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THE CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL Weekly

Words from Rick

Fiesta 2006!

Three cheers and all hats off to Stephanie Scarpulla and Robin McClarren! For a year, ever since they volunteered to chair our annual celebration and benefit auction, Stephanie and Robin have been thinking, talking, planning, asking and cajoling to create Fiesta 2006, which will be THE event in town tomorrow night. Building to a crescendo in February and March, Stephanie now tells me that all is in place and the only thing left to do is show up and have a great time.

Standing on the shoulders of former auction leaders like Lisa Eltinge, Tina Corse and Steve and Emma Donovan, they have had a number of unexpected challenges, not the least of which was the change of venue from the Orthodox Cathedral to the event center at St. Mary's Cathedral. Through it all, they have built a veritable army of hard working parents.

Out of necessity they moved the Fiesta to a new site. Out of their own pride and commitment to excellence they have taken the celebration to new heights. One of the big, time consuming leaps forward this year was to put the auction catalog online, which enabled the gathering of all the data to be accomplished remotely and as Robin says, "...from the comfort of our own homes. We were able to utilize the volunteer efforts of professional working parents and mom's with brand new babies as the online database allowed them to work from home/office on their own schedule. Many people have now visited the online catalog (<http://www.galaxygoo.org/auctions/CDS/index.cfm>) and listed on the cover of the paper catalog) to view the updates and are most impressed."

The changes don't stop here. "Look for enhancements in future Fiestas to come—next year we hope to provide shopping cart functionality so that online shoppers can check off the items they are interested in and create a shopping list for the night of the event," reports Robin. Kristin Henry (mom of first grader Mathy) and Ann Van Gelder (mom of Leaping Lizard Owen) deserve special recognition for their Herculean efforts in programming and leading the data-entry/catalog-writing team. Robin has a marvelous leadership vision here: "I believe this will be a helpful tool in engaging more parents who do not have flexible schedules, in automating some of the process which saves volunteer time and in distributing dynamic information in an environmentally friendly way."

Among the many, many people who have made Friday's event the grand party that it will be, Karen Georgiades and Tapestry Flowers (mother of Phoebe in kindergarten and Electra in second grade) deserves special mention for providing and leading floral design and decorations for this year's Fiesta as well as for several prior auction events. And then, of course, there is Tina Corse

Hot Dates

Friday, April 7
10 a.m.

Friday assembly
Cesar Chavez celebration

Friday, April 7
6:30 p.m. - midnight
Fiesta 2006

St. Mary's Cathedral
1111 Gough Street

Monday, April 7
Spring enrichment classes begin



Thank You!

- To Ray Baxter and Linda Glover for donating all leftover lost and found items to Community Thrift.
- To Leslie Edelman for helping out with class photo day.
- To Ray Baxter for continuing to make welcoming calls to newly accepted families.
- To Fred Naraghi and Merrill Buice for hosting terrific Friday morning coffee.

(mother of James in third grade and Teija in eighth grade) who has been instrumental in guiding numerous auctions to success. She once again led a team of hard working parents to create the amazing class quilts and solicited numerous businesses, resorts and artists for fabulous auction items.

What is most remarkable about these leaders is that they are still smiling. When I saw Stephanie at school yesterday, she still had that big, wonderful smile on her face.

Let's party!!

From the Office

Class Photos

Class photographs will be available mid-May.

2006-07 Calendar

The 2006-07 CDS calendar is attached to today's *Weekly*.

From the Classrooms

Middle School Car Wash

The middle school students are holding a car wash to raise money for the first ever middle school dance! Come and get your car washed on Saturday, April 29 from 1-4:30 p.m. in the CDS parking lot. Baked good and beverages will also be sold. Prices are as follows:

- Wash: \$10
- Wax: \$5
- Wash and wax (and free cookie coupon!): \$15

In order to hold the car wash, the students need 25 student volunteers to work in 1.5-2 hour shifts. Students

also need donations of baked goods, beverages, big sponges, hand towels, car washing soap, buckets for mixing soap and water, car wax, squeegees and rubber sides. If you are able to volunteer at the car wash or donate items, please contact dougg@cds-sf.org. Thanks for your support.

Events

Fiesta 2006!

Please join us tomorrow evening for Fiesta 2006, our annual spring celebration and benefit auction. Browse silent auction items, eat amazing Cuban food, bid on incredible live auction items and dance for hours with friends, faculty and staff members. See you there!

Childcare Details

Childcare will be provided from 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. by Brittany Musler, Geoff Hinman, Michael Gast, (elementary and middle school) and Ngoc Tran and James Banister (preschool). Don't forget to bring pj's and sleeping bags for a fun night of pizza, popcorn and movies.

Teachers will be carrying the front gate cell phone with them at all times. If you need to call the school, call 415-595-1965 or 415-596-9788. The driveway gate will be open for entrance during childcare hours.

To get in to the school's front gate, dial **0000** on the key pad next to the gate. This will ring the cell phone the teachers are carrying and they will be able to buzz you in. No one will be sitting at the front desk to answer the doorbell.

Please return on time to pick up your child(ren) and have a great night!

LGBTQ Workshop

Marin Academy and Spectrum will present a workshop for parents about Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning youth. The discussion, parent panel and description of resources will take place in Founders Lecture Hall at Marin Academy, 1600 Mission Avenue in San Rafael on Tuesday, April 25 from 7-9 p.m. For more information, contact Sanjai Moses, Dean of Multicultural Life at smoses@ma.org or (415) 453-4550.

School Wish List

- The after school program needs old or broken electronic toys (battery operated only.) Students are going to fix them up or harvest the parts for a kinetic sculptures project. Please give any donations to after school teacher Rob Gillespie.
- WOOD is GOOD is starting up again during the after school program! Please donate old hooks, screws, nails, metal brackets and doodads from your garage or tool box (the stranger the better, anything that can be attached to wood). We'll also take any old cans of spray paint or wood stain (water-based, please). We have enough wood, but if you have some small bits we can certainly use them. Thanks so much for all of the donations.

Extended Program News

Middle School Camping Trip

Fifth through eighth graders are welcome to join the first annual spring vacation camping trip in Point Reyes, from Monday, April 17 through Wednesday, April 19. Extra registration forms are available from Charlie at charlies@cds-sf.org if you are interested in attending.

Summer Camps

Summer camps are filling up! To download registration forms, peruse the catalog and find out which camps are still open, please go to the summer page of the CDS website. Everything you may want to know (and more) is there!

Spring Vacation Camp

Spring vacation camp is open to students in preschool-8th grade and runs from Monday, April 17-Friday, April 21. The theme is "Exploring San Francisco." A good time will be had by all.

Go Bulldogs!

It's true. The middle school vs. staff basketball game ended in a tie. What a match up!!

Upcoming Dates

April 17 – April 21

Spring vacation

No school

Extended program available

Friday, April 14

6:30-9 p.m.

Middle school dance

Boys & Girls Club

Children's Day School

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