

# Grizzly Gazette

Oso Grande Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### NOVEMBER

- 10th: Family Fun Movie Night
- 11th: Veteran's Day Holiday  
NO SCHOOL
- 14th—17th: Minimum days for Parent/Teacher conferences (early dismissal)
- 15th: PTA Meeting 7pm
- 18th: Student Holiday  
NO SCHOOL
- 21st—25th: Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28th: Imagination Machine Pre-writing Assemblies
- 30th: Holiday Boutique 1—5pm

### DECEMBER

- 19th—Jan. 2: Winter recess
- Jan 3: School Resumes

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## We Are Off To A Great Start

### Gift Wrap Fundraiser

The Oso Grande Gift Wrap Fundraiser is our largest fundraiser of the year. The event supports important school programs such as assemblies, school-wide field trips and teacher reimbursements for classroom supplies. We are thrilled to announce our Oso families met the 2011-2012 budget goal for funds raised. In addition, we have a record number of students (90!) who qualified for the Game Truck reward for meeting specified sales quotas. Qualifying students will be given several minutes of video game play on the Game Truck before Winter Break. If you know your child had a large order, please be

prepared to come to school the day of distribution to assist your child in bringing home purchased items.

### Book Fair Recap

Oso Grande's Book Fair took place the week of October 3 and we tied our record for the best sales totals ever! This important program funds the purchase of books in our school library, classroom libraries, and our school-wide Reading Counts program. The program was a huge success with over 4,500 books sold! Because of the success of this year's Book Fair, we added approximately 40 books to Oso Grande's school library and nearly 300 books to teacher classroom libraries. In addition,

the Book Fair funded the purchase of one grade-level book set for each grade, K-5. Book Fair during Back to School Night was a huge success and we'd like to thank parents who purchased books for their patience that evening.

### Celebration Book Club

Celebration Book Club is a great program that "celebrates" any special moment in your child's life with the donation of a new book to our school library. So far this year we have been able to add approximately 50 books to our library through the Club! Forms are available on our PTA website at [www.osograndepta.com/Book\\_Club.html](http://www.osograndepta.com/Book_Club.html).



## Music To Our Ears



We are grooving to the sweet sound of music at Oso Grande! Thanks to our amazing parents and PTA, Oso Grande has met budget goals for a full-year music program for grades K-3 for the 2011-2012 school year. Only approximately half of all elementary schools in CUSD offer a full year of music to these grades—and we are thrilled! CUSD funds music programs for 4th and 5th grade, but K-3 music programs are determined by each school site's ability to collect donations for their individual programs. We are fortunate to have Mr. Healy instructing our K-1st grade music students and Mrs. Hancock instructing 2nd and 3rd grade students. Funding campaigns will begin again in the Spring for the 2012-2013 school year. Congratulations to our Oso families for keeping this important program alive!



### PTA MISSION:

To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

### WAY TO GO

### OSO TEACHERS!

We are proud to share that every teacher at our school is also a member of

PTA.

# PTA 101

Oso Grande's PTA is a parent and teacher funded association that sponsors a wide spectrum of school events and programs. Teachers and parents can join PTA for as low as \$12/school year with no obligations. Our school goal would be to have each Oso family belong to PTA. Did you know PTA dollars make the following possible at Oso Grande?

Music	Meet the Masters	School Assemblies
Reading Counts	Science Programs	Art Programs
Field Trips for all grades	PE equipment	Health & Fitness programs
Author visits to school	Celebration Book Club	Disaster Preparedness Kits
Reflections Program	Café Oso Grande	Recess play equipment
Yearbook	Family Fun Nights	Rachel's Challenge

... just to name a few!

## Family PTA Contributions. . . Thank You!!!

On behalf of all of us at Oso, we would like to thank the following families who have gone above-and-beyond with their contributions to our PTA and toward sponsoring the programs listed above:

### PLATNUM LEVEL CONTRIBUTIONS (\$200+)

Arora	Fetters	Kumar	Redd
Barisic	Gattis	Lewis	Sorensen
Byerly	Hunnicutt	Miller	Stora
Cappellino	Heaton	Morrow	Walters
Doezie	Hunter	Pupil	Zollinger
Eubanks	Hakam	Rogers	
Fingersh	Jones	Rimay	

### GOLD LEVEL CONTRIBUTIONS (\$150)

Ellison	Rydell	Zhou	Zimmerman
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### SILVER LEVEL CONTRIBUTIONS (\$100)

Afzali	Fahey	Le	Quan
Amirjahari	Fong	Locke	Rodriguez
Banner	Gentry	Luna	Rubio
Black	Goldberg	Luzuriaga	Shanahan
Bohrer	Gosselin	Malloy	Trueman
Colburn	Gunderson	Miles	Verde
Corpuz	Hook	Mitchell	Warner
Doane	Jaffe	Pathak	Wheeler
Dragna	Kitcher	Phillips	

### BRONZE LEVEL CONTRIBUTION (\$50)

Aissi	Finman	Holley	Lax	Peterson	Thrall
Allen	Fischel	Horter	Love	Quinsey	Tickell
Berger	Fitch	Hutto	Maurer	Randall	Tindell
Blackwell	Fleiss	Jeltema	McGowan	Ridout	Tsuyuki
Cartledge	Galovan	Johnson	Miletich	Ryness	Underdahl
Chan	Giraudi	Justice	Moroson	Schappert	Verrengia
Chase	Gorlick	Kelsey	Moses	Schwalbe	Villanueva
Cohen	Guinane	Kolasinski	Nguyen	Sergeyev	Weckerly
Dogan	Hakmi	Krolczyk	Ogden	Smiley	White
Dunphy	Hallbeck	Lanz	Olsen	Taylor-Ellis	White
Engel	Higuchi	Lawson	Patel	Thomas	Wu
				Thompson	Yuhas

# What is “Meet the Masters”?



Since 1985, nearly 2 million students nation-wide have participated in the Meet the Masters program. Students learn about the lives and works of master artists through their masterpieces in school assembly and classroom instruction. Oso Grande's PTA funds the program and makes it available at our school. The curriculum is age-appropriate and offered at four age levels. This year the program will bring the works of Monet, Homer, Picasso and Warhol to our students via trained Meet the Masters instructors. Grizzlies will attend four assemblies followed by classroom artwork. Ask your child about his/her works-of-art. For more information on the program, visit [www.meetthemasters.com](http://www.meetthemasters.com).

## Rachel's Challenge at Oso Grande

Rachel's Challenge, a nationally-recognized powerful school bullying and violence prevention program that focuses on kindness and compassion, was presented in October to students and staff at Oso Grande. Rachel Scott, the first person killed in a shooting spree at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999, left behind inspiring essays that noted her belief that one person could start a chain reaction of kindness by their acts of kindness. The school featured a video presentation and assembly designed to motivate students to foster respectful and caring relationships with others. Following the presentation, students accepted Rachel's challenge by signing a banner which is prominently displayed in the school library. Throughout the year, students will be recognized for their random acts of kindness by being presented with a paper link. The links will be connected in each classroom, and ultimately all class chains will be linked together. Last year, the students connected all class chains together to form a chain that circled the school.

“This is more than an anti-bullying program,” says Principal Jayne Martin, “it is a very proactive program that is really so simple, but has literally changed the culture of our school for the better. Oso Grande would love to start a chain reaction so that other schools start accepting Rachel's Challenge as well!”

This is Oso Grande's second year participating in this program. Funding and support for the program comes from Oso Grande PTA. More information regarding Rachel's Challenge is available online at: <http://www.rachelschallenge.org/>

## Special Recognition and Thank You's

### Oso Families Support Grizzly Picnic

- Set Up - Lori Hook, Sarah Koclanis and Ashley Koclanis
- Clean Up - Danielle Rodriguez, Pam McCoy, Ellen Aistars, Diana Wilson
- Spirit Wear Sales - Deana Shields, Stephanie Banner, Darlynn Kitcher, Tina King, Autumn Connot
- PTA Booth - Kolleen Dunphy, Christina Tighe
- Boy Scouts Booth - Lisa Ross
- Girl Scouts Booth - Sandra Tickell
- Grizzly Dads booth - Chad Fuller
- Food Ticket Sales - Astrid Salen, Venessa Chase, Teri Fleiss, Alecia Hedge, Heather Redd, Diana Eubanks, Jennifer Byerly, Marie Finman, Leng Ho
- Craft Table Volunteers - Shelley Black, Gaylene Jones, Catherine Dogan, Shannon Olsen
- Grizzly Graduate Volunteers - Emily Redd, Jacqueline Miller, Colleen Scannell, Selin Dogan, Briana Eubanks, Anam Faruqi, Courtney Chase, Kate Finman, Emily Horvath

### Community Partners

Craig Freeman, the Starbucks store manager across from Cox Sports Park, generously donated the coffee for Café Oso Grande on the first day of school. The Ladera Cinnamon Productions also supported Café Oso Grande with pastries at a 25% discount.

We are so grateful to the following businesses who donated generously to our Grizzly Picnic: Busy Bee Learning Hive, The Ehler Family (AllBlownUp.com), Ladera Ranch Dance Academy, San Juan Hills HS Cheerleaders, and our great food from Jojo's Pizza, Baja Surf Tacos, and TK Burgers.

### We Need You!

Oso Grande PTA is always looking for parents who would like to get involved and make a difference in our school and community. If you are interested in donating your time at any of our upcoming school events or if you would like to Chair an event like our upcoming Health & Fitness Week, please contact Diana Eubanks at [dianaebanks@gmail.com](mailto:dianaebanks@gmail.com).



# Oso Grande Quiz Game

## How Well Do You Know Our School?



Each issue of our PTA newsletter this year will conclude with a quiz you can take to test your knowledge of Oso Grande. Play with the family and learn more about our school along the way. If you have a quiz question you'd like us to find the answer to and include in our next issue, please email Dannielle Cappellino at [dannielle@cappellinos.com](mailto:dannielle@cappellinos.com). We'll give you credit if we use your question!

1. When did Oso Grande officially open its doors?
2. How long did it take to build Oso Grande?  
*(quiz question submitted by Cole Byerly, 2nd grade)*
3. How many students are enrolled at Oso Grande?
4. How many boys and how many girls are enrolled at Oso?
5. How many students are in each grade level (K-5)?
6. How many teachers does the school have for each grade level?

## Get Your Holiday Shopping Done At Oso Grande



The 3rd Annual Holiday Boutique is arriving at Oso on November 30 in the Multi-Purpose Room from 1:00—5:00pm. This popular event offers quality vendors and an opportunity to get a head start on your holiday shopping list. A portion of the proceeds will go to our PTA to fund school programs. Vendor applications are available on the Oso Grande PTA website at [www.osograndepta.com](http://www.osograndepta.com). We are looking forward to many returning vendors as well as new ones!

### Oso Grande Quiz Game Answers

1. August 2005
2. Approximately 13-months: construction began June 30, 2004 with doors opening August 2005. A very quick build!
3. 1,121
4. 561 boys; 560 girls
5. Kindergarten = 194 students    1st grade = 209 students    2nd grade = 204 students    3rd grade = 193 students  
4th grade = 172 students    5th grade = 149 students
6. Kindergarten = 6 + 1 combo    1st grade = 6 + 1 combo    2nd grade = 6 + 1 combo    3rd grade = 6 + 1 combo  
4th grade = 5 + 1 combo    5th grade = 4 + 1 combo