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Upcoming Events

- Jan. 18** No School
- Jan. 19** Reflections Gallery Night 6pm - 7pm
- Jan.19** PTA meeting - 7 pm
- Jan.20- 21** Tile Wall
- Feb. 1- 5** Literacy Week
- Feb.1** Talent Show Tryouts 2:20 pm
- Feb. 5** Read-A-Thon
- Feb.12 & 15** No School
- Feb. 17** Kinder Round-up 9:00 am in the MPR
- Feb. 26** Talent Show

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Literacy Week is coming!! One of our most popular events is coming soon---- Literacy Week! This is the time when we celebrate reading! A week full of fun, reading-inspired activities is planned. To kick off the week, the Jester's mom is coming!! Please join us on Feb. 1st for an assembly where Barbara Saltzman reads and shares the story, The Jester Has Lost His Jingle. Order forms to purchase a book for your home library will be sent home that day with your student. You will also have an opportunity to purchase a book to support CHOC Hospital. The week will also include a book swap where students can "recycle" their old books. On Friday, February 5th, the week will end with the Read-A-Thon. More information will be sent home in upcoming Thursday folders.

Disney's Give a Day, Get a Day Program! Our PTA is registered for Disney's Give a Day, Get a Day program, where volunteers can receive a free day at Disneyland in exchange for a day of community service. We have several volunteer opportunities available through this program. There has been a tremendous amount of interest from community supporters, looking to get involved with a Green Team event. If you have any ideas for a large-scale recycling or other type of green event, we would love to hear them! Please send your ideas or comments to Diane Miller at diane@bigad.com.

Family Fun Night: Our 4th annual Bingo Family Fun Night was a HUGE success! Over 400 students and family members joined in for an exciting night, where Josh Vecchione once again served as our MC. A big thank you to Pam McCoy and Erin Scannell for putting on this great event!

GET INVOLVED!

PTA Elections are coming up in March. Forms were sent home on January 7th and additional forms are available in the office or on the PTA website (www.osograndepta.com). Join the PTA Executive Board to share ideas, work as a team, have fun...and make a difference!

Tile Wall

Want your child to leave a mark? Come on out Jan.20-21st. We will be offering tile painting for the tile wall. The tiles are \$25 each when pre-ordered and \$30 each on the day of the event.

OSO GRANDE TALENT SHOW

Auditions for the 2010 Talent show will be Feb.1st from 2:20-4:30. Applications for the auditions can be found at www.osograndepta.com.

It's Yearbook Dedication Ad time!
We are offering 2 sizes of ads this year---see flyer for sizes and details. The ads are due Friday, Feb.12th 2010
Please contact Heather Redd at theredds@cox.net for more information.

There will be no pre-orders for yearbooks this year. They will be for sale the week before school gets out. They will be on sale before and after school and at lunch periods for the 4th and 5th graders. The yearbooks will be full color and \$20 each.

Look for more information in May!

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Let's Meet Our Teachers!

We are so lucky to have such wonderful teachers here at Oso Grande. Each month we'll get to know a few of them just a little bit better.

Mrs. Williams (K) grew up in Mission Viejo and attended UC Davis. She got her teaching credential and master's degree from Concordia University in Irvine. She is married and has a son and a daughter. She enjoys spending time with her family. Mrs. Williams became a teacher because she loves working with children. Her favorite thing about being a teacher is seeing how excited the students get when they learn something new!

Mrs. Conrady (1st.) grew up mostly in Orange County and attended Moulton Elementary, Niguel Hills and then Dana Hills. She enjoys spending time with her family and taking road trips to the Bay Area, Oregon, Mammoth, Yosemite and any other National Parks. She is married with two children.

Mrs. Conrady became a teacher because she has always enjoyed working with children and loves seeing the world through their youthful eyes! Her favorite thing about being a teacher is watching the children learn to read. The process is very exciting to see, from the beginning of the school year until the end

Mrs. Leong (1st) grew up in the San Fernando Valley and attended Cal State Northridge and majored in Spanish Language and Culture. She got her M.S. in Instructional Leadership & Curriculum. She is married and has a boy (12) and a girl (9). She loves to travel the world with her family and also enjoys surfing, skiing, camping, and running. Mrs. Leong became a teacher initially to use both of her languages while helping bilingual students learn. Her favorite thing about being a teacher is the innocence and happiness children exude. She also loves their honesty and how appreciative they are for the little things in life. She is thrilled to have the ability to hopefully make a difference in the life of a child!

Mrs. Campbell (3rd) was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina but has lived in the United States since she was one. Her "hometown" is Costa Mesa, CA. She attended UCI for all of her graduate and post graduate work. She is married (to her High School Sweetheart) and has two sons in college. She enjoys boating, driving fast cars, swimming, and reading. Mrs. Campbell became a teacher to make a difference in people's lives. Her favorite thing about being a teacher is when a student's eyes light up and they "get it." The "a-ha" moments!

Mrs. Bruce (1st.) grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is married and has two boys. She became a teacher because she enjoys being around children and wanted to make a difference in their lives. Her favorite thing about being a teacher is seeing the kids' faces light up when they have learned something new.

Stay tuned to meet 5 more of our wonderful Grizzly teachers!

In the Event of an Emergency...

If you've ever wondered about the safety of our students in the event of an emergency, you can gain some peace of mind knowing that our school is prepared! Every classroom is equipped with an evacuation kit, roll sheet and a plan of what to do. In addition, each year, the students participate in monthly fire drills, 3 earthquake drills, a full simulation disaster drill and a stranger on campus drill! All of the student disaster kits are stored on campus, in a storage shed that was provided by the PTA. In the unlikely event of an emergency, parents should NOT call the school, as the teachers and administrators will be busy ensuring that our children are safe. Rather, parents should check the ListServ for updates and they can get additional information via the website, www.alertoc.com.

Special Ed: Save the date! (Feb.6th)

A "Making Connections" conference is slated for February 6, from 9am- 1pm. Parents of children with special needs are encouraged to come and learn about topics that interest them and benefit their child, including Behavior Management, Transition, and much more. The conference is presented by the Capistrano Unified Council of PTSAs Special Education linking Families (SELF), along with the Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

SILENT AUCTION is coming up in May!! If you have any items or services you would like to donate to help raise the necessary funds for our school, please contact suehorvath@hotmail.com

Thank you!

The PTA website is updated weekly! For more information about school and PTA events, please visit www.osograndepta.com.