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What: GSDA Charter Council meeting of parents and staff

When: November 7 from 1-3 p.m. (the first of four annual meetings)

Where: GSDA Central County office (Miramar)

Why: Be part of the team that reviews our school's progress and plans for continual improvement.

How: Call or email Gail Levine: glevine@jdusd.net or 858-536-7933 for more information or to volunteer your time.



Time is running out sign up today!

RUBEN H. FLEET SCIENCE MUSEUM & IMAX



IMAX: Experience an inspiring story of love and dedication, and the amazing bond between humans and animals in the new IMAX® film **BORN TO BE WILD**. Narrated by Academy-Award® winner Morgan Freeman, this film follows the lives of orphaned orangutans and elephants, from birth to their rebirth into the wild.

Stunningly captured in IMAX, *BORN TO BE WILD* is a heartwarming adventure that will transport moviegoers around the world into the lush rainforests of Borneo with world-renowned primatologist Dr. Biruté Mary Galdikas, and across the rugged Kenyan savannah with celebrated elephant authority Dame Daphne M. Sheldrick. Witness these teams save endangered species one life at a time as they rescue, rehabilitate and return these incredible animals back to the wild.

EXHIBITS: The seven exhibit galleries are centers of scientific phenomena where "hands-on" and "do touch" interactive exhibits provide a unique self-guided learning experience for all

Geometry Playground Now Open! June 11, 2011 – June 10, 2012

More than 20 "do touch" exhibits engage your hands, brain and body in playful investigations of the most visible branch of math. This isn't the textbook version of geometry you may remember! Instead, you'll find yourself playing a goofy game of hopscotch, climbing atop a marvelously stretched out chair, creating geometric works of art and more!

When: Monday, November 14, 2011 Check-in **before 9:30**. Show begins at 9:45. Runs approx. 40 min. Afterwards enjoy the hands on exhibits for the day.

Where: [Ruben H. Fleet Science Museum](#) - Meet at the south side of the Ruben H Fleet Main Entrance (on the parking lot side) at the Education/Group Sales. **We must enter as a group.**

Who: This field trip is appropriate for all students.

Cost: \$7 per person attending (2 & under free)

For questions, contact Beci Patin at 858-536-7930

Attending Consultant: [Kim Gibson & Eric Shirley](#)

Send your [field trip request form](#) with payment to your resource center by November 9, 2011.



The kids will go plum crazy as you take a step back in time at the Eleventh Annual **Fall Back Festival**, a Children's Historical and Cultural Street Faire, in the heart of the Gaslamp Quarter. This year's fun-filled festivities will take place on Sunday, November 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in front of the Gaslamp Museum at 4th and Island Avenues.

Each year as we set our clocks back an hour, the Gaslamp Quarter falls back into time to the 1880s when Bum the Dog and Alonzo Horton roamed the streets. Climb aboard an old-fashioned hay ride and take a tour of the town as you try to picture the dusty dirt roads, bustling vendors and talented blacksmiths. Watch your little ones strike it rich just like the forty-niners as they pan for gold.

For more information: <http://www.gaslamp.org/fall-back-festival>



Description:

Celebrate the wonders of the sea at SeaWorld San Diego. Visit the star Shamu in his new home. Try the thrilling rides like Journey to Atlantis, Shipwreck Rapids and Wild Arctic. Join Elmo and his friends at the Sesame Street Bay of Play featuring family-friendly rides. Don't miss the hilarious antics of Clyde and Seamore's sea lion and otter show. Feed and touch dolphins and bat rays, and get up-close to beluga whales, polar bears, sharks and penguins. Enjoy fascinating aquariums, sea turtles, manatees, and exotic birds from around the world, Create memories to last a lifetime at SeaWorld San Diego.

When: Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Check in at **9:15** a.m. at the Education Gate (East of the Main Entrance) **We MUST check-in and enter as a group!**

Field Trip begins at 10:00 and takes approximately 2 1/2 hours

Where: [Sea World](#)

Who: This field trip is appropriate for all students.

Cost: \$6.00 per person attending. Children 3 and under are free. Passes may be used. Parking is free in the educational trip parking lot with the parking permit that you can pick up from your site admin.

For questions, contact Beci Patin 858-536-7930

Attending Consultant: [Kim Tiffany & Kelly Aquino](#)

Send your [field trip request form](#) with payment to your resource center by November 30, 2011



Tchaikovsky's classic ballet is about a young girl, Clara, who is given a Nutcracker for Christmas by her godfather, Herr Drosselmeyer. But this is no ordinary Nutcracker as Clara learns that very night. After a great battle with the Mouse King, the Nutcracker turns into a Prince. He takes Clara on a magic journey through the Land of the Snow to the Kingdom of the Sweets, where the Sugar Plum Fairy honors the couple with entertainment from around the world.

See Tchaikovsky's full-length Nutcracker with opulent sets and costumes. Length is 2 hours with one 15 minute intermission.

When: Friday, December 9, 2011 [check in before 10:15](#) performance starts at 10:30 a.m.

Where: [Spreckels Theatre](#), 121 Broadway, Downtown San Diego, CA

Free parking is available at Horton Plaza with validation.

Who: Appropriate for all ages

Cost: \$6 per person

We must all enter as a group. Arrive early to ensure parking and check-in.

For questions: contact Beci Patin 858-536-7930

Send your [field trip request form with payment to your resource center by December 2, 2011](#)



Want to support GSDA? Visit "Great Schools" at http://www.greatschools.org/search/search.page?search_type=0&q=greater+San+Diego+academy&tate=CA&c=school and leave feedback about our school. Let's tell the world how GREAT we are!



FRIENDS OF GSDA HAVE A GREAT OFFER TO HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL



Papa John's Pizza will donate \$2 to GSDA for the first 500 orders that are place online at papajohns.com through May 12, 2012.

To support our school follow these 4 easy steps:

1. Go to www.papajohns.com and log in to place your order. .
2. Enter **GSDA2012** in the promo code box. (.01 Off your order will pop-up, add to order to have your order count towards our school) A \$10 minimum is required to be eligible for the donation.
3. Choose any of the delicious products off the menu
4. Wait for the doorbell and ENJOY!

Help support Greater San Diego Academy by giving your friends, family and neighbors our **GSDA2012 promo code** before ordering from any of Papa John's 29 San Diego Locations.



PARENT CONNECT MEETINGS

South County- Wednesday, Nov.16, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Central County – Thursday, Nov.17, 9:00-10:00 a.m.