

Dragon News



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DEL MAR IMPORTANT DATES

5/5- 5/7 – Star Testing – Please do not schedule routine doctor appointments on these days.

5/08 – Movie Night \$7.00 - "Get Smart" in the Gym, 700 – 9:00 PM

5/14 – Site PTA Meeting, Library, 8:30 AM

5/15 – Annual Spring Fashion Show/Luncheon 11:00 - 2:00 PM

5/15 – Bike to Work Day

5/16 – Margie Burke Speech Tournament

5/16 – Staff Appreciation Week

5/16 – Carnivale Regatta - Auction/Dinner Event 6:00 - 11:00 PM

5/18 – School Site Council Mtg., Library, 3:15 PM

5/20 – 5th Gr. - and other new students - Parent Orientation, Del Mar Gym, 5:30 PM

5/21 – Phoebe Hearst Tea

5/23 – Pancake Breakfast, Paradise Foods in Corte Madera (proceeds benefit Reed Foundation), 8:00-11:00 AM (See flyer)

5/25 – Memorial Day, *No School*

5/27 – Steel Pans Concert, Gym, 7:00 PM

5/31 – Tiburon Day at the Giants, Game Time 1:05 PM

5/31 – Let the Foundation take your class to the Ball Park...for 100% in the Foundation's Annual Family Giving Campaign. Where does your class stand? Click here

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6/03 – Spring Concert, Gym, 7:00 PM

6/12 – 8th Grade Graduation, Del Mar Gym, 5:00 PM

6/12 – Last Day of School

Ms. P's News

Phew! A lot happening! Star testing is almost behind us complete with morning fire alarms. The county track meet was wet and fun and exciting!

Our 8th grade Leadership Class has been busy this last trimester with service learning projects. They are modeling possibilities for all of our students who are required to do a minimum of 6 hours a year of community service. Here is a list of what they have been up to:

- Hanna T. co-hosted a movie OPENING at the LARK Theater: "WE ARE TOGETHER" a film by Paul Taylor. Proceeds went to the Agape Orphanage in South Africa.
- Marissa P., Diana T., Jenny S. made a promotional video and held a coin collection and lunchtime treat sales. Proceeds went to the ASPCA.
- Daniel R. and David S. collected Pennies for Patients. Proceeds went to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society.
- Zoe P. and Giulia L. held three bake sales. Proceeds went to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.
- Stefan B. collected tennis rackets and equipment for TYP.
- Conner I. and Collin B. volunteered at BTCCC.
- Paige A. and Sienna L. volunteered at SAVE -A- BUNNY.
- Maddie Z., Brady J. and Justin W. volunteered at GLIDE MEMORIAL packing boxed lunches for the homeless.
- Jeremy S. and Taylor P. ran a Book Drive for Children's Book Project.
- Ari B. and Hannah Y. held a bracelet sale for KEEP A CHILD ALIVE with proceeds benefitting AIDS Victims in Africa.
- Charlotte L. and Ellie K. are organizing Movie Night on May 8th with proceeds going to 8th grade graduation activities.
- Jeanne S. and Cassidy L. are organizing a Dance-a-thon with proceeds to 8th grade graduation activities.

Thanks to the Leadership Class for all for their efforts!

The end of the year is upon us. Should you have any questions, comments, concerns or funny stories, please contact me.

Kit Pappenheimer, Principal

PTA News

May has arrived! Thank you to all the parents who have helped with the many PTA sponsored events and programs so far this year- and to those still working diligently on on-going programs (*lunch, fieldtrips*) and upcoming events (*Graduation, Fall planning*).

The last **Staff Luncheon** of the year was on the day of Del Mar

Open House. A huge thank you to **Sylvia Burgess** for organizing this event and also to her volunteers: Valerie Von Berg, Margie Laub, Jean Pelfini, Inka Rosenthal, Mimi Ogden, Melissa Cuthbert, Nancy Neukranz, L. Vidergauz, Mimi Breck, Suzanna Baldwin, E. Miller. Valerie Von Burg, Lori Buckley, Susan Shaw, S. Scarth, DeeDee Kim, Meredith McGarvey, Kim Lynch, Jill Kinney, Jonelle Brady, Cheryl Bronstein, Phyllis Jewel, Ammi Martinez, Katherine Querard, Allison Von Lackum, Linda Lamprecht, Alexia Jackson, Linda Boghrati, Andi Thompson, Jean Lin, Susan Edwards, Sydney Joyner, and Susan Goldwasser.

The **General PTA Meeting** was last week, and there were many exciting announcements and presentations. First, congratulations to the newly elected **PTA Executive Board for 2009-2010!** We are lucky to have such a strong group of parent leaders. Secondly, **Kid Chow** will be replacing Revolution Foods as our lunch vendor for next year. We hope you will all be happy with the variety and quality of the lunches. They have a wonderful program. **Joel Hames**, Senior Director of Technology at TAM High School District, invited parents to participate in strategic planning. Please contact him if you are interested in attending the open meeting. **Dr. Susan Linn** spoke on her book, [The Case of Make Believe: The Importance of Play for Children](#). She encouraged all parents to allow children time to play and think creatively.

Please remember *Staff Appreciation Week* is next week! PTA will have vases available to hold flowers for staff. *Please bring flowers anytime throughout the week as a token of appreciation- flowers from your garden are wonderful!*

Marla Kelly, Del Mar PTA Site Chair

Kid Chow organic school lunches coming to RUSD Fall 2009!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of Kid Chow at RUSD this fall. Long time San Francisco residents, Rob and Jamie Feuerman, started Kid Chow 7 years ago with a mission to serve locally-sourced, healthy, kid and planet friendly lunches to bay area schools. Kid Chow now serves thousands of lunches to bay area students, including their own two kids (6th and 3rd graders), at more than 30 schools. Kid Chow's lunches consistently have received rave reviews from kids and parents alike.

Kid Chow's unique school lunch program offers schools a **VIRTUAL CAFETERIA** that allows students to order from a broad selection of **hot and cold lunch** items each day: organic fruits & veggies, burritos, quesadillas, savory chicken and beef pot pies, warm pastas, bbq chicken with mashed potatoes, all natural hamburgers, chicken apple sausages, veggie sushi, salads, sandwiches, yogurts and more. Even better, each lunch can be customized to your child's own taste.

Kid Chow's lunch service is incredibly convenient and flexible. They have a website that enables parents to order and pay for lunches online via credit card. **Look for Kid Chow's welcome letter coming soon.** Feel free to visit **Kid Chow's website** www.kidchow.com to download Kid Chow's current menu and learn more about Kid Chow's lunch program.

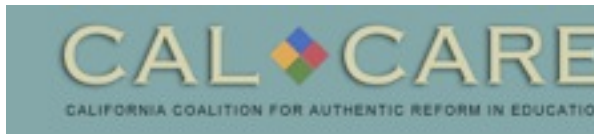
If you have any questions, please contact Margie Gab, 435-1335 or Jean Lin, 435-3195.

Students in the Journalism class, plan, write, edit and layout their own articles for this portion of the Dragon News

STAR Testing: An Alternative Perspective

By Rachel

Once again, STAR testing week has rolled around again. Time for the tedious answer sheet filled with a bunch of tiny bubbles, and time for the fat booklets filled with multiple choice questions meant to test your learning. According to the STAR website, which stands for Standardized Testing and Reporting, the test that public school students all around California take is given to “determine students’ achievement of the California Academic Content Standards.”



Did you know that organizations exist that oppose testing? Welcome to the world of CalCARE, the California branch of FairTest, the National Center for Fair and Open Testing. CalCARE and FairTest are organizations that oppose the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) act, a law meant to reform education and individual improvement by setting higher standards and goals. However, FairTest/CalCARE do not think that NCLB will help with education reform. So, they have begun a protest and somewhat of a boycott against NCLB. And they are using and attracting the families/parents of kids who take California Standardized tests, just as most protests attract passionate young college students. The CalCARE website provides the avid supporter with a pre-written letter of dismissal from California Standardized tests to give to a principal or school member. There is also a lot of research evident, and there are tons of things to refer to present on the site, including (but not limited to) blog links, the November 1992 “Dear Hillary” letter and-book excerpts.



YEARBOOKS!

By Armani

“Graffiti is pretty,” states a seventh grader – Mia B.

Graffiti represents the style of a person. There are different styles for different people. Del Mar has their own style and is expressed in the yearbook! To get a feel of Del Mar’s style, purchase a yearbook for only \$40.



This year the theme is – obviously – graffiti. When the yearbooks arrive, you will notice that each page is different; just like the different people in this school.

When you see graffiti, what do you see? I see colors expressed in many emotions. Graffiti is just like art. Instead of paint, SPRAY paint is used. If you have the talent to master the use of spray paint, you may want to try graffiti. I know that I love graffiti because of the way people show it on walls of cement. They may show it through words or picture or even murals. Its really cool.

Just like graffiti, the yearbook can express anything.

One of DM Leadership Service Learning Projects

By, Giulia L

3 girls from Del Mars Leadership class have gathered together to work on their service learning project. Students in leadership were asked to donate or help out with a cause that they believe in and raise the money or help out in any way they would could. You heard about the bake sale raising money for St. Judes Research hospital well here is the project that raised money to the ASPCA. This is what Marissa, Diana, and Jenny had to say about their project.



“Everyday thousands of innocent animals are beaten and neglected. To help stop these acts of injustice we decided to raise money for the ASPCA, and what better way to earn money than selling baked goods and cold treats to students on hot school days? To earn money we had set three different dates where we sold not only cookies and brownies but also popsicles and ice cream treats! We sold these goodies out of the Dragon Café (or lunch window) for prices around a dollar for each item. To earn as much money as we could for the ASPCA we have also placed donation boxes in each advisory room where students could donate. Overall we made \$650.”



High School Guide Giulia L. and Phoebe B.

Del Mars 8th grade students last year at Del Mar is slowly coming to an end. While, all of the students have made their big decisions on which high school they will be attending next year. Here we have made a list of the different high schools, given you a little description about them and the amount of students attending.

International High School



Description: Founded in 1977, a small private high school located at the heart of SF! Promotes Leadership, diversity, community, and bilingualism, along with academics.

Location: San Francisco

Known for: its bilingual curriculum

Test Taking SSAT

Students from DM going: 1

San Domenico High School

San Domenico School

Description: Founded in 1850, a small prestigious high school. Known for its wonderful musicians and gorgeous campus!

Location: San Anselmo
Known for: Music
Test Taking: SSAT
Students from DM going: 1

Redwood High School



Description: Public high school, what a spirited school! Focuses on promoting leadership at their school and they sure do show it.

Location: Larkspur

Known for: Sports
Test Taking: none
Students from DM going: 72

Branson High School



Description: A small private schools known for its GORGEOUS campus and amazing academics.

Location: Ross
Test Taking: SSAT
Students from DM going: 5



Marin Academy High School
Location: San Rafael
Test Taking: SSAT
Students from DM going: 4



School: Saint Ignatius
Description: Founded in 1855 SI is a prestigious promoting faith, community, and learning all in the heart of San Francisco.

Location: San Francisco, CA

Known for: Athletics
Test Taking: HSPT

Students from DM going: 3



School: Marin Catholic
Description: At MC leadership, learning, religion, and athletics go hand in hand.

Location: Kentfield, CA

Known for: Athletics
Test Taking: HSPT

Students from DM going: 3

School: University

Description: Along with a fantastic academics University has so much to offer to many hard working students.

Location: San Francisco, CA

Known for: Academics

Test Taking: SSAT

Students from DM going: 3

School: Drew



Description: Not only does Drew provide a diverse student population but thrives on sports, arts, and academics.

Location: San Francisco, CA

Known for: Athletics

Test Taking: SSAT

Students from DM going: 1

School: Marin School of the Arts

Description: If you love singing, acting, dancing, or music in general than Marin School of the Arts is the way to go!

Location: Novato, CA

Known for: The Arts

Test Taking: Audition

Students from DM going: 1



School: Tamalpais High School

Description: Tam offers not only great Academics but also top notch theatre and drama department.

Location: Mill Valley

Known for: the Arts

Students from DM going: 7

Hannah Montana the MOVIE!

By Mia

The Hannah Montana Movie is one of the final chapters (or so we think) of her life where she either stays as Hannah Montana for good or just a normal girl, Miley Stuart. A 7th grade girl predicts, "I think she will take off her wig in front of everybody and reveal who she is and hope people accepts her as just a normal person". Other people think she will just stay as Hannah Montana because everybody wants to be a celebrity right?

In the beginning of the movie, Miley is living the glamorous life by being her second life of Hannah Montana, the biggest teen pop star in the world. But soon she learns the challenges of having two lives and how to control



both of them so she can get "The Best of Both Worlds"

Later on her talent agent got her a job at a big music festival in New York and she was psyched to go! But her father reminded her that it was her grandmother's

birthday back in her hometown Tennessee, but she didn't care about her Miley life and only the

Hannah life.

She then gets off the plane and is shocked. She wasn't in New York. She was back home in Tennessee.

This movie consists of drama, romance, comedy, and tons of music that makes everybody want to dance.

One 7th grader said, "Oh my god it's like one of the best movies ever!"

Another one said, "It wasn't great, but it was good enough to watch."

A 7th grader said, "I loved it and

would love to watch it again and again!"



Overall the movie was great and the whole 7th grade would give it a thumbs up and sit back and watch it like it's the "Good Life" and feel like a "Rock-star" and it would surely "Pump Up The Party" !