

Weekly Update 12-02-09



FIELD TRIP DEADLINES

Catalina Marine Science Camp Lab – December 15th

Museum of Tolerance – January 8th

Indian Hills Camp – January 15th

Jet Propulsion Lab – January 15th

See your December Newsletter or your Site for more information.



GSDA's Scholastic Book Fair

During the week of **December 7th – 11th, 2009** each GSDA resource center will have a Scholastic Book Fair set up. There will be many books at great prices to choose from. Please don't miss this fantastic opportunity. Books make wonderful gifts!

Books take you places, near and far. *Destination Book Fair* invites readers everywhere to *Read Around the World!*

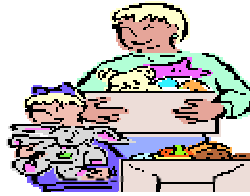
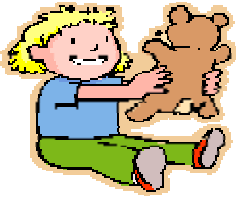
Scholastic Book Fairs can send readers on an adventure, giving them a passport to meet interesting people and visit amazing places through books. Bon voyage! Happy reading!



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.

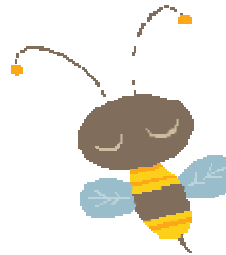
Bring in a new toy or new clothing (especially baby sizes) for the children.



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 16th.

Happy Holidays from Our Family to Yours!



Parents, would you like to participate in a Spelling Bee?

Are you interested in participating in the GSDA spelling bee for a chance to compete in the 2010 Scripps National Spelling Bee? The spelling bee is open to all students in grades 3-8. Students will participate in a site/school-wide spelling bee by grade level (3-4, 5-6, and 7-8). The 7th or 8th grade winner of the school spelling bee advances to the county-wide spelling bee. The winner of the county-wide spelling bee advances to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. Please sign up by December 9 if you are interested. We will contact you with more information if there is enough interest.

South County and East County enrichment classes will be cancelled on Wednesday, Dec. 9th due to the Sea World field trip.

Visit our website for Sea World Free Parking Permit and other information.



Parent Connect Meeting at North County

Tuesday, December 8th at 1:15 PM

Topics presented will be:

1. Project Unit Ideas
2. Alternative ways to show evidence of learning for Consultations
3. Parent Ideas



Please join **East County** staff for the **December Parent Connect** meeting, Thursday, December 3rd at 1:30pm. This is your time to hear about things going on at GSDA, give input and suggestions, and meet other homeschool parent/teachers. This month's focus is "*How to show evidence of learning without worksheets.*" We hope you can make it!

East County Enrichment Class Reminders:

Thursday enrichment classes will begin at 10:30am on December 3rd and December 10th. The Lego session has ended for this semester. Please see Laurel to sign up for next semester's Lego session beginning in January.

The last official Wednesday enrichment class day is December 2nd. There will be no enrichment classes on Wednesday, December 9th due to the Sea World field trip. Students who attend jewelry making and/or guitar will have class on December 16th to make up the missed class session.



East County Holiday Celebration:

Please join us for the East County *Holidays Around the World* celebration on Thursday, December 17th, 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.

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

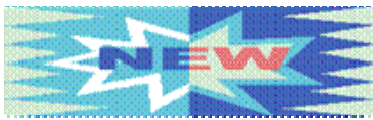
FREE!

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

Deadline for turning in your kit ~ January 15, 2010



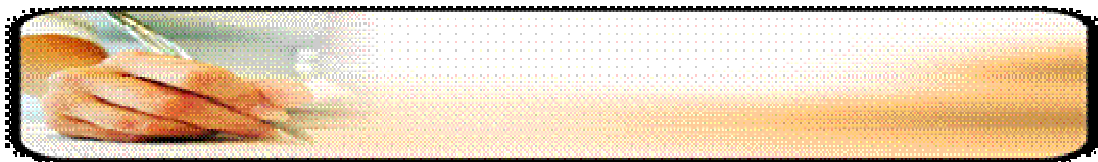
The North County Staff is putting together a Site Treasure Book and this year it will be a cookbook. We are going to submit some of our favorite recipes. If you have any that you would like to share, please email them to Marnie Girard at mgirard@jdusd.net by January 12th and they can be part of our North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