

# Calle Mayor Middle School eYapper – February 22, 2010

## The ABC's of Life

**{Ss} – Stay Strong to Your Values and Beliefs** – A key to success in life is staying strong to your core values and beliefs. By doing so you'll find that in spite of your situation or circumstances, you can smile at the person you see in the mirror and say good morning without feeling ashamed or guilty for anything. *Byron V. Garrett*

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**Box Tops Round 'em Up and Turn 'em In – Through Today, Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Support the Calle P.E. program – Turn in as many Box Tops as you can!

**South High School Late Start Tuesday – February 23rd**

**PTSA Association Meeting – Elections, Honorary Service Awards, In Search of Excellence Awards and Founder's Day – Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 6:30 p.m.**

Please join us for an action filled evening to celebrate and honor our tireless volunteers and our In Search of Excellence Students, along with our annual elections and Founder's Day.

Ever wonder how In Search of Excellence Awards are decided?

Every teacher may select up to five students per semester who demonstrate a quality of excellence in a variety of categories including, but not limited to, good citizenship and academic improvement. This award is presented at the evening February and June PTSA Association meetings. In Search of Excellence is a PTSA sponsored event.

What about what an Honorary Service Award is?

An Honorary Service Award (HSA) may be given to an individual or organization in special recognition of outstanding service to children and youth.

**Sweet Jazz Night – How Sweet It Was!**

On Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, many Calle families and friends joined South High families for an evening of Sweet Jazz and Sweet Desserts. For the first time ever, the Calle Jazz Band was invited to perform with the South High School "A" and "B" Jazz bands at Sweet Jazz Night. Calle Mayor has the distinction of being the only school in the South Bay to have a Jazz Band program. It was a lovely evening, enjoyed by all. Thank you Calle Jazz band members, families, and friends for supporting this evening, and thank you **Mr. Tim Nail** for all of the time and energy that you put in to making the Calle music program shine!

**TUSD Board of Education and Cabinet Members Hold Special Budget Workshop – Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 7 p.m. – City of Torrance, Council Chambers**

The ongoing budget crisis in California will once again adversely affect all school districts in the state. TUSD is committed to working with, and listening to, community members during these challenging fiscal times. In an effort to communicate with our stakeholders and allow you to understand the magnitude of the California budget, the TUSD Board and Cabinet will hold a special budget workshop to provide community members the opportunity to ask budget specific questions and gain a better understanding of its implication on TUSD. The District has to recommend cuts to the Board of Education before the March 15, 2010 legislative deadline in order to allow the Board to take action prior to this date.

**Nerd Day – Friday, February 26, 2010**

Be there and be square.

### **World Maths Day 2010 – March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **Congratulations Eric Xu – Maths Day Ambassador for the U.S.A.**

World Maths Day 2010 - By Mr. Gerson

Calle Mayor is participating in World Maths Day 2010. That isn't a typo. That is what it is called elsewhere in the world because there are many kinds of math, including algebra and geometry. The type of math focused on this year during World Maths Day is arithmetic. That is the type of math that you typically memorize or do mentally like  $6 \times 3 = 18$ . Every student will receive a unique login to the website [worldmathsday.com](http://worldmathsday.com) where they can practice their mental math skills until the big day, March 3, 2010. As long as it is March 3<sup>rd</sup> somewhere in the world, the Mathometer will record the number of correct answers given by each participating student. Last year, 1,952,879 students participated from 204 countries answering 452,681,681 questions correctly. Calle Mayor students are going to help break those records this year.

We have more exciting news. Because of our success in MATHCOUNTS and the American Math Challenge, the Australian company that developed the internet platform for World Maths Day, 3P Learning, asked me if I would like to nominate a student to be Ambassador for the USA. Last year, there were only 2 students selected from all over the USA of the 20 total students selected to be Ambassadors for their respective countries. I nominated Eric Xu, and he was accepted. You will be able to see his picture on [worldmathsday.com](http://worldmathsday.com), and he received an iPod touch and iTunes gift card. He will also be interviewed on Torrance CITicable and other media outlets. Eric Xu and Calle Mayor will receive international attention. Get involved and be a part of the big day by logging on and contributing your correct answers to the final count on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **The Bulldog Barker is Here! – Online at <http://www.CallePTSA.org>**

#### **Open Enrollment News**

Open enrollment applications are available in the office. Applications are for City of Torrance residents only. Applications can be turned in at the Torrance Unified School District Child Welfare and Attendance Office located on the second floor at 2335 Plaza Del Amo Monday through Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> through March 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Late and faxed applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.

#### **Win a Prius in the Torrance Educational Foundation Opportunity Drawing!**

Torrance Ed Foundation Prius Opportunity Drawing tickets are now available from Barbara in the office. Each ticket is \$20.00 with \$10.00 coming directly back to the school. You can designate a school group to receive the money such as Band, Marine Lab, P.E., etc. All money spent on the tickets minus the \$10 that will come directly back to the school comes back in other ways such as grants to teachers. Get your ticket now and support your schools.

#### **Bulldog Award – School Sponsored**

What are they?

Teachers at each grade level select a special student that represents the ideas of a student that is involved at school and in the community. Each quarter one student from each grade level will be recognized.

Calle Mayor would like to recognize the following First Quarter 2009-2010 Bulldog Award Winners:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade First Quarter Bulldog Award– **Kiana Montelongo**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade First Quarter Bulldog Award – **Taylor Brydon**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade First Quarter Bulldog Award – **Haden Oliphant**

Calle Mayor would like to recognize the following Second Quarter 2009-2010 Bulldog Award Winners:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Second Quarter Bulldog Award– **Shelby Petty**  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Second Quarter Bulldog Award – **Eric Xu**  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Second Quarter Bulldog Award – **Nicole Maladrinos**

Calle would like to thank **Torrance Memorial Medical Center** for their sponsorship of the Bulldog Awards.

### **Celebration Time for Seaside Elementary School's 60th Anniversary – Saturday, March 20th**

Seaside Alumni and Calle Community – Please join us for Seaside's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! Saturday, March 20, 2010, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Seaside Elementary School, 4651 Sharynne Lane. Event hosted by Seaside Elementary School and the Seaside Homeowners Association. Bring the family and a picnic basket. Join the Seaside neighborhood for a day of fun! There will be Classic Cars and memorabilia on display, Children's relays and DJ Dewey. We hope to see you there!

### **Parent Education Night – Save the Date – March 23, 2010**

"Parenting Your Child in an Internet Based World". This event will be hosted by Richardson Middle School.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Meeting for students interested in taking Honors classes at South High as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader – March 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.**

Parents of current 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, if your child is interested in taking Honors classes at South High School in the fall, you will want to attend this informative meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – Medieval Times – March 30<sup>th</sup>**

A tentative date has been set for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Medieval Times. There will be a \$25 per student donation for this event. The transportation for this event is sponsored by the Calle Mayor PTSA. More details and information will be provided in future issues of the eYapper and via flyers sent home with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Thank you to **Mr. Wetzell** for organizing and coordinating this outing for the students.

### **Important April Dates for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

April 14<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Only meeting at the South High Boys Gym. This meeting will provide registration information for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

April 16<sup>th</sup> – South High Bluegrass Day – The current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will spend some time at South High School to find out about all of the clubs and sports available at the high school.

April 21<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Programming for Calle Mayor – Counselors from South High School will meet with the current 8<sup>th</sup> graders to assist them in selecting and scheduling their classes for the fall.

### **Save the Date – May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Annual Calle vs. Richardson Basketball Game**

### **Science Fair Packet**

**Available for Download at the Calle Mayor School Website**  
**[www.callemayor.org](http://www.callemayor.org)**

### **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**

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### **School News**

#### **CALLE MAYOR STUDENT BULLETIN**

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PROMOTION GOWNS** – Forms regarding promotion gowns went home on Tuesday, January 19th 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. **All forms are due by February 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**HOT CHOCOLATE SALES** – Hot chocolate on sale at recess every Thursday in February outside of Room 8 for 50¢ a cup. Support the STEPS program.

**CALLE FLAG TEAM** – Perform with the South High Band in the Armed Forces Day Parade! The flag team will meet on Thursday from 3:15 to 4:00 pm beginning Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Band Room at Calle Mayor. Open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. No experience necessary. Questions? – Andrea Ruof at [mandrea.ruof@verizon.net](mailto:mandrea.ruof@verizon.net).

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 – Concert Band and Choir Music Festival and trip to Knotts

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**

April 5 - 9 - Spring Break - No School

May 31 - Memorial Day - No School

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

February 22 – Last Day to Turn in Box Tops to support the P.E. Department

February 23 – South High Late Start

February 23 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Gown Orders Due

February 23 - PTSA Association Meeting/Honorary  
Service/Founder's Day/In Search of Excellence

February 25 – TUSD Board of Education Workshop, 7 p.m., City of Torrance Council Chambers

February 26 – Nerd Day

March 2 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade STAR Writing Test

March 3 – World Maths Day 2010

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 20 – Seaside's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

March 23 – South High Late Start

March 23 – Parent Education Night – “Parenting Your Child in an Internet Based World” at  
Richardson Middle School

March 24 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Meeting for Students interested in classes at South High

March 26-28 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade GATE Catalina Island Marine Institute Trip

March 27 – Concert Band and Choir Music Festival and trip to Knotts

March 30 – Tentative 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Medieval Times

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 14 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting at South High Boys Gym

April 16 – Report cards carried home

April 16 – Bluegrass at South High School

April 19 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade PTSA Sponsored Field Trip – Museum of Tolerance

April 20 – PTSA Board Meeting

April 21 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Programming for Calle Mayor

April 22 – Bulldog Award Assembly

April 27 – Science Fair

April 29 – Honor Roll Event

May 3 – Annual Calle versus Richardson Basketball Game