

## eYapper – January 19, 2010

### The ABC's of Life

{Oo} – **Order Your Steps** – At some point you must recognize that the world is larger than you and a higher power guides all that you do. Seek wisdom and guidance for your steps to be ordered that you might fulfill the destiny awaiting you. Strive for meaning in your life. Understand that there is a divine design for your life. *Byron V. Garrett*

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### MATHCOUNTS Calle School Wide Competition Update

Last week, a record 210 Calle Mayor students participated in the MATHCOUNTS Competition. Results will be posted next week. **Thank you Mr. Gerson** and his wife for spending most of their holiday weekend individually grading each and every one of these entries!

### Save the Date – MATHCOUNTS Fundraiser at El Paso Cantina – January 27<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Save the Date – Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Print out and take the attached flyer to El Paso Cantina next Wednesday. Have a yummy late afternoon snack or dinner and help the award winning Calle MATHCOUNTS program at the same time!

### What is MATHCOUNTS®?

To secure America's global competitiveness, MATHCOUNTS inspires excellence, confidence and curiosity in U.S. middle school students through fun and challenging math programs. With the generous support of all MATHCOUNTS sponsors and volunteers, and leadership of the National Society of Professional Engineers at the local and state levels, MATHCOUNTS is providing

today's students with the foundation for success in science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers.

MATHCOUNTS is a national enrichment, club and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement in every U.S. state and territory.

Currently in its 27th year, MATHCOUNTS is one of the country's largest and most successful education partnerships involving volunteers, educators, industry sponsors and students. President Barack Obama and former Presidents George W. Bush, William J. Clinton, George H.W. Bush and Ronald W. Reagan have all recognized MATHCOUNTS in White House ceremonies. The MATHCOUNTS program has also received two White House citations as an outstanding private sector initiative.

### **Calle Mayor PTSA Sponsored 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip News**

Exciting field trip news! The Calle Mayor 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be touring the Museum of Tolerance on April 19<sup>th</sup>. **Thank you to Mrs. Martinez** for securing this high demand venue for our students. Field trip plans for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders are in the planning stage and their destination news will be published as it becomes available.

### **South High Football News**

#### ***Future Spartan Football Families***

The South High Football Boosters would like to welcome any Calle Mayor student, and their parents, who are interested in playing football at South High as a Freshman. As preparations are now underway for the 2010 season, we recommend that you become involved as early as possible. We also recommend that you frequently check our website, as it is the most useful resource of information available to you, both in the pre-season and once the season gets started. This website is continually updated, and will be your key to information about the South Football Program, including Booster information regarding fundraising, upcoming events, handouts, team updates, etc. Please bookmark this website for future reference:

[www.eteamz.com/SouthHighFootball](http://www.eteamz.com/SouthHighFootball)

**NOTE TO CURRENT 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS:** There will be a General Booster meeting scheduled in February to give everyone more information on the program and the expectations and goals for this year. We encourage you to attend this meeting, which will be held in the S.H.S. cafeteria. More information, including date and time, will be posted to the website and/or sent out in a PTA blast as soon as it becomes available.

If you have any questions please contact:

Dan Spahr - 2010 President  
South High School Football Boosters, Inc.  
south.president@yahoo.com  
310-408-4371

### **Ongoing Programs and Reference Information**

#### **PTSA Membership - Ongoing**

Please be a part of our Award Winning Calle Mayor Middle School PTSA.

It is never too late to join the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation. PTSA membership envelopes can be picked up in the school office. \$7 buys you an entire year membership.

#### **Ralphs Community Contribution Program - Ongoing**

If you shop at Ralphs, please consider registering your Ralphs Rewards card, designating Calle Mayor Middle School as your Community Partner. A percentage of almost all items purchased will be donated to Calle. Have your Ralphs card handy (or if you are like many of us who use our telephone number) – prior to registering, contact Ralphs at 1-800-660-9003 for your Ralphs Rewards card number. Then register at:

[http://www.ralphs.com/myralphs/703/Pages/community\\_contribution.aspx](http://www.ralphs.com/myralphs/703/Pages/community_contribution.aspx)

### **Got Magazines?**

#### **Work in an Office with Magazines in the Waiting Room? - Ongoing**

- As of right now, the 2009 and 2010 dated magazine collection for our Community Partner, Torrance Memorial Medical Center and Hospital is ongoing. Until there is a cure for every illness, there will be a need for hospitals and therefore there will be bored patients who need things to read. Every little bit will help make someone's hospital stay, just a bit more comfortable. Please continue to drop off your magazines to the Calle office. Deposit them in the Labeled box under the counter.

Thank you Calle families.

### **Parent Connect Information UPDATE – A TUSD Provided Service**

- **If you are having difficulty accessing your account, please remember that your PIN and Password are “Case Sensitive”. Please type in exactly what is provided in your letter. If you are still having difficulties, then contact Lona Guizar at [LGuizar@tusd.org](mailto:LGuizar@tusd.org) or (310) 533-4548 with any questions.**
- **Each FAMILY is assigned a PIN and Password for all students in that family. So if your student has an older sibling, either at South High or at Calle, the PIN and Password will be the same for all siblings in a family. Once you log in, you will be allowed to select which student's Parent Connect record you would like to view.**
- **Just a reminder – Parent Connect is for Parents ONLY. If a student wants to check on their missing assignments, etc., they need to ask their parents to log in for them.**

Parent Connect is an opportunity for parents and students to check their progress in each of their classes online. Parent Connect is part of a larger online system that Torrance schools are now using to help keep track of vital student records. This program allows parents to have “read-only” access to this information.

### **Power Lunch Program at Calle – Parents PLEASE READ**

Has your student missed class assignments? Falling a bit behind? Needs extra help? Calle has begun a new and exciting program called Power Lunch. It is by invitation only, but is an opportunity for them to catch up. Also, make sure to discuss with your student how important it is to attend Power Lunch should they receive an invitation. Please contact Tabatha Swiger if you have any questions.

### **Math Club Program at Calle – Parents PLEASE READ**

Is your child having difficulty in Math? Didn't score Proficient on the last standardized tests? Needs help with their Math homework? Please take advantage of this FREE program provided by Calle to assist and improve your student's math skills. Tuesday and Thursdays after school.

### **Events Made Possible this Month by the Calle Mayor Middle School PTSA**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – Museum of Tolerance  
Adventures in Art – Project #3 – Hands of Rodin  
Library  
Calle Mayor Middle School PTSA Website  
Weekly eYapper

## **School News**

### **CALLE MAYOR STUDENT BULLETIN**

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PROMOTION GOWNS** – Forms regarding promotion gowns went home on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> through your Social Studies classes. Every student regardless if they are buying a gown or not buying one **MUST** return the form. The gown color is red, and if you are considering wearing a previously worn gown – try it on now. Gown cost has not changed – it will still be \$16.00. If you did not get a form, see Barbara in the office. Forms and money are to be return to the office and placed the Calle Black Box. Please remember to staple checks and money to the form.

**DAILY BULLETIN** – Copies of the Student Bulletin will be posted daily on the back of the school office windows starting on January 5, 2010. Be sure to check it if you don't hear the announcements when they are read or you just want to make sure you heard something correctly.

**PAW PRINT** – The Paw Print now has its own blog. The address is: CallePawPrint.blogspot.com.

**A REMINDER REGARDING GATE RECOMMENDATIONS** – All GATE recommendations are due to Ms. Swiger by January 20, 2010. The test is scheduled for February 11, 2010.

**LOST AND FOUND** – it's that time of year. The end of the quarter is when all the jackets, sweatshirts, etc. are given away to a charity. If you lost a jacket, etc. now is the time to come to the office and check. We also have some glasses, lunch pails, pencils cases and lots of personal books.

**CJSF** – CJSF members – anyone interested in a fundraiser for Haiti, meet in Room 13 on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at lunch. Also, all service hour forms are due by Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> to Mrs. Creek or Mr. Fowler.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please email me at:  
[CallePTSA@verizon.net](mailto:CallePTSA@verizon.net)

Lisa Snowiss  
Calle Mayor Middle School PTSA President  
"Be the Dream Makers for Our Children"

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Taking Classes at South High – Late Start Schedule for South High School – February 2010 Schedule** February 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### **Calle Band and Choir Calendar**

Upcoming performances:

March 4 – South Area Festival, SHS Gym, 7 p.m.

March 16 – SCSBOA Festival, Armstrong Theater, 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

March 27 – Choir Festival and Knotts Trip

March 30 – Middle School Choral Festival

April 2 – 7 – Hawaii Trip and Festival

April 11 – Opening Day, Port Royal Yacht Club, 2:30 p.m.

May 5 – SCSBOA Regional Festival, Ontario, California

May 18 – Spring Concert, Armstrong Theater, 7 p.m.

May 25, 26, 27, 31 – Mandatory Choir Musical Dress Rehearsals, Café, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

June 1 – 2 – Choir Spring Musical, Café, 7 p.m.

June 24 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion, SHS Gym, 4 p.m.

Please note, student arrival times will be earlier than performance times.

## **Plan Ahead - Student Free and No School Days**

January 29 - Student Free Day  
February 8 - Lincoln's Birthday - No School  
February 15 - Washington's Birthday - No School  
April 5 - 9 - Spring Break - No School  
May 31 - Memorial Day - No School

## **Upcoming Events – New Dates Added**

January 20 – Y & Z Committee Meeting  
January 28 – Scoliosis Re-Checks  
January 29 - End of 2nd Quarter  
January 29 - **Student Free Day—NO SCHOOL**  
January 29 – Co-Rec Mardi Gras Dance  
February 5 - Report Cards go home  
February 8 - **Lincoln's Birthday—NO SCHOOL**  
February 9 - PTSA Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Room 25  
February 11 - Bulldog Award Assembly  
February 11 - Honor Roll Event  
February 11 – School Site Council meeting  
February 15 - **Washington's Birthday—NO SCHOOL**  
February 23 – South High Late Start  
February 23 - PTSA Association Meeting/Honorary  
Service/Founder's Day  
March 2 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade STAR Writing Test  
March 4 – South Area Festival, SHS Gym, 7 p.m.  
March 5 – Progress Reports Go Home  
March 9 – South High Late Start  
March 9 – PTSA Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Room 25  
March 14 – Daylight Saving Time Begins  
March 16 – SCSBOA Festival, Armstrong Theater, 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
March 18 – Spring and Buddy Pictures  
March 23 – South High Late Start  
March 26-28 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade GATE Catalina Island Marine Institute Trip  
March 27 – Choir Festival and Knotts Trip  
March 30 – Middle School Choral Festival  
April 2 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter  
April 2 – 7 – Band Hawaii Trip and Festival  
April 5 – 9 – **Spring Break – NO SCHOOL**  
April 11 – Port Royal Yacht Club Concert  
April 14 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Panoramic Picture  
April 16 – Report cards carried home  
April 19 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade PTSA Sponsored Field Trip – Museum of Tolerance  
April 20 – PTSA Board Meeting  
April 22 – Bulldog Award Assembly  
April 22 – Honor Roll Event  
April 27 – Science Fair