

WEEKLY UPDATE 2-10-10

GSDA WILL BE CLOSED FEBRUARY 15TH IN HONOR OF PRESIDENTS' DAY



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 19th 10:00-12:00 in Central County

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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 9th.

Thank you for supporting a good cause.



PE Testing 5th, 7th, 9th*, 10th*, and 11th* 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 18th 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 9th grade Physical Fitness Testing in order to be exempt from four years of PE. If a student does not pass the PFT in 9th grade, they may elect to take the test again in 10th and 11th 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>



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 18th 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:

Operapedia: <http://www.sdopera.com/Operapedia/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**



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!!!



East County Valentine Card Exchange

This Thursday Feb 11th students in the K-5 class are welcome to bring Valentines cards to exchange with their friends. The K-2 class has about 20 students and the 3-5 class has about 25 students. Please call Laurel at 619/669-3050 if you have any questions.



North County Site News

Beginning Thursday, February 4th, we will be offering several clubs. The first meeting will be an **informational meeting**. Please join us if you are interested in learning more about the following clubs:

The Knit Wits: Thursdays 10:00 – 11:30 AM

A Knitting Club for All Ages (K-12). Learn how to knit/crochet or if you already know how and would like to share your experiences, please join us! This club will be led by Zoe Mortensen under the supervision of Mrs. Mortensen. There is no fee for this class; however, participants will need to provide their own supplies.

Chess Club: Thursdays 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

All ages (K-12) can learn how to play chess and prepare for chess tournaments. There will be weekly prizes and a special prize for the chess champion. This club will be led by Mrs. Newberry. Cost of this club will be \$20 per month.

Craft Club: Thursdays 12:40 – 1:40 PM

Students can enjoy countless craft projects and learn interesting tidbits of information about craft materials they never thought to use! This club will be led by Mrs. Newberry. Cost of this club will be \$25 per month.



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.

Join Central County: Thursday, February 11th from 1:00-2:00
We will be sharing examples of project based learning

- East County: Thursday, February 25th from 1:30-2:30
- South County: Wednesday, February 24th from 12:30-1:30
- North County: Tuesday, February 23rd from 1:15-2:15

Join the GSDA FACEBOOK

Create a Facebook account and log in. Search for Greater SanDiego. There is more than one account with this name, so look for the picture of our Jamul Resource Center. Send a friend request to Greater SanDiego and we will accept.

Some parents and staff members have created special Facebook accounts just for GSDA to separate personal from school emails and information. This is a decision each family should make before you decide to join the GSDA facebook account.

Happy communicating!
Gail Levine



STAR Writing Test!

Who: All students in Grade 7
When: March 2nd
10:00 A.M.
Where: Your Site!
Resources:

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