

# GRIZZLY GAZETTE

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## Upcoming Events

**Nov. 9** Imagination  
Machine Assembly  
**Nov. 11** NO SCHOOL  
**Nov. 11** The Derby  
Restaurant Fundraiser  
**Nov. 17** PTA Mtg. 7pm  
MPR  
**Nov. 17** 5pm to 8pm  
CUCPTSA Reflections  
Showcase  
**Nov. 20** Gift Wrap Delivery  
**Nov. 23-27** NO SCHOOL  
**Nov. 30** 2pm to 5pm  
Holiday Boutique  
**Dec. 4** 7pm to 8:30pm Toy  
Town Story Time  
**Dec. 9** End of 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester  
**Dec. 21 to Jan. 1** Winter  
Recess

## Thank You to Our Community Friends

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## Welcome Back!

Thank you for taking the time to read through our first PTA newsletter of the year! We have an exciting year of fun and educational activities planned for your children. We also have some great family fun nights scheduled that the whole family will enjoy. We've already had our fantastic Brock Edwards Magic Show—with over 750 people in attendance! The kids enjoyed watching Mrs. Martin turn into a rabbit! Red Ribbon Week was fun and educational for all. The week also included a valuable Anti-Bully seminar for our kids. Our Meet the Masters program began with a wonderful presentation and project inspired by Norman Rockwell. We are proud to offer 3 more art sessions for the children throughout the year. Our school's Reflection Winners were recently announced, with over 70 entries! The category winners in each age group (12 winners in all) will now move on to represent Oso Grande at the Council level—Good Luck Artistic Grizzlies!

In order to continue to offer these wonderful programs, we have also had some great fundraisers! Our Book Fair was the most successful one yet! We recently finished our Annual Gift Wrap Fundraiser, where we raised over \$35,000 - our biggest fundraiser of the year. The kids earned a fun BMX Show as their reward for such fantastic sales! Thank you to all of our families that have joined the PTA this year. Your support helps keep our PTA strong!

Our theme for the year is "Blue and Yellow make Green," so we are doing our best to minimize the number of flyers that are being sent home. Therefore, please make an effort to check the PTA website frequently so that you can stay in the loop! Our website address is [www.osograndepta.com](http://www.osograndepta.com). Thank you to Kari Rydell for maintaining our PTA website!

**Holiday Boutique – Come and get some of your holiday shopping done..right at Oso Grande! We will be hosting a Holiday Boutique on Mon. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 pm. This is a great way to support some of our parent businesses and get some of your holiday shopping done at the same time. There will be raffle prizes, too! For more info. or to sign up to be a vendor, please contact Nancy Yuhas at [nyuhas@hotmail.com](mailto:nyuhas@hotmail.com).**

Dashing through the halls, Looking forward to this day, O'er the fields we go, Laughing all the way. It's Holiday Shop time again, We have our gift lists in our hands Can't wait to see the smiles we bring To our friends and family! Oh, bring your coin, bring good cheer, Holiday Shop is here, Join us for your shopping needs It's that special time of year

**Oso Grande's Holiday Shop will be open during school hours  
Wed. December 2nd – Thurs.  
December 10th**

Don't forget to place your Celebration Book Club order to celebrate the holidays, the New Year, new babies, special friends, family, or teachers. With the growth this school has undergone the past few years, we really need to increase the number of books going into the library, and this is how we do it.

The order form can be  
downloaded at  
[www.osograndepta.com](http://www.osograndepta.com).

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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. Ralston (K) grew up in California and attended CS Fullerton and the Univ. of Guadalajara. She enjoys reading, cooking and baking. She is married and has 3 daughters. She became a teacher because she loves working with children and helping them feel successful. Her favorite thing about being a teacher is teaching children to read and enjoy literature. Also, she enjoys hearing the funny things they say!

Mrs. Haskell (K) grew up in Anaheim and attended CS Fullerton. She enjoys running and reading. She has 3 boys, age 13, 10 and 8. She became a teacher because she loves working with children and watching them grow and learn. Her favorite thing about being a teacher is those "A-HA!" moments and of course, all the funny things they say!

Mrs. Harris (1<sup>st</sup>) grew up Michigan and Ohio and received her BFA from Eastern Michigan University. She received her Teaching Credential from UCI and her Masters from CS Long Beach. She enjoys reading and is married with two boys ages 11 and 13. She became a teacher to change the world (nothing wrong with lofty goals) and try to make it a better place! She also believes a good education is very important. Her favorite thing about being a teacher is being with small children who are very, very funny—and teaching them how to read.

Mrs. Grudynski (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>) grew up in Bellflower and attended Biola University, USC and CS Long Beach. She enjoys reading and playing the piano. She is married and has two boys. She became a teacher because she loves seeing the growth in children when they learn new things. It is very rewarding to her knowing she has an impact on their lives and that she can inspire them to be the best they can be. Her favorite thing about being a teacher is the variety, spontaneity, and challenge to reach all kinds of students.

Mrs. Tonai (3<sup>rd</sup>) grew up in Fullerton and attended UC San Diego and the Univ. of Madrid. She enjoys reading, swimming, and going to the movies. She has been married for 11 years and has two daughters, ages 7 and 4. She became a teacher because it's what she's enjoyed doing since she was very young and helping out in her mom's classroom and then she later volunteered as a tutor in high school and college. She enjoys the novelty and challenge each new school year brings. Her favorite thing about being a teacher is seeing students grow and develop into lifelong learners. It's especially rewarding hearing about continued academic success from former students.

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

**Thank you to all the families that joined PTA this year. We have almost 600 members, including 34 teachers! A special thank you to our leveled sponsors:**

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**Family Fun Night at Toy Town - on Fri. Dec. 4, take the family to Toy Town between 7 & 8:30 for hot chocolate and cookies on us! Miss Peggy from the Ladera Ranch library will be there for story-time. Kids can work on their letters to Santa or they can pick up a wish list to fill out while in the store. For any items purchased off that list either during the night or in the following weeks leading up to the holidays, the school will receive a percentage of the sale! This event will take place right after the tree lighting ceremony on the Town Green.**