



“The Power of Towers”

PTA President’s Message

Summer vacation is right around the corner!

It has been a busy couple months as we wrap up the 2008-2009 school year. I would like to thank **Shirley Renfro** and all the **AIA parents** that put together the **Art Show**. They spent hours decorating the cafeteria to display our kids’ art beautifully!! My hat is off to all of you. Thank you to **Suzette Slattery** for a wonderful **Blue Ribbon week**. It is always a great way to show our support for all the men and women that dedicate their lives to our safety. We would also like to give a big thank you to **Rhonda Johnson and her committee** for all the work put into **Teacher Appreciation week**. The teachers were served coffee and goodies, flower bouquets were made - thanks to all the families that brought the beautiful lowers, and they were served lunch with all the food brought in by families. We wrapped the week up with a pizza party for them. Of course thank you to the teachers for all they do every day for our kids. **Dora Kane** ran the **Jog-A-Thon** and a big thank you to her for a job well done!!! We will be wrapping up the rest of the year with the first Towers Spelling Bee.

I would like to end by saying **“Great Job”** to all the **5th grade students** that will be moving on to Middle School and wishing them good luck. They will be missed here at Towers. The fifth graders will celebrate

the end of their Elementary years with a picnic at the park.

There are a lot of **open positions on the PTA Board** for next year and we are looking to fill them so that we can start off the 2009-2010 with a bang!!! Please review the list(pg2) and contact me if you would like to help out. Emergency Preparation chairperson, Enrichment (teachers enrichment for classrooms) chairperson, Legislation chairperson, Wellness Committee, Communication packets, Directory, Membership Campaign, Yearbooks, Beautification, Room Rep Coordinator, Blue Ribbon Week, Volunteer List, Ice Cream Social, Box Tops.

Thank you all for a great year and I look forward to seeing you all in September!!! Have a safe and fun summer.

Amie Nothern



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Upcoming Events

- Fifth Grade Picnic
- Gold Rush Day
- Last Day of School



PTA Open Positions



JOIN THE PTA!!!!!!

We are looking for moms and dads to join the PTA!!! This is a great way to get to know the teachers, parents and work hand in hand with the students here at Towers. Below are the chair positions we are in need of. Please feel free to call me or write if you are interested or have any questions!!! I look forward to hearing from you!!!!

- Emergency Preparation Chairperson
- Enrichment (teachers enrichment for classrooms) Chairperson
- Legislation Chairperson
- Parent Education
- Wellness Committee
- Communication packets
- Directory

- Membership Campaign
- Yearbooks
- Beautification
- Courtesy and Hospitality
- Room Rep Coordinator
- Teacher Appreciation
- Blue Ribbon Week
- Volunteer List
- 5th grade picnic
- Ice Cream Social
- Box Tops

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SCRIP News



STOCK UP FOR SUMMER... We have scrip for all your summer needs! Visit the Scrip Cart Tues or Fri, before or after school. Email us at towersscrip@gmail.com with any special requests or questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED... We're looking for volunteers to work the Scrip Cart next year. If you might be interested in helping one morning or afternoon a week, please email and let us know!

A SPECIAL THANKS... A very big "Thank You" to all Towers families and especially our regular buyers, who have supported the Scrip Program this year! Your purchases help our school!

Have a wonderful summer!

"Scripfully" yours, Wendy Ito, Sindy Kang & Marlene Young

Principal's Letter



May 29, 2009

Dear Towers Parents,

I can't believe the year is almost over. It seemed like it was yesterday when we had our Meet the Principal/Ice Cream Social. My first year at Towers has been wonderful. I have gotten to know many of the students and parents, some even on a first name basis! I am very grateful that I work with such wonderful teachers who have advised, guided, and collaborated with me this year. In addition, I am glad to have a great PTA President who shares a similar vision as I do when it comes to student achievement. I am constantly surrounded by competent and good people who have dedicated their lives to helping all students succeed.

The most difficult experience for me this year was the State's budget crisis. It does not look like the State's budget woes will end this year. Nonetheless, I will continue to maintain an optimistic and positive outlook about the situation. Even though a huge portion of our school funds were frozen in the beginning of the school year, and we received only a partial amount of the State's funds, we were still able to continue all school programs this year. Student achievement and school safety will continue to be my top priorities next year.

The district is working diligently on reducing costs for next year. One cost reduction initiative that the School Board has recently approved is a uniform start time for all schools. This will save the district approximately \$500,000 in costs. At Towers, uniform start time means that we will begin at 8:50AM during the 2009-10 school year. Kindergarten dismissal will be at 1:50PM, grades 1-



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3 will dismiss at 3:03PM, and grades 4-5 will dismiss at 3:12PM. The school grounds will open at 8:35AM. We ask that you revisit your drop off and pick up arrangements and make adjustments according to our new schedule.

The Towers community has definitely come through when we needed your help the most. When we needed copy paper, you donated about 600 reams of paper to the school. When we needed health supplies, our business partner Kaiser Permanente donated them to us. When we needed an extra pair of hands to volunteer, you came out and provided your time and energy. I am confident that if we continue to work together, we will overcome any budget problem the State is having, and come out victorious at the end.

June is always a unique month because we are in the process of closing the school down, but at the same time, planning for next school year. I am happy that summer is approaching because we all need the well deserved break. On the other hand, I am also looking forward to starting next school year on a successful note. I want to thank you all for your warm welcomes this year and the support you have given to our school. To our outgoing fifth grade parents, I want to encourage you all to stay involved in your children's lives. The middle grades are probably some of the most crucial years in your children's lives and this is the time when they need you the most. I want to wish you all a safe, relaxing, and fun summer vacation and I look forward to working with you in the fall.

Sincerely,

Kaivan Yuen
Principal, Towers Elementary School

Towers PTA Scholarship Awards



Each year Towers PTA awards two separate scholarships to two West High grads, whom are former Towers alumni. This years recipients are **Emily Tseng** and **Shane Maddox**, each will receive \$750. They were chosen from a group of impressive and accomplished applicants. The scholarship is awarded for community service, honors and awards, leadership and extracurricular activities. In the Fall, Shane will be attending Cal State Long Beach and Emily will be at UC Berkeley. Towers PTA extends sincere congratulations and wishes them success in their pursuit of higher education.



Many Thanks to *all* of our talented Docents for their dedication and devotion to the children. Each one of our Docents have attended workshops and have returned to teach art to our children magnificently! Also I thank the many assistants in their willingness to prep early and stay after projects to clean-up.

You are all wonderful!!

And, a very special thanks to Wendy Ito for doing an exceptional job as Supply Chair. The AIA cabinets have never been so easily accessible, clean and organized.

Of course a big thank you to Dr. Yuen, our teachers and the PIA for supporting this very special program for our school. It has been fun to see so many teachers and Dr. Yuen stop their busy schedules for a few and sit down to do the projects with their classes and the children.

And last but not least, Thank you to Mr. Mike for *all* of his assistance and patience in setting up the cafeteria for the many art projects and allowing us to clean the brushes & palettes in his office.

Our children are "The Many Faces of Art". We look forward in bringing more Adventures in Art to your children for their future.

The pleasure is all ours!

Artfully Yours,

Shirley Renfro - Adventures in Art Chairperson

Jog-A-Thon Results and Thank You's



First of all I'd like to extend a very **BIG THANK YOU** to all of the teachers, staff, parents, our wonderful Torrance Fire Department and, especially, our students who made Towers' 24th Annual Jog-A-Thon a huge success! We have raised over \$13,000, thus far, which will directly benefit our school and its students.

I'd also like to thank the following families/businesses for their extra sponsorship this year:

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Another big thank you goes out to our corporate sponsors:

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It has been my pleasure to work with all of you on this fun and rewarding event. Thanks, again, for all your help and support; we couldn't have done it without you!!

- Dora Kane





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June

11	5th Grade Picnic
12	Gold Rush Day/ 4th Grade
18	Last Day of School

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