

Volunteer News

Marc Tonti

PTA President

Spring Greetings! Already we are beginning our last trimester of the school year. Instead of slowing down, I commend so many of you who are participating in classroom and school activities. Junior Achievement, a five-lesson economics program, is currently being taught in some classrooms, although others will not begin until after Spring testing. Parents from each classroom have volunteered to teach these lessons, introducing our students to the financial "facts of life". Be prepared for your children to show an interest in learning more about your family business or finances!

For those who haven't yet visited the district office, you may want to take your children to the district art exhibit.

Kristin McKay has done an outstanding job of preparing Moiola student's art for presentation and it would be well worth going to see.

We are looking forward to our biggest, most exciting fundraiser of the year, our annual Moiola jog-a-thon. I would like to thank Kelly Selle for organizing this endeavor. We need many parents on board to make it a success, so I urge all of you to be involved in whatever way you can.

I also want to thank the nominating committee, headed by Laura Calnon, for their efforts in getting a slate of new officers for next year's PTA board. We held 2008-2009 officer elections at our March 11th meeting and I would like to thank those who have accepted and been elected to the various positions. Our new PTA leadership is as follows:

President-

Shannon Arne

1st VP Membership--

Kate Dillon

**2nd VP Ways & Means-
Laura Calnon**

Executive VP--

Marc Tonti

Treasurer--David Fisher

Secretary--

Karri Bourroughs

Auditor--Laura Flores

Parliamentarian--

Marsha Lotz

**Financial Secretary--
Christine Langness**

The positions of Historian and 3rd VP-Programs are still open. I know we are going to have a very successful and fun year as we have a great mix of new and veteran board members. I look forward to working with all of you next year.

Lastly, Summer Blast is the last day-of-school year carnival that is great fun for the children and staff. However, we need someone to coordinate this event, ASAP. If you are interested, please call me at 714-965-1637 or email me at mtonti@socal.rr.com.

Hope all of you have a terrific Spring Break!

Reflections Contest

-Kristin McKay

The Reflections contest went very well this year. There were over one hundred entries from the K-8th grade. All of the projects were so good it was hard to pick just three from each category.

Congratulations to the winners from Moiola School who were chosen to move forward to be judged at the next level. For the Literature category: Max DeNembo, Shayne Shubin, Ashton Mann, Amy Yoshinaga, and Vivian Pham. For the Visual Arts category: Mary-Barbara Potempa, Zoey Berg, Riley Berrocal, Brittany Kahmar, Ashlyn Oyakawa, Lenox Tucci, Chris Nelson, and Xuan Nguyen. For the Photography category: Sara Tajanlangit, Haley Hodgson, and Briana Cupp. For the Film/Video category: Jacob Burroughs and Aysia Buendia. For the Music category: Jacob Burroughs.

Thank you to all who participated and good luck next year!

Traffic Flow

--Laura Calnon

Just a note from your friendly traffic duty guard (my unofficial title). I would like to start by thanking all of you that drive with caution around our school. Our goal is to get the students to school safely and on time. Hopefully, this explains why we may have to stop you or keep you waiting a little longer in line. For those of you that aren't sure of the rules, here are just a few:

1. Do not stop in the crosswalks (which includes the driveways in the parking lot)
2. Pull in completely to the side of the road, without leaving the back end of your car sticking out in traffic
3. No U-turns along Finch Street during the busy pick up and drop off
4. Keep the car line moving in the parking lot (absolutely NO leaving your car)
5. Do not let your children run through the parking lot unattended.

The volunteers directing traffic really do appreciate drivers that are patient and courteous to others. A

smile can go a long way in easing tensions, I've discovered! Thanks for your continued cooperation.

Astronomy Night

Friday, March 7th, marked Moiola's third Astronomy Night. I would like to thank the Orange County Astronomy (OCA) group for bringing out four volunteers, along with their huge telescopes.

Approximately 100 people came during the two hour program. We were able to see amazing sights such as Saturn (so clear it looked like a picture), the Orion Nebula, and a double star, which were obviously UCLA fans since they were blue and gold! The Moiola PTA will donate some money to the OCA's outreach program in appreciation for their time and dedication. If you would like to learn more about OCA's upcoming events, visit their website at www.ocastronomers.org. Thank you for your participation!