



# Pacific Primary

## SUNspots

January 28, 2010

### CALENDAR

#### 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 - find child care, SAVE THE DATE!

### REMINDER FOR RETURNING FAMILIES

Contracts for the 2010-2011 school year will be in your mail folders on Friday, February 12th. They are due, with a Fall Deposit of \$200 by Wednesday, February 17. Please let Belann or Lynn know if you are going to be out of school during this time and we can make an alternative plan.

### ENCOURAGING COOPERATION AND EXPECTING POWER STRUGGLES....

Join us tonight, January 28, from 5:00pm-6:15pm, for part two of our parenting workshop on power struggles and cooperation. Bring your successes and challenges and we will continue to find ways to increase your confidence and enjoyment of being a parent of young children! Reminder: The school is open until 6:15pm and we close at 6:30pm.

### GET YOUR ADS & GREETINGS IN

We have only received about one-third to one-half of the ads and greetings we need for the Auction Catalogue. The deadline is this Friday, January 29th. The Catalogue is a fantastic opportunity to reach more than 500 individuals with advertising about local businesses. Check out the catalog from last year for ideas (posted in the Sunrooms). Some parents have offered to run an ad as a thank you to businesses that have donated larger items. Many families use ad space to thank Pacific Primary. Every family is responsible for 2 ads. Auction greetings thank a specific teacher and/or classroom. Parents, grandparents or friends may be interested in purchasing a greeting. Forms for Auction Greetings were sent out with your packet. Every family is responsible for 2 greetings. Please get these in by this Friday to help make our Auction the most successful ever!

## CREATIVE MATERIALS

The Expressive Arts programs thrive on your help and creativity in finding and bringing in "loose parts" to enrich the arts programs. These art experiences give children another language for expression. Please help the Creative Materials committee by bringing in interesting open-ended and/or recycled art items. In addition we need:

**OSS** - Elyse needs: cardboard tubes, fabric, trim, small tins, small boxes, faux jewels, cones

**YSS** - Rebecca needs: buttons, big cardboard tubes, shoe boxes, cellophane, colorful papers, faux jewels, small tins, trim

Thank you in advance for your help!

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Our Staff Development funds will allow three teachers to attend a workshop held by the Innovative Teacher Project, in Santa Monica, on January 28-30. Brian Silveira, Rebecca Magill and Nadia Jaboneta will attend "Dialogues for Quality in Education: The School as a Place of Community, Collaboration, Research and Innovation." They will share their experience with the staff when they return. They will also see the world renowned exhibit "The Wonder of Learning - the hundred languages of children from Reggio Emilia, Italy."

## WHAT DO WE LEARN AT SCHOOL

One of our Panda's (four-years-old) recently had a kindergarten admission visit at an independent school. When asked what she learns at Pacific Primary, she stated in a matter of fact way, "Peace and Love."

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