



The Scoop from PTG – A Year in Review

PTG has been busy this school year, and we wanted to provide a brief recap of the activities for the 2007 - 2008 school year. These activities would not be successful without the efforts of countless parent volunteers.

We started the year with the **Welcome Back Brunch** on August 19th. Myra Keast and Sheri McMurray coordinated a very successful event. Mark Clement and Melissa Plaisance also welcomed all the new families to the school and provided some background on the activities of the PTG. The **Ice Cream Social** followed, with the help of the 8th grade room parents and volunteers, SPN families packed the hall and enjoyed ice cream complete with toppings and whipped cream.

Thanks to Trudi Seiwald for putting together the **Family Directory**, and to Jerry and Pam DeCastro for printing both the **School Handbook** and the **Family Directory**. The **Hot Lunch** program was available to our students five days a week. Thanks to Jessica Hayes for coordinating this important program. The **Scholastic Book Fair** was very successful under the new leadership of Sue Coberg and Maureen Gilcrest. As a result of our sales, 1400 books were donated.

Thank you to Patricia Gonzalez for organizing this year's **Cookie Dough** sale. We raised a record of nearly \$4600 through this sale, much more than we had budgeted. This combined with last year's Spell-A-Thon funds, have covered the majority of our operating expenses for the year.

Our **Adopt-A-Family** activity in the December holiday season, under the direction of Sheri McMurray, Myra Keast, and Paula Nilsson, was very warmly received. The recipients were very touched by the generosity of the SPN Community. Grades K-5 donated gifts to 8 families from the Oakland Catholic Workers Association, and Grades 6-8 donated to youth ages 12-16 at Alameda Point Collaborative. Thanks also to Kriste Faulkner for organizing the **Student Christmas Project**. The **Teacher's Holiday Luncheon** was coordinated by the 2nd and 6th grade room parents, and was greatly appreciated.

A huge thank you goes out to Sheila Lewellyn, Carolyn LaFollette, and Sue Wainwright for planning a very successful **Catholic School's Week** (1/27 – 2/1). Many school families and a number of prospects joined us for Mass and Open House on Sunday, January 27th. Thanks to all who donated refreshments, and to our room parents who coordinated all of the food and beverage donations. In addition, students donated over 100 mittens and gloves and 102 scarves were hand knit by students in the upper grades and donated to the Midway Shelter. In addition, family heritage was discussed in the classrooms complete with a flag project, and appreciation was shown to students, teachers and our Bingo volunteers.

Many thanks to Sherri McMurray for coordinating the **Geo Quest**. The children learned some very useful information, and we raised almost \$10,000 for next year's PTG activities. Also, huge kudos to JaYing Wang-Pigott for the **Art Docent Program** and for setting up a wonderful display of our children's art at **Art de Young**.

VIP Day was being coordinated by Mark Clement, with the help of the 4th grade and 7th grade room parents. Thanks to all who contributed. The **Children's Talent Show** was held as a school event rather than an evening event this year. Many thanks to Dania Marroni for a very enjoyable show!

And finally, thanks to Roberta Ratto for managing **Box Tops for Education**, Cory Swain for the Alameda Towne Center **Earning for Learning** program and to Maureen Gilcrest for coordinating the **Room Parents** all year long.

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Next PTG Meeting: Monday, June 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the computer lab. Questions, ideas? Contact Mark Clement, at Mark.Clement@hilton.com