

## **eYapper – December 14, 2009**

### **The ABC's of Life**

{LI} – **Learn How to Learn** – Learn something new everyday. Strive to give it your all because you only get out what you put in. Understand that the world is steadily changing. Never underestimate the importance of learning....formal or informal, street or otherwise. The people who get passed by are the ones who stop learning how to learn. - *Byron V. Garrett*

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### **South High Late Start Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **Mylin Music Concert Assembly – Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:45 a.m. – Parents and Families are Welcome to Join Us**

Calle parents and friends, you are invited to attend a musical concert this Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m. on the Calle Mayor MS field area.

Mylin is a former star of The Mickey Mouse Club who has released 6 albums and has performed nationally and internationally, including performing at the Inaugural Ball for President Bill Clinton. Please check in and receive a visitor's pass at the Calle office.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook Dedications – Due Date, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Dedications can be purchased for \$15 and are due December 17th. Dedication forms are available in the school office or at [www.callemayor.tusd.org](http://www.callemayor.tusd.org). Please email Mrs. K. Lee with any questions. [Klee1@etusd.org](mailto:Klee1@etusd.org)

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

Save the Date - More details to follow in the new year.

### **Honor Roll Awards Update**

Congratulations Calle Mayor Honor Roll students! This quarter marks the highest number of students qualifying for this award – over 50% of the school. The list of names will be published in the Calle Barker in January. Thank you to **Stephanie Turrentine** and **Terri Akiyama**, Honor Roll committee co-chairs, along with all of the parent helpers who made the award event possible. The eligible students were allowed to leave their 6<sup>th</sup> period class a few minutes early and each received a large bag of “**So Fresh Open Air Market**” Kettle Corn.

### **Beginning Band Holiday Concert Report**

An amazing evening with amazing students! To think that only 3 months ago, some of these students had never even touched a musical instrument, and are now able to play in a holiday concert – this is a wonderful accomplishment! Congratulations students and parents for your interest and enthusiasm for the music program at Calle. And always, thank you Mr. Nail for providing the students with this musical opportunity.

### **PTA Reflections Awards Winners – Beauty is.....**

Designed to enhance rather than replace a quality arts education, the Reflections Program provides opportunities for students to express themselves and to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts.

Calle Mayor would like to congratulate the following students for their accomplishment. The first place entries will be forwarded to the Torrance Council PTA Reflections competition.

#### **LITERATURE:** Judge: Lynn Attig

1st Place: **Sara Park** “My Sister and My Best Friend” - 8th Grade, 13yrs old

2nd Place: **Shreyas K. Tirumala** “Beauty is...” - 8th Grade, 13 yrs old

3rd Place: **Joohyun Lee** “Beauty is...” - 7th Grade, 12 yrs old

#### **VISUAL ART:** Judge: Lauren Perelmuter, Art To Grow On

1st Place: **Yo-Han Seol** “Smile in the Wrinkled Face” - 7th Grade, 12 yrs old

2nd Place: **Joohyun Lee** “Harmony” - 7th Grade, 12 yrs old

3rd Place: **Andrew Mabey** “Willow's Creek” - 7th Grade, 12 yrs old

Participation:

**Joshua Tellez**

**Adam D'Jamily**

#### **MUSICAL COMPOSITION:** Judge: Stephanie Delgado, Marshall Music

1st Place: **Eric Xu** “Beauty is the Sparkling Starts Glittering in the Evening Sky”

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY:** Judge: Ginny Rickey, Ginny Rickey Photography

1st Place: **Amanda Ramos** “Beauty is a Collage of Nature” - 8th Grade, 13yrs

2nd Place: **Amanda Ramos** “Dinner for Millions served at the Pink Palace” - 8th Gr, 13yrs

3rd Place: **Emma Hurst** “Beauty is Sequoia Lake” – 8th Grade, 13 yrs old

Honorable Mention: **Michelle Ho** “Mountain Dew” – 7th Grade 12 yrs. old

Participation:

**Brian Ho**  
**Callie de los Reyes**  
**Sasha Pruss**  
**Tariq Mihalav**  
**Cameron Landerville**  
**Caylie Landerville**  
**Atharva Padhye**

Thank you to **Joanne Kuroyanagi** for all your hard work in chairing the Reflections event this year. Also, thank you also to the category judges for donating their time and energy.

### **Make a Difference Day Thank You**

Thank you to the Calle Mayor families for participating in the Make a Difference Day. Below is the text from the thank you note send by the TMMC pediatric unit:

Dear Calle Mayor Bulldogs,

On behalf of the patients and families here in the pediatric unit at Torrance Memorial Medical Center, I would like to thank you for organizing the Make a Difference Day toy drive that brought our children many wonderful toys, stuffed animals, and art supplies. It was a big success. The donation has already touched and affected many of our patients in a positive way. Thanks also to all of the Bulldogs who participated in this giving. Children helping children is a wonderful thing!

We are very grateful for this donation and thank you for brightening the lives of hospitalized children.

Sincerely,  
Gina Jones, CCLS

### **Magazine Donation Program to Torrance Memorial**

Calle Community - We are making a difference in someone's life EVERYDAY – thanks to all of you! Since we started the magazine donation program in October, Calle has donated 620 magazines to the hospital and its patients. Calle would like to thank **Marcia Capriolio** for her continuing volunteer support of this program. Marcia picks up and delivers the magazines to Torrance Memorial. Thank you Marcia!

### **Happy Holidays from the Calle Mayor PTSA**

The Calle Mayor PTSA would like to wish all of you wonderful Holidays. As the year draws to a close, please take a moment to reflect on the events that made this year special. A year spent with family and friends, and a year to watch your child grow. Remember too, that it is not about the "things", but about the memories that you will keep that are most important.

#### **New Year Wishes**

I wish you Health...  
So you may enjoy each day in comfort.

I wish you the Love of friends and family...  
And Peace within your heart.

I wish you the Beauty of nature...  
That you may enjoy the work of God.

I wish you Wisdom to choose priorities...  
For those things that really matter in life.

I wish you Generosity so you may share...

All good things that come to you.

I wish you Happiness and Joy...  
And Blessings for the New Year.

I wish you the best of everything...  
That you so well deserve.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FRIEND!

**Author Unknown**

Remember to come back to school on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> ☺

## **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 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**

- **All new students should have received their PIN and Password mailing. Thank you for your patience.**
- **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 – New 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. Please take a moment to read the attached document on Power Lunch for all of the details. Also, make sure to discuss with your student how important it is to attend Power Lunch should they receive an invitation.

### **Math Club – Another New 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. Please read the attached Math Club letter attached for more details.

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

Honor Roll Event  
Calle Paw Print Newspaper Printing  
Library  
Calle Mayor Middle School PTSA Website  
Weekly eYapper  
Red Book  
Reflections Arts Education Program

### **School News**

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

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCES** – In order to increase the motivation to bring in absence excuses, all students who forget to bring in their written excuses will receive a lunch detention. So please remember to turn in your absence excuses before school starts in the morning. Thank you and have a detention-free lunch. Ms. Swiger

**STUDENT ID CARDS** – Students need to carry their ID cards with them during school hours. Students of the Quarter must present both ID and front of the line passes together.

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 – January 2010 Schedule**

January 12

## Calle Band and Choir Calendar

### Upcoming performances:

March ? – Middle School Choral Festival, THS, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
March 4<sup>th</sup> – South Area Festival, SHS Gym, 7 p.m.  
March 16<sup>th</sup> – SCSBOA Festival, Armstrong Theater, 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
March 27<sup>th</sup>(?) – Choir Festival and Knotts Trip  
April 2 – 7<sup>th</sup> – Hawaii Trip and Festival  
April 18<sup>th</sup> – Opening Day, Port Royal Yacht Club, 2:30 p.m.  
May 5<sup>th</sup> – SCSBOA Regional Festival, Ontario, California  
May 18<sup>th</sup> – Spring Concert, Armstrong Theater, 7 p.m.  
May 25, 26, 27, 31<sup>st</sup> – Mandatory Choir Musical Dress Rehearsals, Café, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
June 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Choir Spring Musical, Café, 7 p.m.  
June 24<sup>th</sup> – 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

December 21 to January 4 - Winter Break - No School  
January 18 - Martin Luther King Day - No School  
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

December 15 – South High Late Start  
December 17 – School Site Council meeting  
December 17 – Mylin Music Concert Assembly – 11:45 a.m.  
December 18 – Progress Reports go home  
December 21 – January 4 – **Winter Break – NO SCHOOL**  
January 12 – South High Late Start  
January 12 - PTSA Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Room 25  
January 13 – Math Counts Team Qualifying Test  
January 18 - **Martin Luther King Day —NO SCHOOL**  
January 29 - End of 2nd Quarter  
January 29 - **Student Free Day—NO SCHOOL**  
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 ? – Middle School Choral Festival, THS, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
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 ? – Science Fair