

News from Ladera Elementary School PTO

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Ladera Elementary PTO Newsletter SEPTEMBER 2009

Welcome from Ladera Elementary School PTO

President's Message

By Nancy Mallory, PTO President

The PTO works to support our children through Art Masters, educational field trips, assemblies, technology, playground equipment, classroom enrichment and supplies, as well as part-time instructors. We are very excited that Ladera has been chosen for the Class Act Program associated with the Pacific Symphony. Program goals are to enrich the quality of music appreciation in schools through interaction with professional musicians and to encourage lifelong learning and interest in the arts.

On behalf of the PTO, I welcome you to the 2009-2010 school year! We are very fortunate to have such an incredible community at Ladera including our principal, teachers, staff, students, and families. The amount of volunteer hours committed over the course of the school year at Ladera plays an important role in the overall success of our school. To everyone who gives their time, as well as financial support, thank you for making an such a dramatic impact in our children's experience and education.

Our school has been impacted by state budget cuts. The school and many of our families will continue to face challenges due to current economic conditions. The PTO will operate this year with a heightened awareness of the school's needs and priorities. Together, we will strive to achieve our goals for success, keeping in mind that it is all about "OUR KIDS."

Our major sources for fundraising include:

- PTO Membership Drive
- Fall Fundraiser in conjunction with our Harvest Family Night
- Spirit Run in December



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- Spring Fundraiser, March 26th (casual dinner, dance & auction at Tustin Ranch Golf Club)

Other smaller, yet still important, forms of revenue include:

- Restaurant Nights (occasional nights at local restaurants who generously donate a portion of proceeds to Ladera)
- Recycling of printer cartridges, old cell phones, etc.
- Boxtops for Education (please clip & save all boxtops for Ladera)

Please look for information during the course of the year on all of these fundraisers. We value all of your support!

Our first PTO meeting is in conjunction with Back to School Night. The meeting will be held at 5:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. All other monthly meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:00 Noon. Please come to the meetings and offer your input and suggestions.

We are still in need for Chairpersons for the following committees: Yearbook, Restaurant Nights, Green/Recycling, Welcoming, and Hospitality. If you have an interest, please contact me at nancymallory@cox.net or 714/669-5492.

I am excited about the great year that is ahead of us. Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions or suggestions. See you at Back to School Night!

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A Great Year

Principal's Letter **By Ryan Bollenbach**

Welcome Ladera Elementary School Families to the 2009-2010 school year! I am very excited about the students returning to school and I look forward with great enthusiasm to continue working collaboratively with our students, our

parents, our faculty and our community toward providing opportunities in support of the highest academic achievement.

I am very excited to announce that all four of our teachers who received layoff notices at the end of the 2008-2009 school year are back teaching in TUSD! Mrs. Pilon will be teaching 4th grade at Hicks Canyon Elementary and Ms. Whitfield will be teaching 6th grade CORE at Pioneer Middle School. We will greatly miss having these two fantastic teachers on our campus and know they will have an overwhelmingly positive impact on their new students. I am thrilled to welcome Mrs. Neuer and Mrs. Valencia back to Ladera. With the 2008-2009 school year ending with so much uncertainty, it is so great to start the 2009-2010 school year on a positive note. I am also pleased to welcome a new member to the Ladera family - Mr. Jay Warren. Mr. Warren has taught at Helen Estock Elementary for the past eight years and will be an awesome addition to our upper grade team.

The key to a strong working relationship between school and home is good communication. On a regular basis throughout the year, I will provide you with important school information in our newsletter. I hope that you will find this information to be timely and helpful. At the same time communication is a "two-way" street. If you ever have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I see it as my personal responsibility to assist the students, parents and staff at Ladera Elementary. In addition, I encourage all parents get involved this upcoming school year. By joining the Ladera PTO, volunteering in your child's classroom, becoming a room parent, or volunteering at one or more of the many exciting activities that are planned for this year, you are reiterating the importance of education to your child.

The first day of school packets will be sent home on September 1st. These packets will include a lot of important information that will help your family with school expectations and procedures as well as help us with your family information. Remember to always inform the school office if your contact information changes or of any information that will help your child be safe and successful while at school. Additional information including Kindergarten Orientation, dress code and uniform guidelines, school procedures, and important upcoming dates can be found in this newsletter. School begins Tuesday, September 1st. School hours are

as follows:

Regular Schedule (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

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| Kindergarten (Early Bird) | 8:15 - 11:38 |
| Kindergarten (Late Bird) | 9:57 - 1:20 |
| Grades 1 - 3 | 8:30 - 2:35 |
| Grades 4 - 5 | 8:30 - 2:47 |

Modified Wednesday/Minimum Day Schedule

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|---------------------------|--------------|
| Kindergarten (Early Bird) | 8:15 - 11:38 |
| Kindergarten (Late Bird) | 9:57 - 1:20 |
| Grades 1 - 3 | 8:30 - 1:26 |
| Grades 4 - 5 | 8:30 - 1:29 |

Students may arrive 15 minutes before the start of the school day. Fourth and fifth grade students are given the privilege of riding their bikes to school. All bike riders must wear a helmet. (The bike racks are located in front of the Kindergarten play area and in back, by the Township Street gate.) We will unlock the school gates in front and on the side of the school before school starts, and again at the end of the school day. The office opened on Monday, August 17th, office hours are 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Our phone number is: (714) 730-7505.

Again I want to share with you my excitement for this upcoming school year. The staff and I will strive to continue to provide an exciting and rewarding educational program for each and every child at Ladera Elementary School.

PTO Membership Drive Begins

The Ladera Parent Teacher Organization's (PTO) annual Membership Drive will take place during the month of September.

The PTO provides numerous programs and activities that are important to both our students and teachers. Art Masters, educational assemblies and the school garden are just a few of the programs funded by the PTO. In addition, the PTO provides funds for library books, field trip

transportation, teacher supplies and educational materials to name just a few.

Your membership dues, as well as funds raised during our fall and spring fundraisers, enable the PTO to continue to support both our teachers and students.

Look for PTO membership drive information in your back-to-school packets.

Show your support for Ladera and become a PTO Member!

Ladera Elementary School After School Enrichment Program

The After School Enrichment Programs are back by popular demand! The PTO will be offering a wide variety of high quality programs after school starting the week of September 21st. Most of our favorite programs are back again and there are many new, exciting programs to choose from.



Lunch time demonstrations will be happening during the first few weeks of school for many of our programs.

Registration forms can be found in your student's Friday Folder, in the school office, or on the [Ladera website](#). Sign ups begin immediately. Remember that many classes have limited enrollment, so sign up early!

Thank you for your support of the after school enrichment program!

Ladera Laps Running Club will

be Racing Again!



Ladera Laps is coming soon! Last year our students ran over 2000 miles, and we are looking to go even farther this year. Parents, we would love your help on the field at lunch time on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It's a minimum time committment and a great way to interact with our amazing students while promoting physical fitness! Please e-mail NjStep@gmail.com

Leopard Leaders Named for First Trimester

Congratulations to the Leopard Leaders for the first trimester. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8 at lunch in Room 401.



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Caroline Beckman
Sarah Brunel
Sam Derro
Paige Mills
Ashley Palmer
Dylan Phan
Jack Rilum
Cameron Sheffield DiMaria

Will Cohen
Arianna Ghanouni
Lexi Neary
Nirali Patel
Brandon Pitchess
Melanie Shum

Thank you!



Crossing Guard Position Eliminated!

Due to the fact that the Tustin City Council eliminated several crossing guard posts throughout the city, the Tustin Unified School District has posted crossing guard information, intersections and a map on the TUSD Web site This includes the guard on RAWLINGS and TUSTIN RANCH RD.

"We are asking parents to remind their children to obey the rules of the road, watch traffic to and from school, and walk in groups or with an adult," TUSD Supt. Richard Bray said. "We are also asking that drivers be extra cautious when entering crosswalks near our schools."

Fall Fundraiser Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking volunteers for our 1st Fall Fundraiser on October 29th. It will be held in conjunction with the Fall Harvest Festival. We have an exciting evening planned, but need your HELP to make this event a success. Activities include:



- Holiday Boutique
- Bake-Off Contest & Cake Walk
- Teacher Donations
- Silent Auction
- Entertainment
- Food & Beverage

Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 9th in the Multi-Purpose Room at 12 noon. Lunch will be provided by Dream Dinners. Please RSVP to Janice Lee (laderaleopards@hotmail.com) by 9/7 if you can attend. We'd love to have you.

Get INVOLVED today!

For more information:
<http://www.laderaleopards.org/overview/>

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