

Third Street Elementary School

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June Principal's Monthly Letter to Parents

Calendar of Events for June:

- . 6/1/10 - Registration for New Students in Gr. 1-5 Starts 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- . 06/4/10 - 7:00 a.m. – School Site Council Meeting; Agenda: 1) LEARN Waiver, 2) SSC Membership, 3) SPSA Update, 4) Student Discipline Policy Revision
- . 6/4/10 - 8:15 a.m. – PTA Meeting – auditorium

- . 6/10/10 - 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – PTA Installation Luncheon – Marmalade Café
- . 6/10/09 - 6:00 p.m. Friends of Third board meeting in Rm 33
- . 6/11/10 - 5:30 p.m. – Concert in the Park – Richard Lawton in charge
- . 6/14/10 - 6:00 p.m. - Spring Concert by Orchestra Members – Kevin Mason in charge
- . 6/14/10 – 6/18/10 - Third Reporting Period (3/22/10 – 6/18/10: 58 days)
- . 6/16/10 – 6/18/10 - Minimum Day Schedule (12:35 p.m. Dismissal for All Students)
- . 6/16/10 - 11:00 a.m. - 5th Grade Luncheon
- . **6/17/10 - 9:00 a.m. - 5th Grade Culmination**
- . **6/18/10 - Last Day of Instruction for Students –**
- . 6/18/10 - Report Cards Sent Home
- . 6/21/10 - Pupil Free Day Staff Appreciation Lunch provided by PTA 11:30am to 12:30pm in auditorium

Calendar of Events for the Summer:

- . 6/21/10 – 6/24/10 - School Office Open
- . 7/1/10 - 8/16/10 - School Closed for summer
- . 8/17/10 - Office Staff Return
- . 8/17/10 - Registration for New Students Resumes
- . 9/13/10 - First Day of the 2010-2011 School Year, for Students (8:05 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – All Day for All Students)
- . **9/13/10 - 8:05 a.m. – 9:05 a.m. – Orientation for Kdgtn. Parents – Aud.**
Regular school day: dismissal time: 2:30pm for all students

Dear Parents,

Kindergarten registration is well under way for next year; and our school year has now entered its final weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all graduating 5th grade students great success at their new middle schools; and I look forward to seeing our returning students in September.

Reflections of this School Year

As a principal of Third Street School for 17 years, every year has its rewards and challenges, some years greater than others. Every year, I learn and grow as a result of the experiences from the school year. Looking back on these past 10 months, I saw parents and teachers working diligently to guarantee academic, emotional, and physical growth for our children. Our tireless parent organizations, Friends of Third, PTA, and ELAC continued to serve relentlessly to provide what is best for our students.

I also saw this year some challenges towards the historical leadership at this school and the proliferation of various rumor mills. I would like to remind and urge parents, teachers, and staff members to make efforts to communicate with each other and respond positively to the many and upcoming challenges we face and will face during this severe state budget crises. Let's understand first and disagree with respect, second. As Barack Obama once said, let's "learn how to disagree without being disagreeable."

Many issues were brought to light and many meaningful and important discussions were held; I am confident that we will close this school year on a positive note and begin next school year refreshed, recharged, and renewed.

I want to commit my continued enthusiasm and determination to making differences for Third Street School. Thank you for supporting me as your principal. Thank you for entrusting our staff with your children. Have a wonderful, well deserved summer. See you in September.

Next Year's Classroom Assignment & Address Verifications:

Your children in grades K-4 in general education will not know their room assignments for next year when they leave school on June 18th. We will mail your child's new room assignment around the end of August. That is why it's crucial for us to have your updated address and phone numbers. If yours has changed, please come to the office to update this information. If you do not live within Third Street School's boundaries, please come to the office to obtain a transfer paper to your own school of residence during the last week of school, June 14th through June 18th. Please do not resort to falsifying your address.

Summer School:

There will not be any district-sponsored summer school at Third Street School. Eligible Third Street School students with IEPs will attend ESY (Extended School Year) at Wilton Place Elementary School located at 745 S. Wilton Place, LA, 90005 (Tel#: 213-389-1181) 7/07/10 – 8/03/10, 8:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. (4 weeks only).

Update on 6th Grade Issue at Third Street School

At this writing, the district is still in the process of studying the feasibility of restoring 6th grade classes to our campus for the 2011 – 2012 academic school year (NOT in September 2010). As long as Third Street School has at least 3 or 4 empty classrooms to accommodate students, the district may permit Third Street School to become a K – 6th grade school. We will continue to keep you posted as the issue is being examined by LAUSD.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS by Saran Richard

Congratulations to the students who finished as the top three winners for the "My School Is Cool" Sketch-Up contest. To encourage greater use of our wonderful technology center, we will have summer enrichment camps so that students can gain more computer skills while having fun with Ms. Richard and guest in the Tech Center.

Summer Technology Camp

To enroll in Tech Camp, please see Ms. Richard to enroll by June 14th.

Join us in the Technology Center during the early dismissal days on June 16-18th from 12:35-3:35pm. Fee: \$20 a day or \$60 for the week

We will also have Tech Camp during:

- June 22-25th: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; Fee: \$20 per day or \$80 week.
- August 30-Sept. 3rd: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; Fee \$20 per day or \$100 week.

Students will practice and learn:

- Tech Camp for 1-2: art, keyboarding skills, math, filmmaking, and games
- Tech Camp for 3-6: animation, art, keyboarding, filmmaking and editing, and games

All Tech Camps are open to entering 1st through 6th grade students.

Friends of Third:

It's hard to believe it's almost time for summer break! We've had a great year, thanks to all of the support and hard work of all the wonderful families, faculty and staff here at Third Street. We are on track to end this year with an all time fundraising high and we couldn't have done it without you all! We have a few more fun opportunities for you to participate in, so don't rest yet!

Up next is the famous **Third Street Olympics** which will take place **Saturday, June 5**. Mark your calendar now if you haven't already done so because it promises to be another record setting event both in terms of money raised for the school and for family fun! Please check out the dedicated website (<http://thirdstreetolympics.com>) for all the details. This year the organizers (Brad Rowe, Trent Cooper and Ben Zoldan) have done an amazing job of rounding up support and partners from the community including GNC (who donated 1500 backpacks!), Whole Foods, Sport Chalet, Prime Time Sports, Classic Party Rentals, Clif Kid and others still coming on board as of this writing. We are proud that this event will not only provide much needed resources to our school, but that we are sharing our good fortune with the local non-profit School on Wheels who will distribute the 1500 backpacks filled with school supplies to homeless children in our community. Please join us for the event - you'll have an amazing day and feel good about what you've done to help some kids that really need it.

Concert in the "Park" - Come join us on **Friday, June 11 at 5:30 p.m.** for a special evening of music provided by our very own talented students under the leadership of our very own music instructor, Richard Lawton. Bring a picnic dinner and blanket and relax. It will also be an opportunity to paint a tile if you've given to the annual giving campaign or to have someone paint one for you if you aren't able to attend. We'll be sending out more information on that soon.

Annual Giving 100% Campaign - Once again, the families at Third Street have proven to be the best! We called, and you answered, bringing our annual giving total to a whopping \$113,000 (as of this writing)! See the note from our hard working chair below:

"A HUGE thank you to all the generous donors who have given to the Annual Giving so far. We are making progress towards our 100% goal. So far 48% of our families have given. Thank you to the room parents for all of their help in spreading the word in getting everyone who is able to participate. Of course we understand that some families are not able to give in this economic climate, but remember *no child is ever denied the benefit of the services we fund through our campaign (and all Friends fundraising activities) regardless of their ability to contribute.* I also want to acknowledge the following parents for their enormous efforts: Carrie Heckman, InSun Janigian, Nancy Drymon, Renee Ridgeley, John Han, Helen Kang, Christina Nickerson and Donna Eckholt (and

anyone else who has volunteered). If you are able, and have not done so yet, please donate. Checks can be made out to "Friends of Third" (a 501(c)3 nonprofit) and put in the blue collection box in the office. Also, I received 2 cash contributions with no identifying information (one for \$70 and one for \$15) so if you are one of the generous individuals who donated this cash and would like acknowledgement/receipt for the same, just contact me at the e-mail address below.

Thank you all - it's an honor to lead our school community in this collaborative effort!"

Tara Brancato, Annual Giving Fund Chair tbrancato@sbcglobal.net

Asian Fusion Silent Auction - As reported last month, the party at the Waters family residence did not disappoint in fun and it set a record high in funds raised as well! We are still waiting for final deposits but it looks like we will clear about \$60,000 on the event. The generosity of Mark and Dina Waters, the involvement of so many families who volunteered their time to make this event special, and the fantastic turn out have set the bar high for next year's event, but we are already at work and hunkering down to plan for another fabulous gala for next spring so stay tuned and let us know if you want to help out!

Budget Survey Results: Thank you again to everyone who completed the budget survey Dr. Oh sent out in April. A record number of teachers and 166 families returned the surveys. We have tabulated the results and they are posted on our website as well as various places throughout the school campus. Results indicate that teachers and parents are largely in agreement on the priority budget items which included the library aide and technology among those that ranked highest. It has been tremendously helpful to the Board of Directors as we deliberate our budget for the next school year and re-affirming to see that our funding really aligns with the priorities of our teachers and our families. Thank you for your participation!

There will be no **FOT Monthly meeting in June.**

All the best for a wonderful summer and thanks to you all for your amazing contributions and help this year,

Brad Rowe and Mary Rainwater - Your FOT Co-Presidents

PTA News:

Bless you and thank you for all your kind and generous donations as well your amazing huge amount of volunteer hours. Your participation and involvement has made Third Street Elementary School the joyous and wonderful environment that we all take pride in. Lots of Love!

- Teacher Appreciation Week – Fantastic Job Alysoun Higgins! Thank you to everyone (please excuse me if I've missed someone) that volunteered and donated items; Maria Chachere, Eun Young Choi, Nancy Zeihl, Abby Mars, Donna Ekholdt, Alexa Kent, Lisa Shapiro, Alice Fries and the list goes on! Thank you Teachers we love you! We hope you enjoy your beach towels, lip balm, sunscreen, i-tunes, Borders Book Store Cards, Scones, Breakfasts and all the appreciation we have to give. We appreciate the Staff as well so this is a double thank you!
- Family Night – June 14th – Pane E Vino – Italian! 8265 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90048 (323) 651-4600 - panevinola.com. May's Family Night at OO-KOOK was a blast! We made \$500. Thank you everyone for coming.
- YEARBOOK: Please send in your order forms!!! Yearbooks cost \$20. Look for flyers in your child's backpack coming home soon.
- Science Fair: June 3rd... Mrs. Clara Hong – Teacher; Science Chair - Volunteers Needed! Maria Chachere, Wendy Hopkins and Alice Fries will be asking around for your help. 5pm in the Auditorium. Parents get your children into action and have fun!

- Lost & Found – ATTENTION!!! Come Summer time the clothes are going to be donated to Charity so please check out the Lost & Found today.
- Salvin Donation Trunk. Out-Grown but not Worn-Out Clothing and Toy Collection – Keep your donations coming! Salvin Special Education Center thanks Third Street families for our generous donations of items to Salvin families in need.
- NON-TITLE ONE MEETING – May 21st 8:15am in the Auditorium was a fantastic experience. Thank you to the Non-Title I Committee; Maria Chachere, Alice Fries, Alysoun Higgins, Leslie Macias, Francis Okwu and Peter Wagner.
- PTA Honorary Service Awards: June 10th at Marmalade in the Grove. Rita Gasparetti is the Chair of this event. Invitations will be sent out via email and the cost is \$25. per person.
- Teacher and Staff Luncheon: June 21st in the Auditorium at 11:30 am. This luncheon is a favorite for all who attend and participate. Please donate a food item, a drawing item, drinks, salads, fruit, anything and everything is greatly appreciated.

Our last meeting of the school year will be on Friday, June 4th at 8:15 in the auditorium. See you there!

Thank you to all the amazing PTA Officers;

Maria Chachere – Treasurer, Eun Young Choi – V.P., Ivy Andrade – Secretary and Rita Gasparetti – Parliamentarian; and to all the Committee Chairs of the wonderful PTA programs; Teacher and Staff Luncheon and Hospitality; Rebecca Miranda, Yearbook; Zach Zemby, School Beautification; Dina Waters, H.J. Paik and Debora Vrana, Salvin Donation Trunk; Heidi Richardson, Earthquake Preparedness; Tim Hill and Rock Rocaberte, Membership; Alice Fries, Safety Advisory; Alice Fries, Eun Young Choi, Back to School Breakfast; Melanie Snodgrass, Family Night; Alice Fries; Leslie Macias, Melanie Snodgrass, Rita Gasparetti, Maria Chachere, Scholastic Book Fair; Carole Koneff, Maite Andonegui, Dorie Chamberlain, Web Site; Alice Fries, Communications; Eun Young Choi, Red Ribbon Week; Ivy Andrade – Mrs. Mark, Canned Food Drive; Judith Lindner, Holiday Toy Drive; Wendy Hopkins, Lost and Found; Tia Zoldan and Karen Scott, Teacher Appreciation Week; Alysoun Higgins, School Hand Book; Tara Brancato, Traffic; Kristy – Hyun Jung Kim, Health and Fitness / Presidential Challenge; Lesley Goldberg, Art Reflections; Alice Fries, Middle School Seminar; Ivy Andrade, Science Fair; Miss Clara Hong, Wendy Hopkins, Maria Chachere, Alice Fries, Student of the Month; Jennifer Glickman, Parent Copy Team; Cindy JeeHyang Kwak.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped throughout the year to realize these programs for the children. Have a fantastic Summer!

Alice Fries

Library News:

Marathon Reading Challenge (Grades 2 to 5)

Congratulations to the following students for completing the marathon challenge bringing the final total to 114.

Grade 5: Ashley Han (Mrs. Skaggs)

Grade 4: Amaka Nwankwo (Dr. Fulton)

Grade 3: Jake Perfitt (Ms. Byham), Nurjannah Wiryadimejo (Mr. Jones), Clark Easley (Mr. Jones)

Grade 2: Jonathan Olivares (Mr. Pak), Sadie Gerber (Mr. Nunez), Zoe Waters (Mr. Nunez), Hopper Rowe (Ms. Pak), Kayla Kwak (Ms. Pak), Abby Mercado (Ms. Nunez), Tarlton Walker (Ms. Pak), Jake Pagach (Ms. Pak), Richard Norris-Rocaberte (Ms. Loy), Louis Pang (Ms. Kim), Caleb Yang (Ms. Pak)

Triathlon Reading Challenge – Grade 1

Congratulations to Ethan Chi (Mrs. Park), Elise Kim (Mrs. Park), Adam Park (Ms. H. Lee), Isabelle Nam (Mrs. Takahashi) and Joshua Kim (Mrs. Park) for completing the Triathlon Reading Challenge.

Dewey Dollars Challenge

Congratulations to Andrew Kim (Ms. Byham), Eliza Yoon (Ms. Byham) and Ella Pang (Ms. Limb) for completing the Dewey Dollars Challenge.

Million Word Challenge

Congratulations to Ella Pang for reading One Million Words since October 1. This activity is open to all grades and does not have a time limit.

World Wildlife Fund Adoptions

We exceeded our goal of 7 animals this year and made it to 8, representing a donation of \$400 to the World Wildlife Fund. The plush animals will be raffled off at the end of June, one per grade level and two bonus chances.

Summer Reading Lists and Programs

Please see Mrs. Koneff if you would like a suggested grade level reading list for the summer.

The following three websites offer reading programs for students 12 and under:

Los Angeles Public Library – www.lapl.org/kidspath/events/readingclub.php

Borders – www.borders.com/online/store/MediaView_doubledogdare (underscore after MediaView)

Barnes and Noble – www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/

The John C. Fremont Branch of the Public Library has many activities over the summer and a flyer is available in the library with further information.

Third Street School Vision Statement:

We, the stakeholders of Third Street Elementary School, will, in partnership with our school community, educate, challenge and empower our students to become productive and responsible members of changing society by providing a rigorous, forward-looking and nurturing environment.

Food for Thought:

What is it that our students really need? Reading, math, science, history and social studies are important; but children need love, confidence, encouragement, someone to talk to, someone to listen and standards to live by.

Together, we can and will make a difference. We believe that all children not only can learn, but must learn. Thank you for entrusting your child(ren) with us.

Sincerely,

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