

Weekly Update 10-21-09



Helping the Fuzzy Ones Fundraiser



Organized by the High School Career Explorations through Community Service Class

This semester, the Community Service through Career Explorations class has decided to support the San Diego Humane Society. The SDHS is a non-profit organization that does not receive government or public funding. They are able to continue providing services to animals and animal owners by receiving funds and donations from contributions and grants. We would like to provide assistance by donating items that are on their wish list. We will be putting displays up at our South County and East County sites with items that we will be collecting but we will be accepting donations from all sites if you wish to participate. All donations are appreciated and we will be presenting the Humane Society with all of the donations that we collect on November 1st. **Please deliver to your site by October 30th**. The Humane Society Wish List can also be accessed at the following web address: http://www.sdhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=don_WishList

Thank you for your support.



[Parent Connect Meetings Come and Join Us](#)

South County: Wednesday, Oct. 28th at 12:30 pm



Please join East County for the October Parent Connect meeting
Thursday, October 22nd, at 1:30.

This month's focus: bookmaking and creating lapbooks

Parent Connect Meetings are:

An opportunity for you to meet other parents

A time to brainstorm new ideas to make GSDA a better place

A time to learn secrets from other parents and consultants to make your job easier

A place to share your ideas

A place to discover other wonderful homeschooling families

We hope you can make it!



North County Parent Connect Meeting

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

1:15 – 2:15

This meeting is for all parents so please stop by.

Items and results from our last meeting:

Item 1 - Request for Mom's Night Out.

Results - Sue Stimson is organizing this.

Item 2 - Request for Book Club

Results - Carol Thompson started and is facilitating this group. The first meeting will be on November 3rd at 2:15 at GSDA North County.

Item 3 - Request for writing comparisons by grade level.

Results – Grades 6-12 will be ready for the Tuesday meeting. Grades K-5 may not be ready until a later meeting.

Item 4 - Request for guidance on how to turn testing results into lessons/activities to help students.

Results – This will be covered at the Tuesday meeting.

Agenda Items for this meeting:

1. Update on our new Book Club
2. Update on *Mom's Night Out*
3. *How testing can help your child learn.*
4. Your thoughts and Ideas



Red Ribbon Week October 26th-30th

Take the Red Ribbon Week pledge: "I pledge to be drug free and support California's Red Ribbon Week by taking a stand against drugs and alcohol."

Mon-Wear a Red Bracelet – Available at all GSDA sites!

Wear red socks to show that you're "socking it" to alcohol, tobacco, and drugs

Sign the GSDA Healthy Lifestyle pledge banner

Tue-Wear a Red Bracelet

Give someone else a Red Bracelet to wear

Wear your shirt backwards to show that you turn your back on drugs

Wed-Wear a Red Bracelet

Have a discussion with your parent –teacher about the harmful effects of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco

Make a poster and hang it up at your GSDA site

Thurs-Wear a Red Bracelet

Make a list of ways that you can say no to drugs

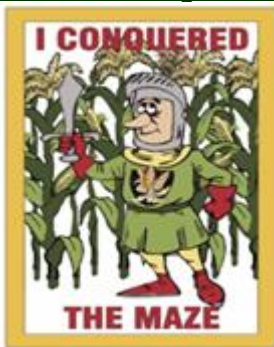
Talk to your parent-teacher about actions you can take toward a healthy lifestyle

Fri-Wear a Red Bracelet

Wear sunglasses because you're Too Bright for Drugs!

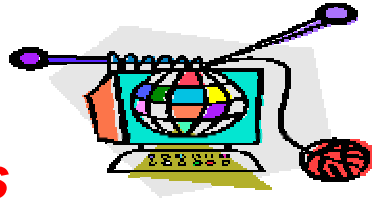
Parent-Teachers – Talking to your kids about the risks of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol is important. By having regular conversations with your children, they are less likely to use drugs. Please visit Time to Talk, an on-line community, resource, and toolkit to help parents start conversations with their children about a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. <http://www.timetotalk.org>

Want to try something new??? Try the Cornfield Maze Craze.



Visit: www.cornfieldmaze.com for all the information on this activity given to us by a parent. Temecula's original Corn Maze The Corona Family has been giving back to their communities for many years in many ways one being the October MAZE CRAZE Harvest and Pumpkin Festival.

Each year this event truly brings the community together as they work together and try not to get LOST! This year the maze is a “Salute to Marine Aviation” with a twist.



Website Wonders

A fun website for math facts practice. You can set it for different levels and types.

<http://www.playkidsgames.com/games/mathfact/default.htm>

Another great website from Sandy Blackmun:

<http://freemathhelp.com/algebra-help.html>

Need help with writing sentences or paragraphs we found a website to help:

<http://www.tustin.k12.ca.us/cyberseminar/paragraph.htm>

Visit these great websites for early readers!

<http://www.carlscorner.us.com/>

Hundreds of printable activities and information on a wealth of topics – alphabet, phonics, reading, poetry, word study, interventions for English Language Learners and struggling readers, and much more!

<http://www.hubbardscupboard.org/literacy.html>

This site includes dozens of printable books for early readers. Visit the Sight Word Booklets (available in English, Spanish, and French) and the Word Family Booklets (available in 2 levels to reinforce word family skills). For example, the “-am” Word Family Booklet includes words ending in “am” such as Pam, Sam, jam, and ham. Check it out!



P.S. The YEARBOOK Committee is asking families attending the field trips and events to please take pictures and submit them to rpelton@jdusd.net. Your picture could be in the 2009-2010 Yearbook!

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