

Weekly Update 01-13-10

GSDA will be closed Monday Jan. 18th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day



FIELD TRIP DEADLINES

Indian Hills Camp – January 15th

Jet Propulsion Lab – January 15th

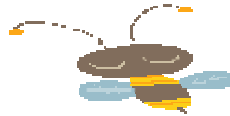
Catalina Marine Science Camp Lab – January 29th

See your January Newsletter or your Site for more information

KIDS, Deadline to Publish Your Own Book is January 15th



Please return any Student Treasures Kits you may have complete, incomplete, or unopened to your site administrator by January 15th.



GSDA Spelling Bee

Who: Students in grades 3-6

When: January 25, 2010 at 9 a.m.

Where: GSDA Central County

Spell-offs will be held for students in grades 3-4 and grades 5-6. Groups are small, so join the ranks and have fun with spelling!

Word lists are available on our website or from your site administrative assistant.

Words are taken from grade-level curriculum.

Please RSVP to Kristie Remaly if your child will participate (kremaly@jdusd.net of 619-669-3063).



Cyber Safety:

What Parents Need to Know

Sexting-Cyberbullying-Sexual Predators

The San Diego Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and San Diego Police Foundation are providing tools to facilitate smart cyber choices for our first online generation.

Who: Parents and other adult caregivers (not appropriate for children under 12)

Free childcare for children under 12

When: Wednesday, January 27 5:30-8:00 pm

Where: West Hills High School Theater, 8756 Mast Blvd., Santee, CA 92071

Cost is FREE. Free Transportation is provided. Please **RSVP by January 21** (858)453-5060

For more information or to register visit www.sdpolicefoundation.org




HOMESCHOOL DAY AT SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART

Saturday, Feb 6th

Parents and children are invited to learn about resources for homeschooling families at the Museum. Activities will include hands-on art making, Museum program information, and presentations by the Museum's education staff. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP by February 3 to abriere@sdmart.org.

San Diego Museum of Art

 **Hours:** Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.



Catalina Marine Science Camp

“Ranked as one of the top ten diving destinations in the world.”

Description:

Enjoy a three day, two night Marine Biology Camp on the beautiful island of Catalina! It has some of the most preserved natural history in California. Secluded coves offer incredible visibility for snorkeling, and hiking trails often avail animals such as deer, buffalo and the island fox. MSA is located at Emerald Bay Cove which is known to be the most beautiful cove on the island and is one of the top 10 snorkeling spots in the world. Crystal clear water hosts vast amounts of sea life found nowhere else on the island. Each student will get a hands-on educational experience as they explore the renowned Pennington Marine Science Center. The Plankton Lab, fish aquariums, shark touch tanks, and invertebrate touch tanks are a few of the amenities that make this an unparalleled research and study center.

When: Monday, March 22 to Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Check in at 8:00 a.m. at the Long Beach ferry landing

Where: Catalina Island, Emerald Bay

PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTING THEIR CHILDREN TO THE FERRY IN LONG BEACH

Who: Students in grades 4-12.

Cost: \$242.00 for each participant. **Reserve your enrichment units!**

Additional Information:

- ⌚ Parents may attend too! Attending parents are considered chaperones; will sleep in cabins with students; must pay full price for the trip and be *fingerprinted* (paid by GSDA) by January 15th.
- ⌚ More Information: http://www.mountainandsea.org/emerald_bay.php
- ⌚ **ALL parents and students are required to attend a pre-trip meeting on Friday, February 19th 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in Central County.**

For questions, contact Michelle D’Augusta at 619-669-3059

Attending Consultants: Ann Mortimore, Michelle D’Augusta & Bob Anderson

Send your field trip request form with payment or Enrichment Units Reservation to your resource center by January 29th

Humane Society Home-School Programs

Children aged 7-12 are invited to learn about animals at two programs just for home schoolers on the first and third Wednesday of each month. These programs were designed by a California credentialed teacher to meet CA State curriculum standards. Each lesson is \$7 per child. (Reservations Required)



First Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Life Science Based Lessons

Third Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Language Based Lessons

Please Note: Parents are required to stay with their child throughout the lesson.

For more information and to make reservations, please [email](#) or call (619) 299-7012 ext.2320.

GUITAR CLASSES IN SOUTH COUNTY



South County would like to add a guitar class for students!
Just \$40 per month for one hour per week of lessons (use elective funds)!

Proposed day/time: Wednesday afternoons

What a deal!

If you are interested, please sign up with Mercy at marreola@jdusd.net

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Attention High School Students:

Need help completing your class work? Beginning Tuesday, January 26 East County will be offering open tutoring and help with assignments on Tuesday afternoons from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please bring any books, pacing guides, or assignments that pertain to the assignments you would like to work on. This is a study hall so make sure you bring something to work on since this is not a planned activity period.



Join us for this free four week Rube Goldberg Class!

When: Wednesday, Jan. 20th-Feb. 10th .9:30-11:30 a.m.

Where: East County Resource Center

Who: Appropriate for 6th-12th grade

Invent, problem-solve, create, and tear your hair out as you work together to build a complex machine that will accomplish a very simple task. Through his "Inventions", cartoonist Rube Goldberg depicted absurdly-connected machines that worked in round-about ways to achieve easy results. We will follow in his footsteps by connecting simple machines, using gravity and other forces to cut a piece of paper, or turn on a TV.



East County Polymer Clay Class

This fun & creative class involves sculpting Polymer clay into 3-D objects and making Jewelry.

When: Wednesdays 1:00-2:30

Grades 6-12

Cost: \$40 per month (supplies included)

Please call Laurel at 619/669-3050 to sign up for this class.

East County Guitar Class

The GSDA Jamul resource center would like to offer an on-site guitar class.

When: Wednesdays at 2:30-3:30

Grades: 3- 12

Cost: \$40/month

You will need to provide your own guitar.

Please call Laurel at 619/669-3050 to sign up for this class.

***Please Note: Both of the above classes are not definite.**

We need to have a minimum number of students sign up in order for the classes to be held. You will be contacted if we have enough interested students. Enrichment units may be used for both classes.



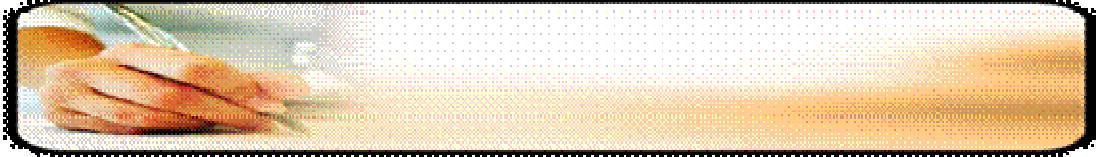
Parent Connect Meetings

Central County: Jan. 14th cancelled

North County: Tuesday, Jan. 26th @ 1:15 p.m.

South County: Wednesday, Jan. 27th @ 12:30 p.m.

East County: Thursday Jan. 28th @ 1:30 p.m.



Mark your calendar California High School Exit Exam!

Who: All students in Grade 10

Students in Grades 11 and 12 who still need to pass

When: March 16th - CAHSEE English Language Arts

March 17th - CAHSEE Math

10:00 A.M.

Where: Your Site!