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A Message From The President

Cheri Jones

June already? I can't believe it's been two years since I started my term as Moiola PTA President. I'd like to take this opportunity to say "thank" you to everyone who has donated anything; supplies, money, and/or, especially **TIME** to Moiola PTA this year. All the programs that are funded and run by PTA could not have happened without **all** of your support! Moiola PTA **THANKS YOU!!**

Thank you to **Mr. Christensen, Heather McCombs, Mary Fox, Cheryl Hall, and Mike Padden** who have made my job easier with all of your support, guidance, and help with day to day "business". Thank you to all the **teachers** who have supported the PTA in so many ways. Thank you to all the **Committee Chairs**. The PTA has so many programs being run by so many wonderful volunteers. Programs like Special Person's Day, Monday Packets, Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation, Room Parents, Scrip, and the Website would not be possible without **ALL** of you. Thank you!

I'd like to especially thank the Executive Board, who have served with me the

past two years: **Elisa Westelin, Laura Calnon, Paula Percaccio, Jennifer Jackson, Marc Tonti, Laurie Dugan, Cheryl Hall, Gina Roberts, and Laura Flores**. These parents have all given so much of their time and energy to help make Moiola a great school for all of our kids. You have **ALL** been such a huge support to me and I greatly appreciate all of your dedication to Moiola. **THANK YOU!**

I would like to give an extra-special thank you to two women who have been invaluable to Moiola PTA through the years. **Mrs. Cheryl Hall and Mrs. Paula Percaccio** were awarded the PTA Honorary Service Award at the last PTA meeting for their years of service to Moiola School. Cheryl Hall has served on the PTA Executive Board as Secretary for 4 years and Financial Secretary for 2 years. She has also been a SIP Committee member, Room Parent, 8th grade committee chair, Book Fair Chair for **MANY** Book Fairs, and has served on numerous committees. Paula Percaccio has also served on the Executive Board for many years. She has been VP of Fundraising for 2 years,

VP of Programs for 2 years, and Historian for 4 years as well as Room Parent, 8th grade committee chair, sports coach, and served on many other committees as well. Both of these ladies were always available whenever called upon to help out and deserve our sincere **THANK YOU!** Paula, you will be tremendously missed next year!

Moiola is very fortunate to have a dad, **Mr. Marc Tonti**, as PTA President next year. Marc has done a great job as Treasurer this past year and I have no doubt that he will continue to do so as President. I'm sure you will give him as much support as you've given me these past two years.

It's been a very busy, yet productive, two years and I'm proud of what the PTA was able to accomplish. I've truly enjoyed working with everyone and have felt very blessed to get to know and work with such a wonderful group of people. Thank you for everything.

Sincerely,
Cheri Jones,
Moiola PTA President
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Thanks for letting me share Moiola PTA news with you all year. Please continue to visit our website at www.moiola.org – We will try to keep it up to date with any new info. Also, if you have any ideas for next year, you can post them in our website forum.

Thanks again,
Laura Flores

May / June Calendar

Association Meeting	Tue. May 9 th
Book Fair	Mon. May. 22 – Fri. May. 26
Softball at Moiola (Spirit Day)	Wed. May 24 th
Open House	Thu. May 25 th
Memorial Day (No School)	Mon. May 29 th
Modified Day	Tue. May 30 th
Last Day of School/ Summer Blast	Wed. Jun 21 st

Countdown to Summer Blast

Laura Calnon, 1st VP, Membership

We're in the final stages of planning for the big Summer Blast, to be held on the last day of school. The hours are 10:05 – 12:05. Moiola students will be able to enjoy a carnival-type atmosphere and test their skill at numerous booths. Then again, there are always those booths where it is all about how lucky you are! Fun for all ages!!! The Cupp Family is generously letting us borrow their sno-cone machine, so students will also get a free sno-cone.

There will be a small cost for one thing – JAIL!! Students can put their friends into the Moiola Jail for 5 minutes, and the cost is only one quarter, per friend!!! Start saving up those quarters!

One of the things we're trying to do is have lots of

booths so the students aren't waiting in long lines. In order to do that, we'll need lots of volunteers to help us run the booths. We're looking at around 23 booths and are hoping for four people to run each booth (two people per hour). That way, everyone will have time to just enjoy watching their children have fun.

We are still in dire need for the following:

- EZ Ups
- Tables (any size)
- Adults to help set up the booths beforehand
- Volunteers to help run the booths (***Please contact me if you can help with any of the above***)
- Small Candies (tootsie rolls, smarties, lollipops, etc)

- Snacks for the Snack Walk (Corn Nuts, Sunflower Seeds, Granola Bars, Twinkies, Cracker Jack, you get the idea)
- Books for the Book Walk (new or gently used)

Any donation and/or participation is much appreciated!! Thank you to those of you who have already donated items!!!!

Wearing spirit wear is encouraged!!

Please contact me at rlna.cal@verizon.net or (714) 962-9591 if you can help with the Summer Blast and send any prize/candy donations in with your student.

Thank you!
Laura Calnon
Summer Blast
Chairperson

Box Top News

Liz DeNembo

Congratulations to Mr. Wiggins class for being our Spring Box Tops contest winners!!! They will be treated to an ice cream party for their efforts. I want to thank everyone who participated in the Box

Tops contests this school year. Our summer, winter and spring contests brought in 11,693 total box tops. Our school earned over \$1,168.00. Congratulations Mustangs!!! We will not

be collecting box tops for the remainder of the school year. Please watch for contest information for next year in your Monday packets. Thanks again for an outstanding job. Have a great summer!!



Thank you, to **Mrs. Laura Flores**, who has been our Newsletter Editor these past two years. You have done a great job putting this together every month. Thank you for all of your time! Since Laura is stepping up to take on the Treasurer role next year, we are looking for a new Editor. If anyone is interested in helping out, please let me know.

Thank you,
Cheri Jones



Cheri, Laura and Keri in pirate garb at the 4th district convention dinner



At one of the General Meetings we got to stand up and get some exercise, led by the organization Spark

Art Masters News

Jean Stearns

I wanted to send out a thank you to my committee members for all the help they gave me in cutting, counting,

calculating and sorting all of the art supplies and paper that goes into the Art Masters program.

Thanks to Gina Roberts,

Christina Poe and Kate Tran. Thank You!

Jean Stearns -
Art Masters Coordinator

Convention News

Laura Flores

The 107th California State PTA convention took place on May 10-13, 2006 at the Anaheim Convention Center.

There were four participants from our unit that attended: Cheri Jones, Marc Tonti, Laura Flores and Keri Gaydos. We all gained a lot of valuable information that we could bring back to our school and had a great deal of fun too. In addition, being part of the general meetings and watching the democratic process in action was exciting as well as informative.

Here are some of the highlights from the convention:

- There were 81 different conferences to choose from ranging in subjects from PTA Board Member topics, to parent education to child advocacy.
- We voted on two resolutions, Television/Screen Time awareness and Support for the Civic Mission of Schools.

After many amendments in the wording of these resolutions, they were both adopted.

- We also got to vote on some changes to the State PTA Bylaws.
- We were treated to some wonderful speakers including
 - **Chuck Saylor** – National PTA Secretary-Treasurer
 - **Jack O'Connell** – California Superintendent of Public Instruction
 - **Consuello Castillo Kickbush**, Lt. Colonel, US Army – Founded Educational Achievement Services
 - **Denis Cruz**, - California Teacher of the Year
 - **Kristoff St. John** – Actor in The Young and the Restless who spoke about music in the schools

- When we had time (there was not much to go around) we enjoyed the exhibit hall with 1038 exhibitors
- The PTA store was a great place to stock up on supplies
- Many of the 2005/2006 Reflections entries were displayed and the winners were given their awards on stage.
- On the last day of the convention they held a 1.3 mile healthy lifestyles walk at 6:30 in the morning. Cheri Jones and Laura Flores participated.

For anyone who has never attended a State PTA Convention, I highly recommend it. I always walk away feeling inspired both as a parent and as a parent volunteer. The information and the networking opportunities are priceless.

Summer Reading

By Joan Kuersten and Derek Phillips (Taken from the National PTA Website)

Where to Find the Books that Will Turn Your Kids On to READING

Are you worried that your son or daughter will lose valuable reading skills during the summer? Are you curious about which books kids like to read?

The following organizations have published reading lists for children and teens, which may help you and your children choose some books for summertime reading.

The International Reading Association (IRA) annually publishes three lists of favorite books from among the hundreds of children's books published in North America each year. The lists include *Children's Choices*, *Teachers' Choice*, and *Young Adults' Choices*. Approximately 10,000 U.S. children, ages 5–13, select the top 100 titles for Children's Choices; about 4,500 U.S. young people in grades 7–12 select the 30 top picks as Young Adults' Choices, and as many as 200 reading professionals in each region of the country

choose the 30 most popular books for the Teachers' Choices List. These three lists can be accessed from the **IRA website** (<http://www.reading.org/resources/tools/choices.html>), or can be purchased by sending a 9-inch by 12-inch self-addressed envelope with a \$1 check or money order, made payable to International Reading Association, 800 Barksdale Road, P.O. Box 8139, Newark, DE 19714-8139.

The American Library Association (ALA) publishes the **Nonfiction Series Round-Up** (<http://www.ala.org/alabooklist/youthseriesroundup/SeriesRoundup.htm>), which is the on-line Series Roundup is the digital counterpart to *Booklist's* print coverage of nonfiction series.

ALA offers several other book lists including:

The Coretta Scott King Award Books, which are distinguished books by African-American authors and illustrators that promote the

understanding and appreciation of the "American Dream" as interpreted by Martin Luther King Jr. and carried on by his widow, Coretta Scott King.

Best Books for Young Adults, a list of 84 books recommended for young people ages 12–18 and selected by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of ALA.

These and several other ALA book lists are available on the **ALA website** (<http://www.ala.org/alapio/piopresskits/lcsignuppresskit/alaresources.htm>).

The National Education Association (NEA) publishes the following book lists in conjunction with its Read Across America Project. They are available on **NEA's website** (<http://www.nea.org/readacross/resources/index.html>), or by writing Barbara Parker, c/o National Education Association, 1201 16th St. N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

- **Children's Top 100**

Book List

(<http://www.nea.org/readacross/resources/kidsbooks.html>), compiled from an NEA website survey of 1,800 students from 39 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Department of Defense schools

- **Teachers' Top 100 Books for Children** (<http://www.nea.org/readacross/resources/catalist.html>), compiled from another NEA website survey of teachers
- **50 Multicultural Books** (<http://www.nea.org/readacross/resources/50multibooks.html>), compiled by the Cooperative Children's Book Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for the NEA
- **Books from All the 50 States** (<http://www.nea.org/readacross/resources/statebooks.html>), features books that take place in one of each of the 50 states.

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