

# WEEKLY UPDATE 2-03-10

GSDA WILL BE CLOSED FEBRUARY 8 AND 15 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  
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## Catalina Marine Science Camp

\*\*\* ALL parents and students who will be attending the camp are required to attend a pre-trip meeting on Friday, February 19 from 10:00-12:00 in Central County

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## 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

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# February is Museum Month



During the entire month of February 2010, individuals can pick up a **FREE** Museum Month Pass at **Macy's** to receive half-off admission at 39 San Diego County museums all month. Guests with a pass may bring up to three people with them to any participating museum to receive half-off for all four.

Visit [Facebook Fan page](#) for more information!



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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 12:00-2:00. 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.

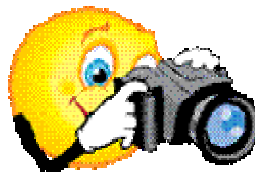
Physical Fitness Test (PFT) Parent Guide

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/documents/0809pffitgram.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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## Attention Families:

*The 2010 GSDA Yearbook is Coming!*

We need pictures of **You!**

Send us pictures of **You** doing what you do best or enjoy the most.

Email pictures to [rpelton@jdusd.net](mailto:rpelton@jdusd.net)

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## 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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## North County Site News

Beginning Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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**“Movie Star Day in East County”**

This Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup> the East County Site is having “Movie Star” spirit day. Kids are encouraged to come to class dressed up as their favorite movie star. (Parents please keep in mind that your child’s outfit is appropriate)

***\*Other upcoming East County Sprits Days include:***

Pirate Day – 3/4/10

Hat Day – 4/29/10

Western BBQ Day- May 2010 (TBD)

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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

East County: Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:30

South County: Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-1:30

Central County: Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:00

North County: Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:15-2:15

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## **STAR Writing Test!**

Who: All students in Grade 7

When: March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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>

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## ***More Websites to explore:***

*Sent to us by a GSDA parent:*

♥ [Ed Emberley](#) has created some of our most favorite drawing books ever, and he has generously posted some lovely activities for children on his site. Fun seasonal projects here, and all of them fit in a workfile.

♥ [Worksheet Works](#) provides free customizable worksheets on a variety of topics, from math to language to geography to mazes.

♥ [The Amazing Incredible Handwriting Worksheet Maker](#)- just what the site claims to be!

♥ The [Crayola](#) site has some great coloring sheets to print out and some neat little cut and color projects, too.

♥ [Education.com](#) also has worksheets and coloring pages, and they're organized by grade level.

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