



May 8, 2008

THE CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL Weekly

Words from Rick

Words from Rick will return next week.

Transforming St. Joseph's Hall

May Progress Report

May is off to a great start for *Building Our Future* fundraising, which will mean good things for the St. Joseph's Hall renovation this summer. As soon as school ends in June, work will begin to add permanent classrooms to the third floor and install a new heating system. In the last week, the campaign has received 14 new contributions totaling over \$40,000, bringing the campaign total to \$1.65 million. We hope to continue this terrific momentum and generosity throughout this month (and beyond!), because the more we raise now, the more we can do this summer. The campaign goal of \$2.25 million is within sight, and we hope to reach it as soon as possible and dramatically improve St. Joseph's Hall for all CDS students and teachers.

From the Classrooms

Family Farmer Needed

The lovely farm and garden is in need of tending the weekend of August 30–September 1. If you are available to help out, please contact Misty Cummings at mistyc@cds-sf.org. Thank you in advance for your help.

Upcoming Community Events

Town Hall Meeting on LBAM

Please join us tonight from 7-9 p.m. at the Country Fair Building (Hall of Flowers) in Golden Gate Park for a town hall meeting about the proposed Bay Area moth spraying. This free event is sponsored by San Franciscans Concerned about the Spray, includes free parking and a panel discussion by local leaders and environmental experts.

At the Crossroads Benefit

Come out and support the eighth graders as they address issues of homelessness with a fashion show, dance performance and film screening. The event will be held Thursday, May 15 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club. Admission is free and all donations for food will benefit At the Crossroads, an organization that serves homeless and transitional youth.

Hot Dates

Friday, May 9
8:30 a.m.

Friday assembly
Seahorse kindergarten presenting

Monday, May 12 – Friday, May 16
ERB testing

Tuesday, May 13
4:30 p.m.

Committee on Inclusion and
Diversity meeting
Faculty lounge

6 p.m.

PTTA Meeting
"Communication and Planning for
Next Year"

Thursday, May 15
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Community Event Night:
At the Crossroads benefit hosted
by the eighth grade
Boys & Girls Club

Dates also posted on CDS website
www.cds-sf.org/news/calendar.html



Thank You!

- To Cathy Koger for taking pictures during the Country Fair on Saturday. Look at (and purchase!) her pictures on the CDS smugmug website: <http://cds.smugmug.com/All-school%20Events>.
- To Ana Cristina and Scott Brubaker for donating a desk, table and chairs for use in the I6th Street building.
- To Rebecca Arons and Eric Fastiff for donating ceramic plates and mugs to the CDS kitchens.
- To Dave Wise for taking photos for a CDS website project.
- To Susi Alexander, Susan Chastain, Marianne Evans, Andrew Henry, Debbie Jasso, Tina Leung, Paul Moreno, Amanda Richard, Elizabeth Seirmarco and Carlos Vasquez for participating in the admission focus group this week.

Events

Country Fair Thank You's

Thank you to all the students, parents and faculty volunteers for prepping, baking, cleaning, buying, dancing, grilling and milling to make this year's Country Fair such a great success!

First and foremost, an enormous thank you to our outstanding co-chairs, Diana Hunt and Paige Lang. They went above and beyond the call of duty to organize such a fun, community-building event.

Special thanks to the faculty organizers for their time, dedication and creativity: Amanda Richard, Misty Cummings, Elizabeth McClellan and Karen Slovak.

Thank you to the class coordinators for organizing class activities: Paul Moreno, Brooke Bianco, Kristin Henry, Suzanne Jachinowski, Constance Laflamme, Luma Dahlbacka, Molly Tyson, Dee Dee Schroeder, Anne Funsten, Margo Hohulin, Gillis Kallem, Jennifer Selvin, Amanda Newstetter, Jennifer Durand and Edwina Paschal.

Bravo and many thanks to our talented in-house performers: Derrek Gerughty, Elsa Townsend, James Bannister, Kirk Bell, the fifth and sixth grade line dancers and the eighth grade Drama Mamas.

For their amazing skills with the food and BBQ: Jon Gilmour, Zahra Ghayour-Kelly, Cristina Hernandez and

Sonia Islas.

For their special contributions: Bill Veiga, Rich Torres, Linda Glover, Wendy Bokhorst-Heng, Patrick Everett, Ray Baxter, Mark Mabry, Paula Symonds, Terry Hall, Dave Cohen, Sam Hunt, Kara Schleunes, Charlyn Everett, Neena and Niraj Lama, Alycia Freeman and Dave Klaus, Carlos Vasquez and Tina Leung

And thank you to all the knitters, craft-makers, home-made treat makers, bakers and equipment lenders for adding personal and creative touches to the fair!

Item Pick-Up

Thank you to everyone who shared coolers, platters, barbeque equipment, etc. You can pick up your items on the porch of St. Joseph's Hall, under the fire escape stairs.

PTTA Update

Friday Coffee

Do you like coffee on Fridays? The PTTA is looking for a couple of volunteers to be in charge of coordinating Friday Coffee next year. The coordinator's job is to make sure that a parent or two is signed up to provide coffee and snacks for assembly every week. This popular CDS tradition is a great way for parents to connect with each other and helps make the Friday assembly a real community event. Parents are usually happy to volunteer to take a turn bringing donuts or bagels and either making coffee at school or bringing in take-out. If you're interested in volunteering to coordinate this effort, or just want to learn more about what's involved, contact Sara O'Malley at Sara@OMalleyHylton.com or 415-348-8841.

Final Meeting of the Year

Please join us for the final PTTA meeting of the year next Tuesday, May 13 at 6 p.m. in the faculty lounge. The meeting topic is "Communication and Planning for Next Year" and will include a community discussion on

CDS Yahoo Group

Our CDS Community Yahoo group is a forum for the CDS community to share information about life outside of school. Join this Yahoo group, our in-house "craigslist," by visiting: groups.yahoo.com/group/cdscommunity.

what works and what could be done better or differently in terms of PTTA meetings, leadership structure and the role of liaisons. In addition, we will look at the forms of communication our community uses and try to determine areas for improvement. The best ideas are developed from many voices; please come and add yours to the discussion.

Childcare will be provided; please sign up with the receptionist by Monday, May 12.

PTTA Corner

Friday Morning Coffee

Come join other parents for coffee and doughnuts in the yard after Friday drop-off, 8-9 a.m. This is your chance to meet other families, have a few minutes of grown-up conversation and grab sustenance and caffeine before you start your day.

PTTA Questions or Ideas?

- General e-mail, CDSPTTA@yahoo.com
- Laura Pliska, President, (415) 641-5116 or laura@sfbabyworks.com
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Upcoming Dates

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day observed

No school

No extended program

Friday, May 30

4-6 p.m.

Extended Program Spring Arts Festival

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