms (ADFs) and items by the January 19th deadline. For those who have not turned in your items yet, it's not too late. Please get them in as soon as possible so they will be printed in the catalogue. Please see last year's auction catalog posted in the each Sunroom for more ideas.

Remember, every family is responsible for 3 auction items, 2 ads and 2 greetings. If you are stuck for donation ideas send your questions to auction@pacificprimary.org.

Keep the donations coming in so that we can have a fun and successful auction!

WINE EVENT

The Wine tasting event, filled with art and music, was a resounding success!

Everyone had a terrific time! The wine was exceptional, the venue was cool and the art and music added to the experience. We all enjoyed the wonderful appetizers from NOPA as well. And the great news, is that with all the fun, we also made over \$5,000!! Many thanks to Jeff Meisel, Laura Catena, Erica Weiss, Rene Garcia and Holly Rhodes. Many people asked if we could do this every week. We are hoping that we can do this again!!

LGBT AND FRIENDS BRUNCH

All families and staff are invited to the Brunch for Pacific Primary Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Parents and Friends that will be taking place this Sunday, January 24 from 11 AM to 2 PM at the home of Bevan Dufty 280 Waller Street in San Francisco.

All Pacific Primary parents and their children are welcome. This is a potluck gathering. If you would like to attend and missed the first announcement for this event please contact the event organizers (listed below) to RSVP and sign up for a dish.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

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PRESCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTANT

We are pleased to announce that we once again have a Mental Health Consultant. This position is funded by a grant from the SF Center of Psychoanalysis. Greg Villalba, a clinical social worker, will be here every Friday from 11:00am-Noon and is available to parents and staff on the second and fourth Fridays. Belann and Lynn keep his confidential calendar, so please let us know if you would like to meet with Greg about issues regarding your child(ren), parenting or other issues. The issues can be minor questions about development, so please do not hesitate to use this valuable and free service.

PRESCHOOL FOR ALL

We just completed our first site visit with Preschool for All (PFA) this morning, after weeks of preparation! We are the very last school that they are including in the program as they have had budget cuts from both the city and state for the past three years. However, the great news is that they still have ample funding and Pacific Primary will greatly benefit from becoming a PFA site. The goal of universal preschool is alive and San Francisco will have

funded about 60% of four-year-olds in San Francisco by the end of this year. The First Five Commission will meet the first week in February to approve our application and when we are accepted the funding will be retroactive to January 1, 2010. Benefits include:

- A 2.5 hour a day reduction in tuition for families with children four-years-old by December 2, 2005 - December 2, 2004. Children younger than this will be funded next year. Children older than this will be considered only if there is developmental need for not attending kindergarten. More information on this will be available soon. The reduction will be available for all families and is not contingent on need. If a family decides that they do not need the reduction, they may donate the money back to the school which will increase the funding we may use for tuition assistance.
- Funding for "enhancement" which includes staff development, materials, and paying for support staff. This will help relieve our budget in several areas and we can direct the money to pay down our debt.
- Funding for teachers through a "BA Bonus" Teachers with a BA or MA in any field plus 24 ECE units will qualify for a cash bonus.

We will let our community know as soon as we receive approval and will give detailed information to all families as it becomes available to us.

DRIVE FOR HAITIAN RELIEF

We have never seen a larger outpouring of donations than we did this past Friday for Haiti! By late Friday afternoon both schools were filled with suitcases, medical and personal supplies and clothing. A hair salon owner donated \$1,000 worth of shampoo, people cleaned out their closets, brought boxes full of materials and all were taken to a warehouse supplied by Nancy Pelosi. The plane left on Tuesday, as scheduled. Thanks so much to all who participated.

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