

Weekly Update 01-06-10



FIELD TRIP DEADLINES

Museum of Tolerance – Cancelled

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 coming up!



Have you gotten your **Student Treasures Kit** from your consultant?

If not, come on in and get your kit to publish your own book

FREE!

Makes a great gift (Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthday, Grandparents Day)

Deadline for turning in your kit ~ **January 15, 2010**



Project Tip 1: Choosing a topic

At this point you should start brainstorming topics for your books.

It's important to select topics that are of interest to students so they are engaged to write. Popular book titles have included: When I Grow Up, My Book of Poetry, All About Me, Everyday Heroes, My Pet, Kindness Counts.

Follow this link for over 200 topic ideas: www.studenttreasures.com/bookideas



Project Tip 2: Rough Drafts

By now you've already chosen your topic and the wheels are turning! At this point during the publishing process your child should be preparing the first drafts of their story with illustrations to match.

Be sure to edit their work before completing the manuscript pages provided, in the kit envelopes.

Helpful Hint: Enlist family and friends to help edit.

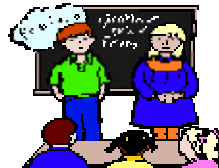


The *North County* Staff is putting together a [Site Treasure Book](#) and this year it will be a cookbook. We are going to submit some of our favorite recipes. If you have any recipes you would like to share, please email them to Marnie Girard at mgirard@jdusd.net by [January 12th](#) and they can be part of our North County Cookbook.



East County is compiling a [Site Treasures Book](#), "*What I Like About Homeschooling*." Students and parents are welcomed to send a short essay about what they like about homeschooling. They can also submit an acrostic poem with a line for each letter in the word homeschool. Please give your contributions to Laurel or email them to lworrall@jdusd.net by [January 8th](#).

South County is compiling a [Site Treasures Book](#) anthology of student poems and stories. Submit your pieces to your consultant or email them to Mercy at marreola@jdusd.net by [January 8th](#).



[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 Remy if your child will participate (kremaly@jdusd.net of 619-669-3063).




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***



SOUTH COUNTY WILL HAVE MAKEUP CLASSES ON JANUARY 6TH AND JANUARY 13TH from 12:30-1:30 p.m..

**NO OTHER ENRICHMENT CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON THOSE DAYS.
FULL DAY OF CLASSES FOR K-6TH GRADE WILL START AGAIN ON JANUARY 20TH.**

HURRY AND FILL OUT THE NEW ENRICHMENT FORM FOR THE NEXT SESSION OF MAD SCIENCE.



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.



***Possible 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.



*** Possible 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.**



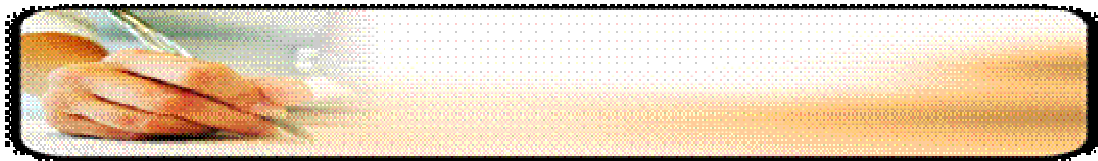
Parent Connect Meetings

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!

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