

Fred Moiola Elementary PTA Newsletter

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March 8

Presidents Update

Welcome back, I hope you all had a great holiday! We are half-way through the school year and things are going very well.

The next BIG event for the PTA is our largest fundraiser - the **Annual Moiola Jog-a-thon**. It will be held Thurs. March 8 in the morning. It always is a lot of fun for the children, teachers and parents who attend.

We need your help at the Jog-a-thon! We need some volunteers to help out the children. If you would like to assist, please contact, Kelly Selle: 714-963-9085
indigobabes@yahoo.com.

Principals News

The following is taken from a national PTA brochure entitled "Some video games are for kids. Some aren't." You can also get additional information from websites listed.

- ✓ Checks the ratings - before you buy, visit www.esrb.org for specific ratings information.
- ✓ Consider your child's maturity, personality and abilities - before you buy.
- ✓ Don't stop at the ratings - speak to older children and other parents, rent before purchasing, read game reviews, and try out demos of games online or in stores where games are sold.
- ✓ Play video games with your children - check them out.
- ✓ Use parental controls - newer video game systems allow parents to restrict specific game content by rating.

There is a Jog-a-thon meeting scheduled for 1:15 pm on Jan 24th in room E7. There will be a Jog-a-thon kick off assembly for the students on Feb 23rd .

We are also having our Math Night which will be held Feb. 15 at 7:00 pm in room E7. It is a fun night with activities planned for the children to develop their math skills.

Please attend our next PTA meeting - Tuesday, Feb 20th 7:00 p.m. in E-7. We would love to get your views on ways the PTA can help our school be fantastic.

Reported by: Marc Tonti

- ✓ Be cautious with "online-enabled" games - many popular games can be played with friends (and strangers) over the internet. Often, these games contain live chat or other user-generated content.
- ✓ Be aware of "mods" that can change a game - downloadable programs ("mods") can alter game content and the game's age-appropriateness
- ✓ Set household media-use rules - establish rules for your children and encourage open communication about their media use, so they recognize what you feel is inappropriate content.

For more parent information, tips and resources on computer and video games, visit www.pta.org/videogames, or www.esrb.org/about/resources.jsp

PTA Events

Math Night

Thursday, February 15, 7:00PM

Ever thought math could be fun? Math Night is exactly that! There will be all kinds of fun math activities for kids of all ages. Join the fun!

This is a very special event where kids of all ages can use their (budding) math skills to win prizes and cool stuff. It's a great way for kids to use what they've learned in school for 'real world' applications (read prizes and treats!)

There'll be a number of tables each catering to a different level of math ranging from grades K through 8th so there'll be something for everybody. Kids are also welcome to try their skills at more challenging tables as well. Who knows, you may have a budding Einstein in your midst!

The PTA Hospitality group will also be providing snacks for all attendees so come on by and join the fun!!



Get Ready to Jog!
The Moiola Jog-a-thon is coming soon

Art Masters

What is Art Masters?

Art Masters is a PTA-funded program designed to introduce various works by such masters as Monet, Picasso, and O'Keeffe to our students from Kindergarten to the 8th grade.

PTA volunteers assist in administering a professionally designed, interactive curriculum to teach the children about different artistic styles and concepts.

How is this Done?

"Introducing the Masters" Assemblies

The Meet The Masters experience begins with a multi-media assembly, where the students learn about the fascinating lives and famous works of the Master Artists. Interactive questions and eye-catching props keep the students' attention while walking through a virtual museum (available on Slides or CD-Rom) filled with interesting stories and facts.

"Learning from the Masters" Technique Packets

Now that the children have a true connection to the artist, it is time to introduce the techniques which made the art revolutionary. Back in the classroom they will work on a follow-up packet which will be the pencil-on-paper means for your student to "Learn from the Masters".

"Working with the Masters" Art Projects

After learning the inspiration and techniques of each Master, the students are ready for the real fun. Their classroom transforms into an art studio, as the well-equipped teacher leads the protégés on a step-by-step journey through the art project. The students will discover their creativity while developing confidence in their own unique abilities.

Book Fair Update

Our fall book fair was a huge success, and fun with the added lunch on the lawn shopping time. The students had fun selecting new books to enjoy. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out with set-up and tear-down and also the volunteers that helped out during the fair.

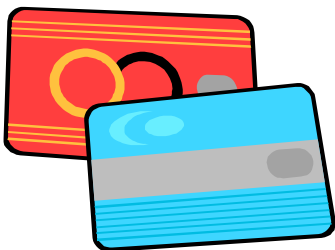
Our next book fair will be May 21st - 25th and we will also be open in the evening during open house (Thursday, May 24th.)

We are going to try something new this year, we want our students to love reading! We will be having a "buy one, get one free" fair.

If anyone would like to help out please contact Nancy Johnson @ njohnson6@socal.rr.com.

Reported by: Nancy Johnson and Kirsten Winthrop, Book Fair co-chairs

*You can still order
and renew magazines
at
www.store.gafundraising
.com*



*SCRIP sales resumes the
week of January 22nd.
Just in time for
Valentines Day!!*

Fundraising News

Jog-Thon

Our fund-raising efforts have been so successful this year and I just want to thank everyone of you for your help.

Our last big fundraiser is right around the corner. What fundraiser is that, you say? Why, it is the exciting Annual Moiola Jog-a-thon! Our goal this year is to raise \$28,750 which goes directly to Moiola to fund field trips, assemblies, classroom enhancements and so much more.

A committee has been formed to assist in this incredible fund-raising project.

Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday January 24th at 1:15pm.

The actual kick-off date for the school will be held Feb 23rd where the kids will get hyped up and raring to go with a sneak peek at the amazing prizes for the top joggers and fund raisers.

So keep your eyes open for more information or call me, Kelly Selle, if you are interested in helping out at this event. (714) 585-9085

Reported by: Kelly Selle (the lady in the flying pig hat!)



Have Fun!
At Moiola Math Night

Magazines and Gifts

Remember you can still order or renew magazines and buy unique gifts through Great American Fund-raising on-line!

This is a great site to purchase gifts for Valentines, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Birthdays, Anniversaries or any other Special Day you can think of.

The great thing about this is that 40% of your purchase comes back to our school. This is such an easy way for you to do your shopping and help Moiola in continuing to raise funds for Technology

Enhancement at our school.

The website is:
www.store.gafundraising.com

Enter your student's name, our school code 456921 and start shopping!

Again, thank you all for assisting in all of Moiolas' fund-raising efforts. With your support and dedication, Moiola has been very successful in raising funds to enhance our students' education and experience this school year.

Reported by: Kelly Selle (the lady in the flying pig hat!)

TGIF!
*Ice Cream treats every
Friday - only \$1.00*

DIRECTV Special Offer

Through the DIRECTV4 Schools™ program, DIRECTV will send Moiola **\$100** every time a renewal or new customer uses our school code - 9XPL!

In December we received a \$100 check from DIRECTV as an advance on the first customer to use our code for a service renewal or to sign up for new service.

This is an exciting first step towards our school earning thousands or tens of thousands of dollars through DIRECTV4 Schools™. It is an easy way for us to earn that extra funding we need for Technology Enhancement.

To sign up for DIRECTV or to renew please do the following:

1. Call: 1-888-388-4724
2. Give our school code 9XPL or our school name and state.
3. Renew or Sign Up for 1 year of DIRECTV service.

It's that easy. And Moiola will receive \$100 dollars per family, friend or neighbor that renews or signs up with school code.

Reported by: Kelly Selle (the lady in the flying pig hat!)



**Talk about ART and
what your kids are
learning in Art
Masters!**

Membership Update



Order or renew
DIRECTV and use
our school code –
we get \$100

Check out our
website at
www.moiola.org

Happy New Year 2007!

We had a fantastic response to our membership drive this fall with 378 members and 58 of those being new student members. Way to go Moiola families!! Our Moiola families also enrolled Grandparents and other family members. What an awesome job! Remember that anyone in our community is welcome to join our PTA.

Our goal is 400 members this year, so we are very close. The New Year brings new families to our school and another opportunity to become a member. Please watch for the membership flyer that will be coming home in a Monday packet. You can simply fill out the form and return to your child's teacher.

Membership numbers helps our voice in National PTA and becoming a member does not require you to attend meetings or volunteer any time to the school. However, if you wish to, please do! We welcome your voice and any help is much appreciated. If you have any questions or interest,

please feel free to contact me by email: mkboomer4@msn.com (Kim Boomer).

We are very grateful to the many generous families who contributed to our membership drive with donations in addition to the membership dues. We have so many valuable programs here at Moiola that benefit directly from those donations. Thank you!

Our Silver and Gold Memberships will be engraved on the plaque that hangs in the school office. Also all Bronze memberships were enrolled in a raffle for movie tickets, and we will soon announce and award that prize as well. I would like to recognize all of those families now as well with the list below.

I thank you again for all of your support! I am pleased to volunteer for such a great school with so many involved families.

Reported by: Kim Boomer

<i>Gold Memberships</i>	<i>Silver Memberships</i>	<i>Bronze Memberships</i>	<i>Bronze - continued</i>
Mark & Beverly Bitzer	Dan & To Carlile	Jan Blake	Vincent & Kathleen
Sandra & Larry Crandall	Christopher Cool	Mary Bola	Murphy
Mark & Laura Flores	Michael & Caryl Deoulet	David & Richelle Boller	Deanna Muzic
Scott & Nancy Johnson	John & Nadine Doran	Michael & Kimberly	Dinh Ngo
Ly Kim	Susan Haukness	Boomer	Anthony & Pattie Nguyen
Bonnie LaBelle	Robert & Diana Iverson	Chuck & Maggie	Josie Oliver
Kim Liu	Stephanie Kato	Brummett	Frank & Kim Pollock
Jeff & Kendra Motske	Thomas & Gwen Kim	Laura Calnon	Tami Seck
James & Denise Newton	Kazuko Kimura	Jamie Chau	Chris & Kelly Selle
Dac Toan Nguyen &	Michael & Michelle	Nancy Corvacho	Cliff & Cindee Suruki
Thuy_Duong Hoang Tran	Yamada	John & Monica Dalton	Leslie Tavares
Dan & Christine Oyakawa		Liz DeNembo	Tom & Wendy Turansky
Linh Pham		Maggie Dishoian	Eric & Joan Verstraete
Nikkie Presilla		Cindy Do	Elisa Westelin
Steven & Cheri Santiago		Laurie Dugan	Robert & Deborah Wilson
Colin Smythe & Juanita		Greg & Debbie Felix	
Villalobs		Andy & Denise Glasgow	
Thinh To		Victor & Kristi Gristuschuk	
Christine Tran		Janel Gross	
Adam & Bonnie Volkert		Diep Ho	
Jim Weil & Susan Read-		Melissa Housel	
Weil		Patricia Hoyt	
		Joel & Karen Longoria	
		Julia Lynch	
		Sarah Magana	
		Sheryl Mosher	