

Calle Mayor Middle School eYapper – March 1, 2010

The ABC's of Life

{Tt} – **Travel the Long Road to Equality** – We would like to think that we live in a world where there is equality – we do not. Do not disregard the inequalities in life, but rather acknowledge them for what they are and move forward in the midst of adversity. *Byron V. Garrett*

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LATE START TUESDAY –

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM MR. SHECK

ON LATE START TUESDAY, THE CALLE MAYOR GATES WILL BE LOCKED UNTIL 9:10 A.M. BEFORE THAT YOU WILL HAVE TO GO TO THE CAFETERIA.

PTSA Association Meeting News

Calle Mayor Middle School PTSA 2010-2011 Election Results

President	Wendy Hurst
First VP	Lisa Snowiss
Second VP	Susan Blomquist
Third VP	Edna Uratsu & Alex Okamuro
Fourth VP	Alpa Brown and Melanie Harrison
Recording Secretary	Jan Kiernan
Financial Secretary	Karen Duane
Treasurer	DeAnn Ince
Auditor	Iris Colditz
Historian	Janet Kissner

Congratulations New Calle PTSA Board!

In Search of Excellence Awards

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. In Search of Excellence is a PTSA sponsored event.

The Calle Mayor PTSA would like to congratulate the following students:

6th Grade:

Jennifer Bailey, Nisha Bajania, Ryan Carpenter, Gabriela Gutierrez, Ashley Hanna, Lindsey Hiramoto, Grace Horton, Sean Humphrey, Srisha Jhangiani, Tim Jung, Shanna Khan, Erin Kwak, Tristan Lerner, Matteo Marsella, Anthony Masciotti, Matthew Mavrosakis, Louise Ra, Robbie Roosen, Stuart Ross, Kylie Tom, Kristen Wong, HaKyung Yun

7th Grade:

Alyssa Ashton, Janine Burdette, Jose Cuba, Nathan DeMarco, Walker Harrison, Caleb Ince, Julie Jung, Melissa Lee, YoHan Seol

8th Grade:

Christopher Cox, Andres Eddowes, Jaanki Gandhi, Alex Grimes, Nathan Kim, Jenica Lee, Mark Paz, Reijeanne Reyes, Cassidy Roosen, Syndy Shin, Shivani Subhedar, Yoshie Yamashita, Karine Yedikian

Thank you to **Lori Haig** for chairing this award and thank you to the teachers who submitted nominations.

Honorary Service Awards

An Honorary Service Award (HSA) may be given to an individual or organization in special

recognition of outstanding service to children and youth.

This year the Calle Mayor PTSA has selected the following individuals for this award:

Coach Ron Lopez and Coach Jose Rodriguez – These individuals have been volunteer coaches for the City of Torrance flag football, basketball and baseball leagues for the past nine years. They have taught the fundamentals of the sports, but also have helped many boys become better players, teammates and people. They have developed character in the boys and have also provided them with great role models in sports and in life.

Vicki Yabuno – Vicki has given 110% effort, not only at Calle Mayor, but also at Arnold Elementary and at South High School. She has been a volunteer docent with the Adventures in Art program, continues to support the reading program at Arnold, even though she does not have a child there anymore, involved with the South High Basketball team, Calle Mayor Band Bake Sales, co chaired the 2007 Calle 8th grade promotion event, co chaired the 2008-2009 Calle Membership Drive and tackled the first Direct Donation fundraiser at Calle this year. Her artwork can be found around Calle – with the paw prints on the brick walls to many of the banners hung around the school. Her latest handiwork can be seen at the Torrance Memorial Medical Center, where she designed and created the banners showcasing Calle Mayor's Adventures in Art projects. Congratulations and thank you Vicki!

Thank you Calle Honorary Service Awards committee for your time and dedication – **Janet D'Jamily, Tish Kato, Mimi Marsella, Janice Walters and Sumi Arnheim.**

Torrance High School Counselors Request Your Support – Tonight, March 1st, 7:30 p.m. at the TUSD office Board Room

Proposed Torrance Education Budget Cuts to High School Counselors. Please see the attached letter from the South High School Counselors. If these cuts are made, every child in the Torrance School District will be affected while in High School.

7th Grade STAR Writing Test – Tomorrow, Tuesday, March 2nd

7th Grade students, please go to bed early tonight so that you are well rested and ready for tomorrow's writing test. Also, please make sure to eat breakfast to give your brain energy.

World Maths Day 2010 – March 3rd

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 where they can practice their mental math skills until the big day, March 3, 2010. As long as it is March 3rd 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.

Get involved and be a part of the big day by logging on and contributing your correct answers to the final count on March 3rd.

A 'Day of Action' Press Conference – Thursday, March 4th, 10 a.m., Torrance High School

TUSD Day of Action - One Voice Against Education Budget Cuts!
Torrance Leaders and Community Members Join Together to Fight Against More Education Cuts!!

Torrance, CA – On Thursday, March 4, at 10 a.m. Torrance Teachers Association in conjunction with the TUSD Board of Education, the California Teachers Association, the California School Boards Association, the Association of California School Administrators, parents, other education organizations and labor unions, will hold a press conference, a “Day of Action”, as part of a statewide effort to bring attention to the severe education budget cuts the Governor and State Legislature are proposing. School districts all over California are inviting their community leaders and members to join together on March 4th for a common goal – preserving education funding and our children’s educational futures.

The Torrance Teachers Association is asking community leaders to come together and sign a resolution “Stand Up for Students and California’s Future” and pledge to protect education funding. Over the past two years TUSD has cut \$35 million dollars and 258 full time positions. Class size has increased in K-3 to 24 to 1, in 4th and 5th to 34 to 1, and in 6th through 12th to over 38 to 1. The state’s fiscal challenges keep surmounting and education funding keeps spiraling downward. Due to the states increasing budget gaps, TUSD along with all California school districts are looking at additional budget cuts on top of the brutal cuts that have already been made.

The press conference will be held in front of Torrance High School. Torrance High is located at 2200 Carson Street, in Torrance. This event is open to the public.

South Area Music Festival – Thursday, March 4th – South High Gym – 7 p.m.

Join us for a FREE night of music. The beginning to advanced bands of Calle Mayor, Richardson and South High will be represented at this musical evening, which will surely convince you that the music programs are a vital and key part of our children’s education.

Progress Reports Will Go Home Friday, March 5th

Relay for Life – Join the Team – Calle is Partnering Up with Torrance Memorial Medical Center to Create a Team to Create a Cure

Please join our team! Go to the link below and sign up to join the Torrance Memorial Medical Center Team or to donate to the cure.

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=20584

The relay will be on Saturday, April 24th 9 a.m. to Sunday, April 25th 9 a.m.

Southwood Homeowners Association Meeting – Wednesday, March 10th, 6:30 p.m., Calle Café

Come hear what is happening in our local neighborhood.

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 1st through March 12th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Saturday, March 13th 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.

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

Seaside Alumni and Calle Community – Please join us for Seaside's 60th 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.

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

Parents of current 7th 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 24th at 7 p.m.

7th Grade Field Trip – Medieval Times – March 23rd

A tentative date has been set for the 7th 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 7th grade students. Thank you to **Mr. Wetzell** for organizing and coordinating this outing for the students.

Important April Dates for 8th Graders

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

April 16th – South High Bluegrass Day – The current 8th 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 21st – 9th Grade Programming for Calle Mayor – Counselors from South High School will meet with the current 8th graders to assist them in selecting and scheduling their classes for the fall.

April 20 – 21st - Choir Auditions in Room R-2 at South from 3:15 to 5:30 pm

April 28th - Drill Team Information Meeting, SHS Dance Room at 6:00 p.m.

May 12th - Pep Squad Information Meeting, SHS Room N-21 at 7 p.m.

May 19th - Meet the Coaches of Athletics, SHS Cafeteria, 6 p.m.

Calle Campus Beautification Day – Save the Date – May 1st, 8 a.m. to Noon

Save the Date – May 3rd – Annual Calle vs. Richardson Basketball Game

Science Fair Packet

Available for Download at the Calle Mayor School Website

www.callemayor.org

Ongoing Programs and Reference Information

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

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.

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

- 7th Grade Field Trip Transportation to Medieval Times
- In Search of Excellence Awards
- Honorary Service Awards
- Founders Day
- Bulldog Barker Newsletter
- 8th Grade Promotion Preparation and Planning
- Adventures in Art – Project #5 – Mosaic Landscapes
- Library
- Calle Mayor Middle School PTSA Website
- Weekly eYapper

School News

CALLE MAYOR STUDENT BULLETIN

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.

WALTERIA LIBRARY – OPEN HOUSE AT THE WALTERIA LIBRARY ON THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. THE WALTERIA PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFICIALLY REOPENS AFTER ITS REMODELING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010.

SOUTH HIGH HOCKEY – South High Hockey is back for the 2010 Spring Season! Middle school players from their respective high school are eligible to play on the junior varsity hockey team. If you're interested in joining, email SouthHighHockey@gmail.com for more information and registration.

CJSF MEETING – There will be a CJSF meeting for all 7th grade members in Room 13 at lunch on Wednesday, March 3rd.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please email me at: CallePTSA@verizon.net

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

**8th Grade Students Taking Classes at South High –
Late Start Schedule for South High School – March 2010 Schedule**
March 9th and 23rd

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 – 8th 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

March 1 – Torrance Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m., District Board room
March 2 – 7th Grade STAR Writing Test
March 3 – World Maths Day 2010
March 4 – Day of Action Press Conference, 10 a.m., Torrance High School
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 10 – Southwood Homeowners Association Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Calle Cafe
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 60th Anniversary Celebration
March 23 – South High Late Start
March 23 - 7th Grade Field Trip to Medieval Times
March 23 – Parent Education Night – "Parenting Your Child in an Internet Based World" at
Richardson Middle School
March 24 – 7th Grade Parents Meeting for Students interested in classes at South High
March 26-28 – 8th Grade GATE Catalina Island Marine Institute Trip
March 27 – Concert Band and Choir Music Festival and trip to Knotts
March 30 – Middle School Choral Festival
April 2 – End of 3rd 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 – 8th Grade Panoramic Picture
April 14 – 8th Grade Parent Meeting at South High Boys Gym
April 16 – Report cards carried home
April 16 – Bluegrass at South High School
April 19 – 8th Grade PTSA Sponsored Field Trip – Museum of Tolerance
April 20 – PTSA Board Meeting
April 20 – 21 – 8th Grade Choir Auditions, SHS Room R-2, 3:15 to 5:30 p.m.
April 21 – 9th Grade Programming for Calle Mayor
April 22 – Bulldog Award Assembly
April 24 – 25 – Relay for Life 9 a.m. to 9 a.m., South High School
April 27 – Science Fair
April 28 – Drill Team Information Meeting for 8th graders, SHS Dance Room, 6 p.m.
April 29 – Honor Roll Event
May 1 – Calle Campus Beautification Day, 8 a.m. to Noon
May 3 – Annual Calle versus Richardson Basketball Game
May 5 - 8th Grade Promotion (Gown) Picture
May 5 – SCSBOA Regional Festival, Ontario, California
May 5—15 - Blue Ribbon Week
May 8 - Torrance Educational Foundation Dinner
May 11 - PTSA Board Meeting
May 11 - In Search of Excellence/Scholarship/Association Meeting
May 12 – Pep Squad Information Meeting for 8th Graders, SHS Room N-21, 7 p.m.
May 15 - Armed Forces Day
May 18 – Spring Concert, Armstrong Theater, 7 p.m.
May 19, 20, 21 - STAR Testing
May 19 – 8th Graders – Meet the Coaches of Athletics, SHS Cafeteria, 6 p.m.
May 21 - Progress Reports go home
May 25, 26, 27, 31 – Mandatory Choir Musical Dress Rehearsals, Café, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
May 28 - Bulldog Run
May 31 - **Memorial Day (observed)—NO SCHOOL**

Dear South High Parents,

At the 2/25/10 Board of Education meeting, one of the major reductions they are seriously considering is to reduce the number of high school counselors from 4 to 3. Last year they cut the Intervention Counselor at each high school, greatly impacting our students already. And now another counselor cut is being proposed again. This would increase each counselor's caseload at South High School from 600 students to an impossible to fathom 800 students. According to National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC), the national average ratio of counselor to student is 475 to 1. When looking over the items described on the chopping block we would have thought, like many of our colleagues, that maximizing furlough days (starting this year) as permitted by the state would have been highly emphasized as a major solution to this financial crisis.

Overseeing an 800 to 1 case load will clearly compromise college admission planning, preparation, and guidance. At risk students will receive less attention to the services they need ranging from drug rehabilitation referrals to credit deficit issues resulting in a higher non-grad rate. A severely altered time management structure will impact follow-through on students suffering from academic and personal hardship. Bridging high school to college/career will dramatically be lost as daily problems, returning parent phone calls, and making sure the nuts and bolts of the school moving along dominate counselor time. With the already high class sizes, there are more disgruntled students, parents, and teachers whom counselors help facilitate peace and productivity. This all affects each student's personal safety on campus.

So, we will stop our plea and give you the information on what you can do to help. Historically, the Board of Education decides to keep those positions which have the most community support. At a time when our students desperately need a certificated person to help with college advisement and someone qualified to lean on who will take the time to listen, they are talking of getting rid of one of these crucial people. To be heard, you would need to contact our superintendents. His name is Dr. George Mannon and he can be reached at 310-972-6001. You can also contact the school board members directly. The names of the board members and numbers are:

Michael Wermers 310-378-5999 mwermers@gpsd.com

Don Lee 310-345-0071 dlee@farmersagent.com

Al Muratsuchi 310-326-6901 amuratsuchi@gmail.com

Terry Ragins 310-408-4482 ragins@socal.rr.com

Mark Steffen 310-618- 9885 msteffen@pacbell.net

March 1st is the meeting where cuts will be made. Parental support will be crucial to saving our counselors. It would be very helpful if you would attend the meeting on March 1st at 7:30 p.m. at the district office board room (show up early to get in the door).

We also need you to let our legislators know how all the direct cuts to our schools are affecting our students. The most effective way of being heard by our representatives is when you phone and tell them about your personal stories and how this cut affects your child. The phone numbers for our local legislators are as follows:

Ted Lieu 916-319-2053
Jenny Oropeza 31—318-6994
Jane Harman 310-643-3636

Thank you for your help and support,

South High Counselors