



# The Stampede

## Home of the Moiola Mustangs

Erin Bains, Principal

October 13, 2008

### Taste of Fountain Valley

This event has become a community tradition and certainly a favorite evening for all who have attended in previous years. You will enjoy an elegant evening filled with samplings of fine foods, beverages, and desserts from our local restaurants. Proceeds help our Fountain Valley Educational Foundation support, maintain, and enhance our district instrumental and choral music programs! For more information please contact us in the school office.

**Friday evening, November 14, 2008**  
**7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.**

**Mile Square Golf Course Banquet Center**  
**10401 Warner Avenue, Fountain Valley**  
**Tickets \$30.00 ~ \$35.00 at the door**



### RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is a week long campaign to celebrate a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The campaign was first started after Federal Agent Enrique Camarena died at the hands of drug traffickers in 1985. In response to the tragedy, the National Federation of Parents wore and displayed red ribbons to discourage drug use. This year we will begin the campaign on October 20th with a week of activities designed to remind our students about the importance of being drug free. Watch for the flyer in our Monday packets for further details. The campaign will culminate with a festival at City Hall on Saturday where our two 7th grade poster winners, Rachel Lacy and Tien To, will be presented with a Certificate of Recognition. The festival is a wonderful way to end the week-long celebration.

### ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

During the month of September, Ms. Bains spoke to all students about the School Board's *Zero Tolerance Policy* regarding drugs, weapons (or any dangerous objects), and other important safety information. Students were reminded of the expectations regarding overall school safety, theft prevention, bullying, and arriving to school on time. Students were then given the opportunity to ask questions about school policies.

### Closed Campus

All the schools in the Fountain Valley School District are closed campuses. When visitors wish to enter school grounds, they must first sign in at the office and put on a visitor's badge.

**If a visitor plans to enter a classroom, or any place of instruction, he or she shall first obtain the teacher's or the principal's authorization.** The policy of the Board of Trustees of the Fountain Valley School District is very clear on this matter.

Board Policy 5112.5 states... "the term 'closed campus' shall refer to the fact that all non-employee visitors to any school site or grounds are required to report to the school office prior to going to any classroom, school building, or grounds." Board Policy 1250 states... "the term 'visitor' is a generic term to include parent/guardians of students enrolled at a school, district or public employees required to be at a school, representatives of a school employee organization, members of the media, or elected public officials." Board Policy 1250 further states... "to ensure minimum interruption of the regular classroom program, school visits must first be arranged with the teacher and/or principal designee." These policies were written to protect our students and their learning environment.

**Thank you for following these procedures!**

### Leading the Way!

*Ms. Phillips*

My name is Ms. Phillips, and I will be the faculty advisor to the 2008-2009 Moiola Student Council. The Student Council provides highly motivated and industrious students with an opportunity for involvement in the decision-making, planning, and management of student activities. As you may be aware, interested students recently campaigned for elected positions on the council. All the candidates were required to present speeches to the student body prior to the casting of secret ballots. Congratulations to the following students who were elected:

#### Student Council Officers

**President** ~ Vickie Nguyen      **Secretary** ~ Tien To  
**V. President** ~ Hannah Holbrook      **Treasurer** ~ Linda Huynh

#### Grade Level Representatives

<b>8th Grade</b>	<b>7th Grade</b>	<b>6th Grade</b>	<b>5th Grade</b>
Kim Le	Casey Cho	Casey Membrila	Morgan Felix
Emily Iverson	Katie Miller		Elena Mosham

I am looking forward to a fun-filled year with the council, and I would like to thank all the candidates for their interest and outstanding participation in this election. It was an exciting and close race!

# WELLNESS POLICY

Our School District Board of Trustees adopted a policy last year in support of our Governor's priorities and California State Guidelines for student health in our schools. While a full copy of the Board Policy is available for you in the Moiola Office, below is a list of pertinent issues that are of importance to all of us. Please help us to make Moiola School the healthiest environment possible by observing the following guidelines:

- Classrooms (K-5th grade) are limited to no more than one party per class per month. The classroom teacher's discretion will be used to determine appropriate celebrations within the guidelines of board policy. **For this reason, parents are encouraged NOT to bring food items for classroom treats.** Instead, consider a pencil, eraser, sticker, or other non-food "treat" for classroom friends; or consider "gifting" the classroom with your child's favorite book.
- Teachers are encouraged to avoid the use of food (candy) as a reward for students' academic performance, accomplishments, or classroom behavior.
- The District will use the **35/10/35 Guidelines**:
  - ◆ A food shall not have more than **35 percent of its total calories from fat.** (Excluding nuts, seeds, eggs, and cheese)
  - ◆ A food shall not have more than **10 percent of its total calories from saturated fat and trans fat combined.** (Excluding eggs and cheese).
  - ◆ A food shall not have more than **35 percent of its total weight composed of sugar,** including naturally occurring and added sugar. (Excluding fruits and vegetables).
- The only elementary school beverages that shall be sold/offered are the following: water with no added sweeteners, milk, fruit juice (preferably 100%, but at least 50% with no added sweeteners), and vegetable juice (at least 50% with no added sweeteners.)
- **All foods within the Fountain Valley School District shall meet these guidelines.**

The Moiola School Staff and our School Board believe that foods and beverages available to students at our schools should support the health curriculum and promote optimal health—thereby helping to reduce childhood obesity. Please help us in supporting our students! Their futures look bright!!

## A Report From 3rd Grade

*The Third Grade Students*

Well, we've made it through the first month of school. It sure has gone by fast. We can't believe how much different third grade is from second grade. Where were the warnings when we needed them? Why didn't they tell us lunch was so late? Our teachers have told us that we have so much more to learn and do this year. We think they have it out for us. We've been quite busy learning our routines and getting used to schedules, but we think we're finally into the swing of things now.

In our class we've been learning about the attributes of "scholars" and have learned about depth and complexity icons. Our teachers told us that we were going to be working with these icons throughout the year. We've read several stories and have had discussions looking to find depth and complexity icons in the stories from our reading book. Also, for social studies, we were given an extension menu where we could see what kind of project we wanted to do. We could choose things like writing a poem about the environment, doing research about a California region and writing a paragraph, and drawing a map of California that shows the resources from each region. That was a lot of fun!

We just finished a unit in social studies, so now we'll be working on a unit of science. We'll be studying energy, light, and matter in our new science books. We'll also get to do some hands-on science with the Beckman science kits. We can't wait! And these are just some of the things that have been happening in the third grade so far. We know that we'll be busy and have a lot of work to do this year, but we look forward to all of the fun things we'll be learning.

## Important Dates

October 13-17	Book Fair Safari—All week
<b>October 14</b>	<b>PTA meeting at 7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>October 16</b>	<b>School Board meeting, 7:00 P.M.</b>
October 17	Lunch on the Lawn, 11:45-12:45
October 17	Skate Party @ F.V. Skating Ctr.
October 20-24	Red Ribbon Week
October 27-31	Parent Conferences (Modified days)
November 5	Picture Day—Make-ups
November 10-11	Veterans' Day—No School
November 14	Taste of Fountain Valley
November 19	Soccer Tournament at Talbert

## School policy on forgotten items & after school directions

Please do not ask the office staff to deliver or inform your child that items such as lunches, books, assignments, etc. are in the office. Students may request a hall pass from their teacher to come to the office and look on the table for a forgotten item. Also, please do not ask the office to inform your child about a change in direction for after school (i.e., that Grandpa will be picking up Jr. instead of Dad). Plans must be arranged before school. It has been the policy at Moiola to avoid interrupting instructional time whenever possible. Students and parents are informed of this policy at the beginning of each year. Thanks for your cooperation!