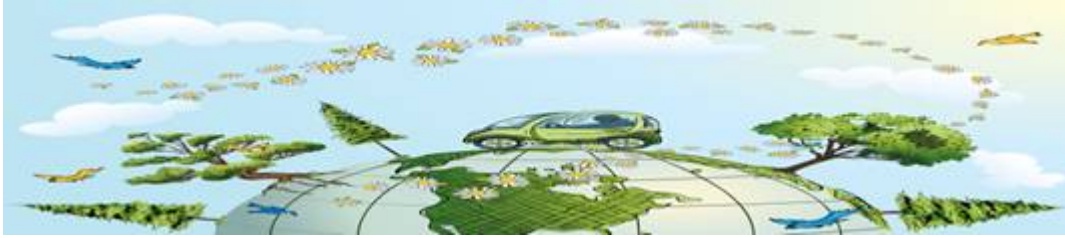


# WEEKLY UPDATE 2-17-10



## Field Trip DEADLINES:

- La Traviata Opera-Feb.19
- Science Field Day-Feb.24
- Ruben H. Fleet Museum and IMAX-Feb. 24
- Mission San Luis Rey- March 5
- Floating Lab Field Trip-March 22
- Conservation Wild Animal Park- March 22.
- Riley's Farm Revolutionary War- March 31

For more information, click to see your [February Newsletter](#) or visit your [Site](#)



## Catalina Marine Science Camp

**\*\*\*ALL parents and students are required to attend a pre-trip meeting on Friday, February 19 10:00-12:00 in Central County\*\*\***

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## PE Testing 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>\*, 10<sup>th</sup>\*, and 11<sup>th</sup>\* graders

Come join us for PE testing!

East County: **Tuesday, February 23** from 1:30-3:00. Meet at the Oak Grove Middle School Track.

South County: **Tuesday, February 23** from 1:30-3:00 at SC Site.

North County: Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30 at NC Site

Central County: **Monday, February 22** from 10:30-12:30. In the park at N.E. corner of Black Mountain and Gold Coast

\*Although GSDA's PE graduation requirement is two years, the State of California requires that all students in non-charter public schools pass the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Fitness Testing in order to be exempt from four years of PE. If a student does not pass the PFT in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, they may elect to take the test again in 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Although GSDA will not require four years of PE for those students not passing the PFT, should those students transfer to a non-charter public high school, they may be required to have four years of PE in order to graduate.

Students will participate in 5 required events:

mile run, sit ups, trunk lift, push-ups, shoulder stretch. Visit the following websites for information about the events and passing scores.

Physical Fitness Test (PFT) Parent Guide

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/documents/0809pftfitgram.doc>

Healthy Fitness Zones <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/documents/healthfitzone08.pdf>

Administering the FitnessGram <http://www.pft-info.org/home1.aspx>

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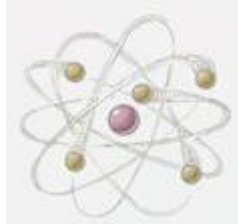


## Reach Out and Read

The High School Community Service through Career Explorations Class would like your support for their **“Reach Out and Read”** campaign. They are collecting new and used children’s books so that they can donate them to children at the Rady Children’s Hospital here in San Diego. Please drop off any books that you wish to donate to your local GSDA resource center by March 9. Thank you for supporting a good cause.

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## INTERESTED IN LIFE SCIENCES?



The San Diego Workforce Partnership in collaboration with BIOCUM Institute, and the Southern California Biotechnology Center (SCBC) at Miramar College would like to introduce the Life Sciences Summer Institute (LSSI). LSSI is designed to help increase awareness and knowledge of the life science industry and related fields of research to students in the San Diego Region. This program includes a one-week laboratory and work readiness training, followed by a 7 week paid internship!

Dates: June 21-August 13

Applicants must:

-be in high school

-be 16 as of January 28, 2010

-have a GPA 3.0 or higher

For more information, go to [www.matsc.org](http://www.matsc.org) or get an application at your resource center



## SAN DIEGO OPERA'S LA TRAVIATA

**Description:** Enjoy a night at the San Diego Civic Center for a performance of Giuseppe Verdi's La Traviata. The opera, based on a novel and play by Alexandre Dumas, is set in mid 18<sup>th</sup> century Paris. Students will meet at our Central County Site for a chaperoned bus trip to the venue and back.

**When:** Thursday, April 15 from 5:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** [GSDA Central County](#), 9636 Tierra Grande, Suite 101, San Diego, CA 92126  
858-536-7930

**Who:** This field trip is appropriate for grades 3 -12. (Students only)

**Cost:** \$5 per student

**Resources Available:**

Operapaedia: <http://www.sdopera.com/Operapaedia/Latraviata>

Study Guide: <http://www.sdopera.com/StudyGuides/2010LaTraviata>

For questions, contact Laurel Worrall at 619-669-3050

Send your [special opera field trip request form](#) with payment to your resource center  
by **February 19, 2010**

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## Science Field Day is Coming!

Who: All students in

When: March 15 from 11:30-2:30

Where: Pepper Grove Park in Balboa Park

What: Hands on experiments, special presenters and a Science Olympics competition!

See the [flyer](#) on our website!!!

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## Parent Connect Meetings

Parent Connect Meetings are:

An opportunity for you to meet other parents

A time to brainstorm new ideas to make GSDA a better place

A time to learn secrets from other parents and consultants to make your job easier

A place to share your ideas

A place to discover other wonderful homeschooling families



Please join **South County** for the **February Parent Connect meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 24, at 12:30.**

This month's focus: **Alternative Methods of Showing Learning:**  
**THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX! (OR NOTEBOOK OR WORKSHEET)**  
We hope you can make it!

**North County meeting is Tuesday, February 23 from 1:15-2:15**

Topic: Idea sharing. Consider sharing an idea with the group that worked well for you!

**East County: Thursday, February 25 from 1:30-2:30**

Staff will share "resources available onsite".

We invite parent/teachers to bring exciting resources you use with your students to share with other families.

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**SOUTH COUNTY**

**New Session: March 3 - April 21**

**Limited space is available. Hurry and fill out the new enrichment form for the next session of Mad Science!**

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## **GSDA North County**

### **Book Discussion Club**

If you like to read and are interested in a **fun, stimulating discussion group**, please join us!

**Dates:**

Tuesday, March 9

Tuesday, April 20

Tuesday, May 18

**Time: 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.**

**Where: GSDA North County**

For questions, **Contact: Carol Thompson**  
**760-752-7109 or [cthompson@jcdusd.net](mailto:cthompson@jcdusd.net)**



Upcoming books we will be reading are the following Newberry Medal Winners:

March 9 - Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

April 20 - A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

May 18 - Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli.

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### STAR Writing Test!

Who: All students in Grade 7

When: March 2

10:00 a.m.

Where: Your Site!

Resources:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/documents/ptgdwritingst.doc>

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/documents/cstgr7wrttg.pdf>

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### What is Book Adventure?



Book Adventure is a FREE reading motivation program for children in grades K-8. Children create their own book lists from over 7,000 recommended titles, take multiple choice quizzes on the books they've read, and earn points and prizes for their literary successes. Book Adventure was created by and is maintained by Sylvan Learning.

<http://www.bookadventure.com>

If you sign up, you can log in and click on "book finder" and put in grade level/reading level and subject area/topic to pull up lists of 100s of books! Kids can sign up too ☺ Click around and see all the great things to access!

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### *Team up with Amazon.com to Support Our School*



While our school is strong financially and our student enrollment is equal to last year, the state is spending less money each year for education. Your support will allow us to provide some of the 'extras' that make our program so vibrant. Please **visit the GSDA website** or the link below for all of your Amazon.com needs.

Our school will receive a rebate of 4%-10% for every grocery item, book, game, electronic device or any other product you purchase through the [Amazon School Rewards](#) program, **without costing you another penny**. You can access the link through the GSDA website (click on *Support Our School*) or bookmark [My School Rewards Store](#)

# 2009/2010 Yearbooks are for Sale!!! Order Yours Today!



**ONLY \$15 until Spring Break!**  
**\$25 if you order after Spring Break.**  
**See your site admin to place your order.**

## **Help support the Greater San Diego Academy yearbook!**

Do you have a business you would like to advertise? We think a yearbook ad would be a great opportunity for you, as a member of the GSDA family, to reach others in our GSDA community with your message while showing support for our school.

For the past five years, our school has produced a yearbook to preserve school memories for students and their families. The yearbook is a tradition in our school and we strive to deliver the best possible yearbook every year. To help create a high-quality yearbook at a price that all families can afford, we count on the support of local businesses through advertising.

Additional benefits of advertising in our GSDA yearbook include:

- **Increased exposure**—Students and their families look over their yearbooks repeatedly over the years, so your ad will be seen time and time again!
- **Targeted audience**—Advertising in the yearbook is targeted directly to young people and their families.
- **Value**—The yearbook ad is a great value. One business card size ad costs \$30. Compare that to a one-week ad in the newspaper or a radio spot. What a bargain!

Imagine an ad that lasts a lifetime and only costs \$30. Please contact us with any questions. And we would appreciate your support!

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