

PTO NEWSLETTER

SOLVANG SCHOOL MARCH 2010

PLEASE HELP!! We are in desperate need of Parent volunteers!

March is a busy month. The teachers are busy preparing the children for Star testing in May, the kids are finishing projects for open house, and there are lots of activities going on at school. There are several opportunities to help in and out of the classroom. If there is **any amount of time** that you can give, please read this newsletter and see where you can help.

PTO BOARD

Carissa Luke, president Anita Brau, treasurer
Teasha Blackman, secretary Kris Walters, teacher representative

Open House

Open House is Thursday, March 25th. This year, we would like to offer pizza and a drink available for purchase that evening. However to do this, we would need some parent volunteers to work in just one of two half hour time slots from 6-7pm. Unfortunately, if we cannot get any parent volunteers, we will be unable to offer this. If you can help at all, please contact Carissa Luke at thelukes3@gmail.com or call 686-9181.

There is still time to get your Solvang School

2009-2010 Student Directories! Price Reduction to \$4.00!

Pick one up in the office today!

DAD VOLUNTEER DAY (DVD)

Dads, please come out and help with DVD on Friday, March 26th. Give as little or as much as you can in the classroom or around the school. Contact Kyle Hickman at 680-5783

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Battle of the Books Grades 4-6 Tuesday, March 16 8:30am-12pm
Timekeepers, scorekeepers, and question readers needed.

Book Fair March 23-26 Room 3/4 Lower Campus

Volunteers are needed to help promote the fair, set up, sell, pack up and various other duties.

Monday March 22 - set up 10 am-2 pm

Tuesday March 23 - open 8:30-3:30

Wednesday March 24 - open 8:30-2:30

Thursday March 25 - open 8:30-12:30 and during Open House

Friday March 26 - open for sales until 10 am then packing up.

Please support our fundraiser for the library. Book fairs are our only funding source for new library materials.

Library opportunities all year: Volunteers are needed to help with a wide variety of activities. No experience needed. Help is always appreciated with reading stories to students, teaching library skills, supervising students on computers, putting labels on books, decorating bulletin boards and even cleaning the library. If you can help at all in the library, please contact Lois De Meyer 688-4810 ext. 106 or loisd@solvangschool.org

PARENT SEMINAR ON BULLYING - MONDAY, MARCH 29TH at 7:00 PM



According to the National Association of School Psychologists, about one in seven school children has either been a bully or been the target of a bully!

On Monday March 29th The Bully Game is coming to Solvang School; an action packed, high energy assembly program designed to prevent bullying, repel peer pressure and improve the overall school experience for students, teachers and parents. In conjunction with the assemblies for our students that day, we are also offering a parent seminar on Bully Prevention in the evening. If you have ever been a victim of bullying or have been a bully yourself, you know that this is a serious issue with possible lifelong consequences. Come and learn how you can help your children and others overcome this problem.

“Very INTERESTING, very INFORMATIVE and TO THE POINT!”

Please let us know if this is a seminar you would like to attend so we can plan for the size of the seminar. Please email or call Cindy Fredette with your “Yes, we are coming to help stop bullying in our school and community!” Email syvfreds@juno.com or call 688-3553 as soon as possible and before March 5th!

ON RECOGNIZING THE PROBLEM

- How to tell if your child is being bullied.
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- The Bullying Cycle and How To Break It
- The Warning Signs of Future Violence - Remember Columbine?



GO GREEN

Walking School Bus is continuing every Wednesday morning. You can pick up a map with routes and times in the office on the PTO table or call Susan Jacques 452-1883 or Eleanor Lind 686-8919 for more information.

We have **Stainless Steel Water Bottles** left and the price has been cut drastically!

A bargain at **\$7 dollars each or 2 for \$10!** Call Susan or Eleanor and get them before we sell out.

SSEF

The BE ARTS SMART! Music Festival to keep Music & Arts education thriving at Solvang School begins at 7:00pm on Tuesday, March 2nd at The Little Theater at S.Y.V. High School. Come out and enjoy an inspired and eclectic mix of Valley musicians, many of them with ties to Solvang School. Featured performers include: BEAR ERICKSON, GARY FOSHEE, ALAN SATCHWELL, ADAM HAWS, ALEX NISHI, THE VINEYARD BIRDS, NICOLETTE BIRNIE, LYNNI GILFRY, THE MISTY ISLES CONSORT, LINDA BURROWS, KATHRYN IMANI, GREG DELEON, FRANK PALMER, ANDY PHILPOT, and Matthew Schick's SOLVANG SCHOOL OF ROCK BAND. Christi Satchwell is directing the Festival.

Tickets are available at The Book Loft and at the door - \$25 for General Admission and \$150 for Patron seats. Advanced purchase is recommended. Mounted student art will be exhibited and sold at intermission. If you are unable to attend this festival but want to help, please send your tax-deductible donation to: SSEF P.O. Box 304, Solvang, CA 93464 or drop off your donation at the School Office. For information call Linda at 688-7423.

*****NEWSLETTER NOTICE*****

Please note that we are no longer sending the PTO newsletter out via Thursday folders. It will only be available on the PTO table in the office, on the website, or via email. If you are not currently receiving the newsletter via email and would like to, please email Carissa Luke at thelukes3@gmail.com. The Solvang School website is www.SolvangSchool.org. Go to PTO and click on “Newsletter”.