

Fred Moiola Elementary PTA Newsletter

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PTA President - Marc Tonti
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President's Message

First of all, congratulations to the new PTA officers elected for the 2007-08 school year.

Marc Tonti - President
Debbie Felix - Exec. Vice President
Kim Boomer- 1st Vice President of Membership
Kelli Kuberski - Secretary
Keri Gaydos - Financial Secretary
Laura Flores - Treasurer
Tami Cupp - Historian
Shelley Membrila – Auditor

magazines and with the great help of our fundraising vice president Kelly Selle, we met and surpassed our goal for the year. The basket raffle at Special Persons Day went very well with some terrific baskets. We had our biggest and most successful Jog-a-thon this past March. Several other programs that the PTA has funded and organized this year, are: Spellman's night of magic, sponsored field trips for all grade levels, reimbursement for teacher's classroom supplies, Art Masters, a donation to the Fountain Valley Educational Foundation (FVEF) for the music program offered to the students, the Scrip program ran very successfully and last but definitely not least, we approved a large sum of money to pay for our Computer Aide.

As you can see your hard work and fundraising contributions go to a variety of programs that add to the education of our children at Moiola.

Reported by: Marc Tonti, President



Upcoming Events

Book Fair

(see sidebar on page 3)

Mon. - Fri.,
May 21st - 25th

Softball @ Moiola

Wed., May 23rd

Open House

Thurs., May 24th

Memorial Day - No School

Mon., May 28th

Modified Day

Tues., May 29th

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day

Thurs., May 31st

Talent Show

Mon., June 4th

Modified Days

Tues.-Fri.,
June 12th-15th

Summer Blast

Fri., June 15th

I sincerely thank all those who served this past year and look forward to awesome upcoming year.

The PTA convention was held in Sacramento May 3-6. Laura Flores, Shelley Membrila, Cheri Jones and I attended. We went to several training classes, which will help us in our future PTA positions and in turn, helps out Moiola and everyone involved.

This year, we started off with Angel night, which was well attended. We started selling

We Need Your Help...

The following positions / committees still need filling for next year:

- Art Chair
- Music Chair
- Legislation Rep.
- Basket Raffle
- Magazine Sales/online sales
- Jog for Moiola
- Assemblies
- Family Nights

- Book Fair
- Box Tops/Supermarket Program
- Programs Vice President

If you would like more information, or, are interested in helping, in any way, please contact Marc Tonti, PTA President, @ (714) 841-3994, mtonti@socal.rr.com

*Reported by: Cheri Jones,
Parliamentarian*

PTA Convention

Book Fair

May 21st – May 25th

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Friday
8:30am – 3:00pm

Thursday
8:30am – 12:45pm

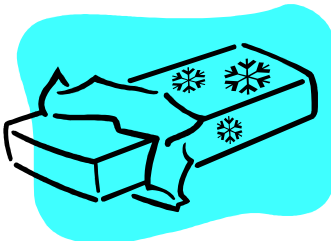
Thursday evening
6:00pm-8:00pm (During
Open House)

It's also a BOGO Fair (Buy
One Get One Free)



Ice Cream Fridays

Remember to bring \$1
every Friday for a
delicious TGIF treat!
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The 108th California State PTA convention took place on May 3-6, 2007 in our state's capitol, historic Sacramento. There were four participants from our unit that attended: Cheri Jones, Marc Tonti, Laura Flores and Shelley Membrila. 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.



(Marc Tonti, Shelley Membrila, Laura Flores, and Cheri Jones)

Here are some of the highlights from the convention:

- We got the chance to elect the new State PTA Board for 2007-2009. The nominating committee chose a slate of nominees they felt were best qualified for the different positions. In an exciting move, there was one candidate from the floor for the position of President-Elect (this person works with the president to learn the job and automatically becomes the president after two years of training) so they had us cast ballots. The candidate from the floor ended up winning.
- There were 83 different conferences to choose from ranging in subjects from PTA Board Member topics to parent education to child advocacy.
- We voted on five resolutions, Public School Governance Authority, Financing California's Public Schools, Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Underfunding, Comprehensive Waste Reduction In Schools, and Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) In Schools. After many amendments to the wording of these resolutions, they were all adopted.
- We also voted on some changes to the State PTA Bylaws.

- We were treated to some wonderful speakers including
 - **Jack O'Connell** – California Superintendent of Public Instruction
 - **Paul Richman** – California State PTA Executive Director
 - **Anna Weselak** – National PTA President
 - **Dr. Kent Keith** – Writer of National Best Seller, "Anyway: The Paradoxical Commandments"
 - **Alan Sitomer** – 2007 California Teacher of the Year
 - **Carol Channing** – Creator of a foundation, The Dr. Carol Channing And The Harry Kullijian Endowment for the Arts
- When we had time (there was not much to go around) we enjoyed the exhibit hall with over 800 exhibitors
- The PTA store was a great place to stock up on supplies
- Many of the 2006/2007 Reflections entries were displayed and the winners were given their awards on stage. The creativity was incredible and many of the winners also won at the National level.
- On the third day of the convention they held a 1 mile healthy lifestyles walk at 6:30 in the morning. Cheri Jones, Laura Flores, and Shelley Membrila 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.

Reported by: Laura Flores, Treasurer.



(Marc Tonti, Shannon McNicol (FVHS PTA Pres.), Cheri Jones, Shelley Membrila and Laura Flores)

PTA Events

Summer Blast

Raise your hand if you're counting the number of school days left. I am! One reason being is that we're planning the Summer Blast, which is held on the last day of school. Last year was my first attempt at this event, and it seemed to have turned out well. I can't take all of the credit; there were scores of people that helped out with the initial planning, as well as on the day of. If I didn't get a chance to thank you before, I would really like to now!!

Summer Blast is an event where Moiola students will be able to enjoy a carnival-type atmosphere and test their skill at numerous booths, run by parents and grandparents. Then again, there are always those booths where it is all about how lucky you are! Fun for all ages!!!

Each room parent will need to choose a booth to run, such as the Fishing Booth, or the Snack Walk.

Jog for Moiola Update

Yahoo! The jog raised over \$32,000 dollars, what a way to finish the school year. Thank you to all of our Moiola students, teachers, staff and parents. Without your support in these fundraisers we would not have been able to fund some of our great programs. This was a very challenging position but I am happy to say it really was a great experience and very rewarding.

The Moiola PTA sincerely thanks the following companies for their generous support for this year's jog-a-thon:

- PW Stephens (714) 892-2028
- Preferred Tickets (714) 634-3400
- Tutoring Club (714) 965-8886
- Beach Cities Paintless Dent Removal 1-888-DentsOut
- Marble Man Stone Shapers (951) 273-0394
- Score (714) 593-3288

Their job will then be to get volunteers to run the booth and collect small prizes or candies to hand out.

If you do not have a room parent, or haven't heard from someone by the end of May, and would like to help, PLEASE contact me! The more volunteers we can get, the more booths we can provide for the kids, and the more fun they can have on their last day!

The Summer Blast is held on the last day of school, which is Friday, June 15th. The fun is scheduled from 10:00am – 12:00pm with the exception of the Kindergarten class, which will participate from approximately 9:00am – 11:00am.

As a reminder - this is strictly a day for students and volunteers.

*Reported by: Laura Calnon, Summer Blast Chairperson
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- [Right Insurance Mtkg/Business Insurance \(714\) 636-6491](#)
- [eCampGuide.Com](#)
- [JoeyJean.Com](#)
- [Best Limousines & Transportation 1-800-827-7411](#)
- [Trilogy Financial Services \(714\) 843-9977](#)
- [Elvia's Home Furnishings \(714\) 540-6900](#)
- [Great American Fundraising](#)
- [Lyman Photography \(714\) 964-1300](#)
- [First Team Real Estate, Inc \(714\) 861-2432](#)

As a reminder, our Fundraising committee could use a little help next year. Please contact me at (714) 963-9085 if you can be of assistance.

Thank you again,
From The Pink Pig Lady.

Reported by: Kelly Selle, Second Vice President of Fundraising



Congratulations Rachel Seidner!!

She submitted her slogan for the OC Water District and won First Place out of 1500 entries.

“Don't be a hog, turn off the water when you shampoo your dog”.

The OC Water District honored Rachel and the other winners at the Discovery Science Center. Rachel is in Mrs. Williams' 4th grade class.



We are on the Web!
www.moiola.org

Principal's Report

The Year in Review

The students, staff, parents, and community members of Fred Moiola Elementary should have nothing but pride as they look back on 2006-2007. Located in the heart of Fountain Valley, Moiola is the district's only K-8 school and is home to about 560 students. Here are the year's noteworthy events:

- The new principal was Tom Markel.
- New teachers included: Kim Gonsowski, Emily Harvest, Jon Lungren, Jerry Rootlieb, Julie Sipes, Joleen Solorzano, Amelia Terich, and Connie Yu.
- New specialists included: Laurie Ferri, Yvette Habrun, Debbie Patterson, and Krista Wagon.
- New classified personnel were: Kathy Beckman, Mary Clements, Patty Larson-Coe, Christy Ruiz, Carissa Sanchez, and Kalyn Seebold.
- Moiola's magazine sale and Jog for Moiola brought in record amounts for our PTA.
- Modernization was completed and portables were removed.
- Special Persons' Day, Lunch on the Lawn, Peer Mediation, Art Masters, Math Night, Dr.

Seuss Day, and the Halloween Parade continued as great Moiola traditions.

- Data Director, Action Learning Systems Benchmarks, and the Cotsen Foundation's the Art of Teaching are all new programs that will be a big part of Moiola's near future.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Moiola's principal. The level of parent leadership, volunteerism and support is very high. The teachers are a dynamic and accomplished group always looking for ways to make things better for all children. All of the support personnel understand and take pride in the roles they play in student success. The overall community appreciates the quality that is Moiola School.

K-8 schools like Moiola are making a strong comeback across California and the whole country. If you live in or near Fountain Valley you should consider this option for your children. Just call 714-378-4271 and ask for the principal. We will have limited openings for the 2007-2008 school year. Go Mustangs!

Reported by: Tom Markel, Principal

Congratulations 8th Graders!!

"The End is Just the Beginning"
Good Luck in High School!
Jesse Bejarano, Chelsea Montville, Sally Corvacho, Hanna Davis, Andrew Flores, Jessica Garcia, Lexi Godfrey, Nicholas Gregory, Sarah Haydock, Kylie Hefner, Joshua Howe, Summer Husain, Daniel Kimura, Christine Le, Carrie Ly, Kelly Turansky, Ian Matsumoto, Cameron

McCombs, Connor Membrila, Daryl Nguyen, Trevor Oosterhof, Jocelyn Santiago, Molly Shannon, Alexis Torres, Lisa Tran, Tyler Tran, Brandon Trigueros, Presley Valenzuela, Caley Wickes, Zachary Wickes, Tiffany Yamasaki, Allyson Yoshinaga, Lauren Zepeda.



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Goodbye and Thank You!

As I write this, I can't believe it's been 8 years that my kids have been at Moiola! However, it is time for our family to move on, and we do so with some sadness, but with thanks for such a great experience during our time at Moiola. The Moiola community is such a unique one, and I have appreciated the dedication that is evident from the staff, teachers, and, especially, the volunteers who I have met and worked with over the years. Thank you, to all of you, who donated money, time, and/or volunteered to be a chairperson, room parent, or help out at a PTA event. The programs would not happen if it weren't for all of you!

These parents have given a tremendous amount of time and energy to help our school. Thank you to **Elisa Westelin, Laura Calnon, Jennifer Jackson, Laurie Dugan, Laura Flores, Cheryl Hall, Tami Cupp, Gina Roberts, Debbie Felix, Kim Boomer, Kelly Selle, Wendy Turansky, Kelli Kuberski, Keri Gaydos, Shelley Membrila**, and, especially, **Marc Tonti**. He was willing to step up and volunteer to be PTA President when we needed help, and it is not often that you'll find a full-time working dad to take on that role and be a committed volunteer to his children's school. Thank you, Marc, for your dedication to Moiola.



I have enjoyed meeting so many wonderful people here (some that have become life-long friends) and have, truly, been rewarded by volunteering to help out all the students, teachers, and staff during that time. I want to give a special thank you to everyone who has served on the PTA Board during the time I was President and this past year.

I leave with a piece of advice; if you have yet to volunteer, please do, and you will be rewarded, as I have, by knowing you have helped out your child/ren, other students, and the staff at Moiola. Goodbye, and thanks for everything!

Reported by: Cheri Jones, Past PTA President

PTA Membership

"Members who are willing to get involved are a valuable resource for starting and maintaining programs and projects to benefit children, youth, and the community."
-www.capta.org

Thank you to all of our Moiola families and community members for such a great year of participation and support! We have so many wonderful volunteers and we are also very thankful for the many families who generously support us by becoming members and enabling our school to implement wonderful and enriching programs. We had a very successful membership drive again this year with many grandparents, family members and even students

joining. We hope next year each family will consider asking all their extended family to join us in membership again. Enjoy the end of the year, have a wonderful safe summer and we'll see you back fresh in the fall for another awesome year!

Thank you!

Reported by: Kim Boomer, 1st Vice President, Membership

Scrip Update

Remember Scrip for, Graduation/Promotion Gifts, Teacher Appreciation Day and those Year End 'Thank You' Gifts.

BIG, BIG SCRIP NEWS!

This is the time of year that Scrip usually winds down ... not this year. Now you can continue helping

Moiola earn money by using "ShopWithScrip" – the online scrip order program. Watch for details ...

Reported by: Cheri Santiago, Scrip Chairperson

Reflections

The Reflections contest this year was a success. There were over 75 entries combined from our students. Congratulations to all of those who moved forward to the state level!

Reflections is a PTA sponsored art contest with categories in Literature, Music, Photography, Dance, Visual Arts, and Film/Video

Production. The theme for next year will be "I can make a difference by....." Start thinking of your entry for next year. They will be due around October of 2007!

Reported by: Kristin McKay, Reflections Chairperson

National Missing Children's Day

Ensuring the safety of children is a main parenting concern, and now there's a way for all parents to take the time to talk to their kids about staying safe.

PTA supports National Missing Children's Day on May 25, 2007. The day, hosted annually by the [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](#), serves as a reminder to make child safety a priority.

Parents everywhere are encouraged to take advantage of the resources and activities available in their communities, through their local PTA, and from the National Center For Missing and Exploited Children to schedule time on May 25 to talk to their children about staying safe. Below are 25 easy ways that your family can participate.

- Using a reputable search engine, type in your family's names to discover what potential predators can learn about your family online. You can also find out information your children may be sharing over the Internet or if they've had hurtful information posted about them.

- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about the importance of child safety.

- Convince two friends to spread the word to their families.

- Adapt [NetSmartz's Internet Safety](#)

[Pledge](#) for each of your children. Sign the pledges, and post them next to the computer or in another prominent place as a reminder.

- Teach your children to ask you before leaving home and stay with a friend whenever they're playing outside or walking anywhere.

- Visit the [Internet Keep Safe Coalition's website](#) and read about the Adventures of Faux Paws the Technocat. Then, print out some of the coloring sheets and discuss the message and lessons with your children while you create a new artistic masterpiece.

- If you're not already familiar with the tools available to you for monitoring your child's online activities, do some research. Find out what your Internet Service Provider offers your family and consider installing filtering or monitoring software on the family computer.

- Role-play with your children how to answer the phone when they are home alone.

- Talk to your children about what their neighborhood boundaries are and whose homes they may visit without you.

- Explore [NetSmartzKids](#) with your children.

The rest of this article, can be found at, http://www.pta.org/archive_article_details_1174067898656.html.

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