



The Ladera News



Ladera Elementary School PTO Newsletter

May 2009

Principal's Message

By Ryan Bollenbach

Congratulations!

At the PTO/PTA Coordinating Council Awards held on April 21st, Ladera honored Geri Shaw. In addition to her daily duties as a librarian, Mrs. Shaw also facilitates the Birthday Book Club, TV Turn-off week and the Battle of the Books competition. Congratulations to our night custodian Anthony Lopez who was named Ladera's 2009 Classified Employee of the Year. Mr. Lopez was honored at the April 27th Board of Education meeting at the District Office. My most sincere congratulations to both Mrs. Shaw and Mr. Lopez, thank you for all that you do for Ladera.

Measuring Student Progress – Three Important Components

There are three important components of measuring student progress, often these are referred to as our District's Multiple Measures.

1. The first component of each student's assessment record is classroom grades as reflected on the report card. These grades are a summary of student progress and achievement over an extended period of time and they cover many learning objectives.
2. The second component is the Tustin Local Assessments (TLA). This assessment is comprised of the Houghton Mifflin Summative Assessment (Language Arts) and the UCI Math Benchmarks. These assessments are given 3 times per year in December, March and June.
3. In May, students throughout California will take the STAR Test. Ladera students in second through fifth grades will be testing May 4th – May 8th. These tests are the "high stakes" tests and the school-wide results are published in the media as API and AYP scores. Parents, politicians, educators and community groups have learned to look at the resulting data and use that information to measure the quality of a particular school's program. However, for students, it is only one measure of school success. Throughout the district and at Ladera, we will continue to look at multiple measures as we determine the success rate of our students.

President's Message

By Kirsten Jessel, PTO President

Congratulations on our newly elected PTO Executive Board (see page 2.) We love having new people and ideas on the PTO Board, and we are delighted to welcome three new board members for the 2009-2010 school year; Co-VP of Membership Carmel Ryan, Secretary Zubia Villacorta, and Financial Secretary Bini Teng. Nancy Mallory has graciously agreed to be next years PTO President. If you are familiar with Nancy and her previous work with the PTO you will agree we are very fortunate to have her step into this role!

Friday May 8th is out Angels Family Night complete with a free Tailgate Dinner. We will meet under the "Big A" at 5:30. Game time is 7:05.

Jamba Juice has generously offered 20% back to Ladera throughout the day for two weeks! From Monday May 4th through Sunday May 17th.

On Saturday May 16th Ladera will host its first E-waste recycling day from 9am-3pm in the Ladera parking lot. Please check Ladera website and your child's Friday Folders for the Jamba Juice and E-waste recycling flyers.

Additional PTO Sponsored activities in May include Teacher Appreciation Day on May 13th. Be sure to keep a look out for instructions from your room parent on how you can help.

Check out the Spring Book Fair May 22nd through 29th for great summer reading selections.

Ladera's Open House on May 28th will include many activities this year, with a fourth grade Science Fair in the Multi Purpose Room and the 5th Grade Bake Sale and KidsArtFair (see page 5) in the Courtyard Area.

Our final PTO meeting of the year will be held Thursday May 21st at 9am, and will be preceded by the Principal's chat at 8:30am. Please join us!

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2008-09 PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD	
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2009-2010 Ladera PTO Executive Board Elected

We are pleased to announce the newly elected

2009-2010 PTO Executive Board:

President	Nancy Mallory
VPs, Programs	Robin Steinmetz (Assemblies) & Noreen Wong (Afterschool Enrichment)
VPs, Fundraising	Kathy Kendall & Janice Lee
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Treasurer	Pam Dixon
Financial Secretary	Bini Teng

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The submission deadline for the next issue (June) is May 26.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 4-8 Star Testing Window
- 6 Walk to School Wednesday
- 8 Angels Family Night
- 13 Teacher Appreciation Day
Walk to School Wednesday
- 16 E-waste recycling @ Ladera 9-3
- 20 Walk to School Wednesday
Plastic Bottle Recycling Day
- 21 Principals Chat 8:30am
PTO Meeting 9:00am
School Site Council Meeting 3pm
- 25 No School Memorial Day Holiday
- 22-29 Spring Book Fair
- 27 Walk to School Wednesday
- 28 Minimum Day
PTO Installation Brunch 9-11
Open House/KidsArtFair/
5th Grade Bake Sale
- 30 Quad-MATH-alon

JUNE

- 3 Walk to School Wednesday
- 10 Walk to School Wednesday
- 17 Field Day
Walk to School Wednesday
- 18 End of 3rd Trimester
Last Day of School
5th Grade Promotion

"Happy Spring"
from **Julie Loeb**
of Prudential California Realty
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**Art Master Students
Meet
Vincent Van Gogh**



Art Master Students were recently introduced to the famous Dutch painter, Vincent Van Gogh and his expressive use of texture, through slides and stories. Students examined his vibrating brush strokes in detail as preparation for the art activity based on this remarkable technique of drawing with color. The student versions of some of Van Gogh's famous paintings are outstanding!



Library Corner



The Ladera Birthday Book Club welcomes the following new members who recently donated a new book to the Ladera Library in honor of their birthday:

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| Kush Bhargava | Madison Shealy |
| Gwen Gaylord | Abby Steinmetz |
| Sarah Heaton | Andrew Stern |
| Meredith McKinley | Tristan Wani |
| Julia Patrick | Alyssa Young |
| Olivia Patrick | Ethan Zambon |



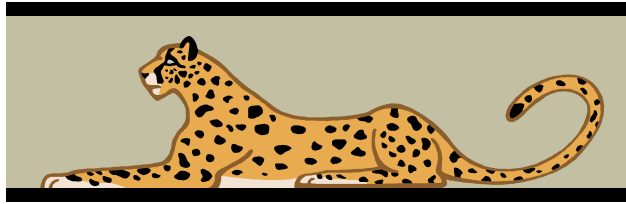
Thank you!

Budget News

The outcome of the May 19th Special Ballot will affect Education Spending...please read before you vote!

Tustin Unified School District's General Fund Second Interim Budget was released on March 9th. This Budget Report will accommodate the new California State Education Budget. The Report assumes that Propositions 1A-1E on the May 19th Ballot will pass. If all 5 Propositions do not pass, further cuts will be needed. To view the General Fund Second Interim Budget, visit www.tustin.k12.ca.us and click on Budget Watch.

For information on Propositions 1A-1E and how they will affect our schools, please visit: www.laderaleopards.org and click on **Propositions 1A-1E**.



Ladera Yearbook Orders Due May 15th!

Now is the time to reserve your personal copy of the *Ladera 2008/09 Yearbook*. This year's book will feature:

- 80-page computer layout
- Quality digital photos
- *All* pages in **color** featuring highlight photos of school activities and events
- Cover art designed by Ladera students
- Panoramic all student photo 2-page spread
- Grade level photo collages

Only those who **pre-order by Friday, May 15th** will be guaranteed a yearbook. Please use the yearbook order forms distributed in our Friday folders or available in the front office. Order your Yearbook today!

Yearbook Art Contest

Thanks to all our **Ladera Leopard Artists**, we had lots of terrific entries for our annual Yearbook cover art contest. The winners will be announced in June and will be given a complimentary copy of the Ladera Yearbook.



Help Ladera Recycle and raise money for our students! Start saving your **PLASTIC BOTTLES.**

The Ladera Green Team and the 5th Grade Class have been collecting **PLASTIC BOTTLES**. Wednesday May 20th is our final Plastic Bottle Recycling day. Clean plastic bottles will be collected at the front and back gate at AM drop off.



Ladera's First Kidsartfair Coming Soon!

We will be having Ladera's first Kidsartfair during our Open House on May 28 from 4-6pm for the Ladera Preschool and from 6-8pm for all Ladera grades. Art Masters coordinator, Pam Edmondson and the Community Arts Liaison Angelika Belle are setting up an Art Fair outside next to the Multi Purpose Room with framed artwork of all Ladera's students from grades k-5. Parents are able purchase their children's framed art as well as other fun, art- related activity packs. Ladera will receive 20% of all sales to support art education at our school!

During this event we will also launch our new Ladera Creativity Club which will connect and inspire Ladera families through design and art related activities and events throughout the coming school years.



Fifth Grade Promotion News

We want to thank everyone for participating in our last plastic bottle recycling day. It raised \$83.00 for the Fifth Grade Promotion Committee. The next one is coming up on Wednesday, May 20th.

The Fifth Grades will be hosting a Bake Sale at open house again this year. Money raised will help pay for their class trip. Please do stop by.

Finally, **we need 4th grade parents to volunteer with the Promotion Ceremony.** This will help those who want to be on the committee next year and give the parents on the current committee a chance to enjoy it with their families.



Ladera's First Track Meet - Be a Sport and Sign Up!

Ladera is hosting its first Track Meet for Grades 1-5 on Friday, June 5th starting at 9:00am in the morning.

We will have running events, and two field events. Make sure to sign up!

Each classroom will have one relay team to represent their classroom. Award ribbons and medals can be won at our First Ladera Track Meet.

The teachers will run the Track events for the day, but parent volunteers are always welcomed. Susan Semotan and Lynne Crawford are the Chairpersons.

Come out for a fun day!

Newsletter Sponsors Needed for Next Year!

If you are interested in sponsoring any issues of the Ladera PTO newsletter next school year, please contact Kim Patrick at kimpat3@mac.com or 714-505-0765 for more information.

Ladera Boys' Volleyball Makes the Playoffs!

By Kaylee Whitfield



Congratulations! Ladera Boys' Volleyball made the playoffs at C.T. Middle School for the first time. Our record during league was 9-2. At CT- we played our first game against Peter's Canyon losing 2-1.

Peter's Canyon played Benson in the next game and Benson came out ahead and took the championship. Our second game we played against Tustin Ranch for third place and we prevailed in two games. Overall we took third. The boys had an outstanding season and we are so proud of them!

Green Team Tips

By Pam Edmondson

Refill ink cartridges: Refilling and reusing ink cartridges is a simple way to reduce tons of annual waste. Trusted service providers can ensure the print and quality is maintained. Refills can cost up to 50% less than new ones. It takes about a gallon of oil to make a new toner cartridge, so refilling will help save oil as well as eliminate waste.

Water plants in the morning: The best time to water plants is usually in the morning, both to maximize the efficiency of H₂O used and to promote healthy flora. Mornings tend to be cool and without strong winds, so the amount of water lost to evaporation is much less than during the middle of the day. In addition, plants have the opportunity to dry and are less likely to be damaged by fungal and bacterial diseases.

Have car washed at a Car Wash: Commercial car washes require an average of about 45 gallons of water per car, whereas home washers typically use between 80 and 140 gallons, according to the trade group International Carwash Association. That's a big difference! Federal law requires commercial car washes to drain their wastewater into sewers, where it receives treatment, versus simply running directly to the ocean.



Nurse's Corner - SWINE FLU



What is Swine Influenza?

Swine flu is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by type A influenza that regularly cause outbreaks of influenza among pigs. Swine flu viruses do not normally infect people, but human infections with swine flu do occur. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that the swine influenza A (H1N1) virus currently in the news is contagious and is spreading from human to human.

How does swine flu spread?

Human to human spread of this swine influenza A (H1N1) virus is thought to be happening in the same way that seasonal flu spreads. Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing of people with influenza. People may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

What are the symptoms of swine flu?

The symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever (100° or higher), cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu.

What can I do to protect myself from getting sick?

There is no vaccine available right now to protect against swine flu, and the seasonal flu vaccine is not thought to be protective against this swine flu. There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza. Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick with influenza, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

To keep the flu from spreading to more people, we ask you to keep sick

children home. Any children who are sick in school will be sent home. Please keep your child at home if he/she has a fever of 100° or higher.

For further information on swine flu, please visit the OCDE website at

http://www.ocde.k12.ca.us/flu_update.asp

Students Honored at 2st Trimester Awards Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for their achievements during the 2st trimester of the school year at the April 2009 Awards Assembly:

Kindergarten/Elconin

Rumjhum Hemnani – Principal's Award
Ishana Shah – Language Arts/Writing
Sarath Suresh - Science

Giselle Villa - Citizenship
Neil Sorto – Keoni Ho

Kindergarten/Wenner

Helena Sardenberg – Principal's Award
Shreem Venkatesh – Principal's Award
Jacob Lehnhof - Reading
Bethany Bowers - Writing
Amberly Higgins & Nikolas Belle - Math

1st Grade/Semotan

Sam Coulston – Principal's Award
Janak Bhakta – Principal's Award
Kanon Sasaki & Kush Bhargava & Jaeger Villalba – Reading
Adanm Biele & Ashley Wilkinson - Math
Amanda Boktor Social Studies

1st Grade/Valencia

Claire Bogue – Principal's Award
Julie Chun – Principal's Award
Tyler Yang – Science
Jack Gannaway & Kyle Bowers –
Citizenship
Rachel Palajac & Olivia Knobbe – Reading
Brianda Placentia - Writing

1st Grade/Nuer

Amy Watson – Principal's Award
Trevor Nguyen – Principal's Award

Max Schechter & Michaela Baker - Writing
Elias Martinez - Math
Arantza Liceaga – Reading & Math
Nikolas Kirkwood - Reading
Sarah Heaton – Academic Excellence

1st & 2nd Grade/Crawford

Adi Agarwai – Principal's Award
Alyssa Ross – Principal's Award
Marina Sardenberg - Writing
Dylan Bird – Math
Megan Kendall – Reading
Turner Mills - Reading
Justin Wood – Academic Excellence

2nd Grade/Moore

Ryan Shum– Principal's Award
Kaitlyn Thoresen– Principal's Award
Harrison Calo & Andrew Wolf– Growth
& Success in Math
Mason Bauman – Penmanship
Hannah Alforque – Reading & Literacy

2nd Grade/Goldenberg

3rd Grade/Donavan

Ben Palajac – Principal's Award
Jillianne Fernando – Principal's Award

Danielle Wilner – Writing
Dominic Libertoski – Writing
Addison Schwarz - Math
Alyssa Koval - Math
Joshua Ruiz - Math

3rd Grade/DiLellio & St. Clair

Danielle Dixon -Principal's Award
Darren Gerchick - Principal's Award
Talya Israel - Math
Josef Jankowski -Math
Liam Kirkwood - Reading
Ryan Worobey - Writing

3rd Grade/Pilon

Daniel Rhie – Principal's Award
Sho Jen – Principal's Award
Justin Boktor - Math
Juliette Waldman - Math
Hareni Ravikumar - Writing
Kelsey Higgins – Language Arts
Breannah Limbo – Language Arts

3rd Grade/Sommers

Serena Chang– Principal's Award
Noah Crandall – Principal's Award
Evan Brandt - Art

Steven Hauser - Reading
Aurielle Simmons – Performing Arts
Andrew Kim – Social Studies /
Performing Arts
Emily Sharp - Math
Mo Zahra – Social Studies

4th Grade/Schwartz

Sarah Brunel– Principal's Award
Melanie Shum– Principal's Award
Arianna Ghanouni – Social Studies
Nirali Patel - Math
Ayaka Yamamoto - Reading
Elizabeth Mitchell - Writing

4th & 5th Grade/Whitfield

Dani Lowder – Principal's Award
Ashley Beck – Principal's Award
Zach Kellerr - Math
Ashley Palmer – Language Arts
Andrew Mathes – P.E.
Tara Steinmetz - Writing
Ryan Gershenovitz – Overall Academic
Excellence

5th Grade/McDonald

Sarah Thoresen – Principal's Award
Alana Monroe – Principal's Award
Troy Talley – P.E.
Noelle Lendino – Outstanding
Citizenship
Peter Ho – Listening & Speaking



Spring Fundraiser Final Report

By Nancy Mallory & Kathy Kendall

Ladera's Ultimate Tailgate Party was a night to remember! Even though we are currently in challenging economic times, the Ladera Family came through as always! This year's Spring Fundraiser netted over **\$43,000!** Thanks to each and every one of you for your help in raising these funds. A special thank you to Mr. Bollenbach and the entire Ladera staff for their support! Also, a BIG thank you to Tim Salmon for donating his time to sign autographs and take photos with our attendees! (Photos will be distributed at Open House.) Please keep reading for more details.

Sponsors: Many thanks to our sponsors for their support and contributions totaling **\$5,975**. A list of the sponsors is included in this newsletter, please take the time to thank our sponsors when you see them in the community and support them when you can.

Silent and Live Auctions: Also included, is a list of our generous friends & businesses who donated the many wonderful items for the live and silent auctions. The auctions raised **\$17,253!**

Classroom Baskets: The Classroom Baskets had several new unique themes this year and brought in a total of **\$10,650!** The Room Parents did an amazing job of coordinating the baskets, and the parents were very generous in their contributions! Thank you!

Teacher Donations – Thank you to the teachers & staff for their VERY creative and generous donations from Golfing to Horse riding to trips to Disneyland! The Teacher Donations raised **\$6,010**. The winning students were Nohl Abdelhadi, Hannah Alforque, Radean Anvari, Bethany Bowers, Davis Bowers, Elizabeth Bowers, *Buitron*, Paris Carillo, Presley Carillo, Nathan Chen, Madison Chi, Bella Coats, Will Cohen, Spencer Dixon, Alanna Edmondson, Anastasia Gershenovitz, Arianna Ghanouni, JR Hall, Sarah Heaton, Zachary Heller, Zach Jessel, Danielle Jones, Dean Kendall, Megan Kendall, Kaden Kuemerle, Gianna Lendino, Noelle Lendino, Cade Libertoski, Dominic Libertoski, Brooks Mallory, Cameron Mallory, Leah Messinger, Lexi Neary, Ashley Palmer, Jamie Quach, Jack Rilum, Aurash Roessler, Hayley Roettger, Dylan Ryan, Sasha Said, Max Schechter, Eli Schwarz, Jason Shube, Zachary Shube, Justin Stepanian, Andrew Stern, Kelsey Stern, Taylor Stern, Ryan Tobler, Carson Wong, Carly Worobey, Ryan Worobey

Raffle Tickets: We introduced a new 50-50 raffle this year and it was very well received. The 50-50 raffle raised **\$11,000**. \$5,500 goes directly to the school! The winners of the raffle were Grand Prize: \$2,750 to Celeste Keyser, 2nd Prize: \$1650 to Judy McKinley, and 3rd Prize: \$1100 to Stacey Proctor.

The class who sold the most tickets for the Raffle was Mrs. Moore's 2nd grade class. For their efforts, they win a BBQ lunch with Mr. Bollenbach and Mrs. Moore received a \$50 gift card to The Marketplace. The top three raffle ticket sellers were Dean Kendall (\$460), Andrew Wolfe (\$360), and Michaela Baker (\$300) They each won a \$50 gift card to Boomer's! Congratulations!

The Spring Fundraiser committee was outstanding and everyone contributed in their own ways. They worked diligently to make every aspect of the event a success. Thanks to each of you: Gita Aminloo, Jennifer Bauman, Shannon Bowers, Lisa Cappel, Nazanine Choobak, Lynn Cohen, Pam Edmondson, Kathy Ghanouni, Lisa Greenbaum, Mary Hajali, Susan Heller, Suzi Holte, Kirsten Jessel, Gita Kalili, Denise Koch, Janice Lee, Kenna Libertoski, Maryanne Liscio, Jamie Mills, Lori Palmer, Charlene Pitchess, Janine Rilum, Shalizeh Roessler, Samireh Said, Tammy Stern, Frances Sutherland, Zubia Villacorta, Steve Wayt, Julie Wiggins, Kathy Winters, Noreen Wong, Mitra Zahra and Shawn Zambon.

Thanks again to everyone, whether you donated money or items, spent your time or shared your knowledge; it takes all three to make this event a success!

THANK YOU SPRING FUNDRAISER SPONSORS!

Super Bowl Sponsors (\$1,000)

Farmers Insurance – Liberato Martinez Family Insurance Agency
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Brooks & Christina Talley
The Wooditch Company (Jennifer Bauman)

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The Sherman Family
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The Zuluaga Family

InKind Sponsors

Tina Brunel – Program printing
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Elizabeth Stevens & Impact marketing - Raffle ticket and raffle flyer printing

**Thank you to the following auction donors for this year's Spring Fundraiser.
Please support our donors and mention that you heard about them
at the Ladera Elementary School Fundraiser.**

Alicante Neighborhood
Ambiance Home Collection
American Alarm Systems
Ana Brandt Photography
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Angela Kenaley
Angels Baseball
Aquarium of the Pacific
Barb Neary
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Cartoon Network
Chick's
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Clay Time Ceramic Class
Conversa – Spanish for Life
Cornelia Weber Photography
CorePlus Fitness
Creative Arts
Creative Memories
Crevier BMW
Danny & Tammy Gannon
Dave & Buster's
David Douglas Salon
David Driscoll D.V.M.
Disneyland
Dr. Kenneth Pearson
Dr. Samireh Said
Dr. James Waldman
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FaceLogic
Farmer John's
French's Cupcake Bakery
Hidden Potential
Hilton Garden Inn – Carlsbad
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Images Hair and Nail Design
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Jamba Juice
Julie's Personal Fitness
K1 Speed Indoor Racing
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Kathleen Nishida
Kenna Libertoski
Kiddie Tech
LA Zoo
La Sirena Grill
Lost Bean

Mad Science
Mary Lou's Vintage Buckles
Masame Jen
Mathnasium
Michael Chang
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MKD Fitness
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New Image Design
Newport Beach Fire Station
Newport Health Center
OC Bows
OC Cruiser
Opah
Outback Steakhouse
Pacific Symphony
Panera Bakery
Peet's Coffee
Pei Wei
Pink Laundry
Pier One
Promotional Media
RA Sushi
Robyn Butler
Rubios
San Diego Zoo/Wild Animal Park
Santa Ana Zoo
Scott Bunney Architect, Inc.
Sharkey's Restaurant
South Coast Performing Arts
South Coast Repertory
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Sprinkle's Bakery
St. John Knits
Starbucks
SeaCrest Resort in Pismo Beach
Starting Line Fitness
Strike Lanes in The District
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Sugar Press
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The Baseball Academy
The Cheesecake Factory
The Counter
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The Game Squad
The Reserve
The Yard House
Tina Fab Flip Flops
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Tustin Dance Center
Tustin GMC
Tustin Hills Racquet Club
Tustin Music
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The Jaquez Family
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The Rilum Family
The Schwarz Family
The Sen Family
The Shecter Family
The Stepanian Family
The Stevens Family
The Sutherland Family
The Waldman Family
The Zubiri-Rivero Family
The Zuluagain Family

It's not too early to start thinking about summer!

Ladera Elementary is having a...



Skills Practice Program Designed to Ensure a Successful and Confident Transition to the Next Grade Level

**75% review of exiting grade level skills and
25% preview of entering grade level skills**

- Written to the California Content Standards
- A full-summer (10 weeks = 50 week days) of invaluable daily review/preview to maintain and grow your child's level of academic knowledge
 - Daily Mathematics and Reading/Language Arts practice
 - Suggested Summer Reading Book List
 - See, Sound, and Spell List
 - Answer Key

Retains students' learning during the summer and prepares students for the next school year.

Order form and payment due to your child's teacher by June 1, 2009

Books are available in levels K-1, 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, and 6-7 levels.

\$16.00 each

Please contact Ms. Schwartz at lschwartz@tustin.k12.ca.us for more information

Ordering information came home in May 1 Friday Folders!

C.R.S. Inc. and Ladera Elementary would like to invite you to our 1st Annual E-cycling Event



Complete Recycling Services Inc.

**Ladera Elementary School
2515 Rawlings Way (Tustin)
SATURDAY May 16th 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Do you know how to properly dispose of your old & obsolete electronics? Well here's the opportunity you've been waiting for. We are simply asking you to protect the environment by donating your old and obsolete electronic scrap along with any laser & ink jet toner cartridges. This event is a fundraiser for Ladera Elementary and is open to the public. We encourage ALL residents & businesses to participate by donating any of the items listed. Thank You in advance!!

We will be accepting:

Monitors-Televisions-Computers-Laptops-Scanners-Hard Drives-PDA's-Printers-Radios
Telephone Equipment-Mainframes-Vacuums-Hairdryers-Microwaves-VCR's-DVD Players-Mother
Boards-Power Supplies etc... **WORKING OR NOT WORKING!!**

We also take: Washers-Dryers-Refrigerators-Stoves-Dishwashers-Toaster Ovens

And anything with a plug!!

Highlights from the April 16th PTO General Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Camille Gershenovitz

- Summer Connection: \$900 in math materials purchased this month.
- 5th Grade Promotion: reviewed balance
- Recycling: \$77 earned
- Tustin Garden Club donation/grant pending.
- Library holding account: funds still available, will notify Mrs. Shaw.
- Spring Fundraiser: raised approximately \$42,500.
- \$30,000 of raised amount will be added to PTO cash balance.

Emergency Supplies: Robin Steinmetz

- Conducted inventory of emergency/disaster supplies.
 - Ladera is supplied with easy-up shade structures, port-a-potty kits and 'empty' water containers.
 - Purchased trashcans on wheels for classroom emergency supplies.
 - Red Cross water has expired.
 - Ladera needs to fill water containers, buy new Red Cross water and purchase additional flashlights.
- Noted that research says to use a metal container/shed for emergency equipment. Requested funds to purchase a metal shed (\$2700) to place behind garden and additional funds for emergency supplies.
 - Cathy Waldman motioned to approve \$5000 to purchase metal shed and additional emergency supplies; Motion carried.
- Michelle Hernandez contributed to the discussion.
 - Due to probability of forest fires in nearby hills, need masks for each person on Ladera's campus.

- Noted that temperatures within a metal shed will be 100 degrees higher than inside the school. Water and food will quickly go bad.

Teacher Appreciation: Michelle Hernandez

- Teacher Appreciation Day: Wednesday, May 13th.
 - PTO is sending teachers to teacher appreciation dinner
 - PTO will provide a mini-continental breakfast and lunch on May 13th.
- Needs a creative idea for teacher appreciation dinner on Thursday, May 21st to place at Ladera's tables.
- Requested additional volunteers

Mr. Alba's requests

- Mr. Alba would like 5 additional rectangular tables for the multi-purpose room. Linda Lowder motioned to approve \$700 to purchase tables. Motion carried.
- Nancy Mallory mentioned he would appreciate a computer in his office. Camille said there are already funds allocated for computers in the budget.

Nominating Committee: Cathy Waldman

- Cathy Waldman nominated Nancy Mallory as PTO President for the 2009-2010 school year; Motion carried.
- Cathy Waldman motioned to approve slate for 2009-2010 PTO Board; Motion carried.

President-Nancy Mallory
 1st VP Programs- Noreen Wong & Robin Steinmetz
 2nd VP Fundraising- Kathy Kendall & Janice Lee
 4th VP Publicity- Michele Hernandez & Kim Patrick
 3rd VP Membership – Pam Edmondson & Carmel Ryan
 5th VP Volunteer Coordinators- Tori Crummack & Mary Hajali
 Secretary- Zubia Villacorta
 Treasurer- Pam Dixon
 Financial Secretary- Bini Teng
 2009-2010 term begins July 1, 2009

President's Report: Kirsten Jessel

- Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Moore
 - Suggested giving Mrs. Moore \$1000 for classroom enrichment to show PTO appreciation. Camille explained that the money could be extracted from the enrichment budget and therefore no motion was necessary.
 - A memory book will be created with student and parent participation for Mrs. Moore.

Principal's Report: Ryan Bollenbach

- Classified Employee of the Year: Anthony Lopez, PM custodian
 - He will be honored at the April 29th board meeting.
- STAR Testing: May 4-8, 2009
- Teacher job situations
 - The jobs of 4 generalized teachers and 3 Special Ed teachers are still in jeopardy. Final layoff notices will be given out May 12 - 14. He will not give them out on Teacher Appreciation Day.
 - Requested suggestions for improving moral.
 - Statewide teacher layoffs: possibly 30,000.
- May 19th Election: all propositions on state ballot need to pass to help state/education budget, which may in turn save jobs.
- 2009-2010 Staffing: uncertain at this time due to layoffs, increase in class sizes and transfer teachers. Ladera will probably only employ 13 teachers next year. If any laid-off Ladera teachers are hired back, they will probably be able to return to our school.
- Transportation costs are being cut to save teachers' jobs.
- Wednesday, May 29th: Letter writing day to state legislature instead of staff development day. PTO will supply pink paper. Requested parent volunteers.
- Student planners: requested \$600. Motion carried.