

# **Weekly Update 12-15-09**

**GSDA will be CLOSED for Winter Break December 21<sup>st</sup>-January 1<sup>st</sup>.**  
**We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and we'll see you in**  
**2010.**



## **FIELD TRIP DEADLINES**

Museum of Tolerance – January 8<sup>th</sup>

Indian Hills Camp – January 15<sup>th</sup>

Jet Propulsion Lab – January 15<sup>th</sup>

Catalina Marine Science Camp Lab – January 29<sup>th</sup>

See your December Newsletter or your Site for more information



**Don't forget to drop off your donations for the Salvation Army Food and Toy Drive pick up is Wednesday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**



**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- ⌚ More Information: [http://www.mountainandsea.org/emerald\\_bay.php](http://www.mountainandsea.org/emerald_bay.php)
- ⌚ **ALL parents and students are required to attend a pre-trip meeting on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00-12:00 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010***

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**East County Holiday Celebration:**

Please join us for the East County *Holidays Around the World* celebration on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-12pm. Come make crafts representing different customs and traditions from around the world. Food will not be provided; however you are welcome to bring a snack to share as long as the food is store-bought and includes an ingredient label.

**We are looking for high school students to help out at the celebration for community service. Please contact Laurel if you are interested.**



*Winter Holiday Celebration!*

Who: All South County GSDA families and students

What: A celebration the last day of classes, where students can make winter-themed crafts, socialize with friends, & eat delicious food!

When: Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-1:00pm (no classes will be held that day)

From 10:00-12:00 Consultants will be leading rotating craft centers!

From 12:00-1:00 Pizza and goodies will be served!

*Please bring a \$2 per person donation for all individuals planning on eating pizza*

*Feel free to bring a store-bought food item to share!*

*Parents must remain with their students at all times.*

Hope to see you there!

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## KIDS! Publish Your Own Book



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](http://www.studenttreasures.com/bookideas)



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 that you would like to share, please email them to Marnie Girard at [mgirard@jdusd.net](mailto:mgirard@jdusd.net) by January 12th and they can be part of our North County Cookbook.



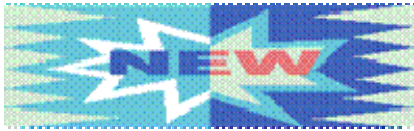
*East County* is compiling a [Site Treasures Book](#), *What I Like About Homeschooling.* Students and parents are welcomed to send a short essay about what they like about homeschooling. They can also submit an acrostic poem with a line for each letter in the word homeschool. Please give your contributions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

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**SOUTH COUNTY WILL HAVE MAKEUP CLASSES ON JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> AND JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>. NO OTHER ENRICHMENT CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON THOSE DAYS. FULL DAY OF CLASSES FOR K-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WILL START AGAIN ON JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>. HURRY UP AND FILL OUT THE NEW ENRICHMENT FORM FOR THE NEXT SESSION OF MAD SCIENCE.**

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**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!