

# Weekly Update 12-09-09



## FIELD TRIP DEADLINES

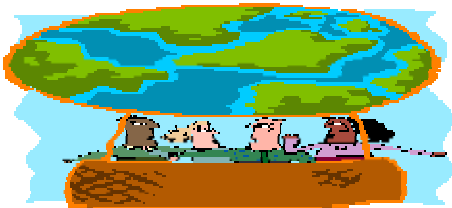
Catalina Marine Science Camp Lab – December 15<sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

See your December Newsletter or your Site for more information



## *Scholastic Book Fair*

During the week of **December 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009** each GSDA resource center will have a Scholastic Book Fair set up. There will be many books to choose from at great prices. Please don't miss this fantastic opportunity. Books make wonderful gifts! *Destination Book Fair* invites readers everywhere to *Read Around the World* and gives them a passport to meet interesting people and visit amazing places! Bon voyage and happy reading!

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**Catalina Marine Science Camp  
Deadline December 15<sup>th</sup>**

### 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**

**December 15, 2009**

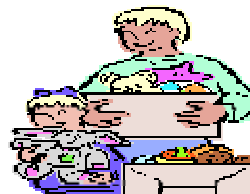
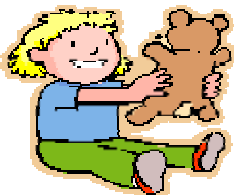
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## **GSDA is proud to participate in the Salvation Army Food and Toy Drive**

This holiday season even the smallest donation can make a *major* difference in a child's life.

Bring in a new toy or new clothing (especially baby sizes) for the children.



Helping a family have a holiday meal is the true meaning of giving. Please no perishable or glass items.

All GSDA sites will have a barrel available for your generous and caring contributions. Pickup of donations will be December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Holidays From Our Family to Yours!

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You're invited to  
GSDA's Parent Connect in Central County

Thursday, December 10, from 1:00-2:00

- Come meet new parents and share ideas
- We will be sharing ideas on exciting ways to meet the standards  
When: Thursday, December 10, from 1:00-2:00  
A movie will be provided for the children  
Hope to see you there!

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**East County Enrichment Class Reminder**

Thursday enrichment classes will begin at 10:30am on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The Lego session has ended for this semester. Please see Laurel to sign up for next semester's Lego session beginning in January. Don't forget the make up jewelry and guitar classes will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at their regular times.

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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 **Student Treasures** books.

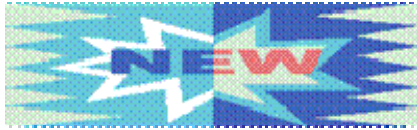
It's important to select topics that are of interest to students so they are engaged to write. Popular book titles have included: When I Grow Up, My Book of Poetry, All About Me, Everyday Heroes, My Pet, Kindness Counts.

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 Treasures 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.

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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!

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