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THE THEODORE JUDAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President

Well folks, we are in the home stretch of our 2009-2010 school year!

Let's remember that the first two weeks of May our 2nd-6th grade students will be participating in the CST testing. We want to be sure to get our students to bed early and give them a good breakfast so they can focus during testing. Don't forget the positive encouragement too. Hugs and positive words go a long way during these potentially stressful days. If you have any questions about testing be sure to talk to your teacher.

Our annual Art & Music Festival was a huge success and we raised about \$3000 to put back into the Art Program. Thank you to Dana Moore for organizing this fabulous event and to Mr. Mininfield for all his work getting our little ones ready for their big performance. We also appreciate all the coordination by the teaching staff to make this event a success!

Thank you to everyone who came out to Compton's Market on Saturday the 24th! They held their first ever Neighborhood BBQ and donated all of the proceeds to Theodore Judah. We are so thankful and excited that the event made just over \$2000. Please be sure to express your appreciation to the owners Sunil and Pam Hans, and all of their staff for the hard work they put into making the event a huge success.

With less than two months left we only have a couple more events. May 2nd-8th is teacher appreciation week. Kris Blanco and Cindy Cole will be organizing events for the week to let our teachers know that they are a special part of our children's lives. If you are interested in helping out in any way be sure to contact Kris at kkblanco@yahoo.com. And let's not forget our last fundraiser of the year...our first TJ Rummage Sale! Mark your calendars and let all your neighbors know that the big sale will occur Saturday May 15th at the school and proceeds will go towards our Music Program. There will be plenty of need for volunteers so contact Dina Meylink dinameylink@comcast.net if you are interested.

We held our elections at the last PTA meeting on April 27th and I am excited to be returning as your President for next year. I would like to congratulate our new board-elect:

VP of Communications – Tom Guarnera

VP of Membership – Carol Hammond

VP of Events – Yolanda Milliken

Treasurer – Jacki Pope

Auditor – Pat Samuelson

Secretary – Michele Scarberry

Historian – Marcia Czajkowski

Room Parent Coordinator – Laurie Eaton

I look forward to getting started right away with the board-elect in planning for next year. Be sure to keep your eyes out for the Parent Survey going home in students' backpacks. It is vital to get your feedback on PTA activities so that the planning committee can put together next year's program to meet everyone's needs.

Donna Dowson, PTA President, donna@d3x.com or 916-798-9001

“We need a variety of input and influence and voices. You cannot get all the answers to life and business from one person or from one source.” – Jim Rohn (American author & speaker)

*Check out the updated
PTA WEBSITE!*

The Theodore Judah PTA website
has been relocated!
You can access it from the school
website or go to:

www.tjudahpta.org

THEODORE JUDAH NEWS

SCIENCE ALIVE – FLOAT LIKE A BUTTERFLY

Science Alive continues to be a great success. The butterfly pavilion is in place. Take a visit, it is just behind the cafeteria. The pavilion is full of butterfly host and nectar plants. We have butterfly larvae in each classroom currently. As those butterflies hatch they will be released into the pavilion and hopefully live there for a while. Students will begin to visit the butterflies and go in with them in Mid-May. If you would like to visit the pavilion you can on the day of our rummage sale.

Our first waste free lunch day was a great success. We had 60 students participate. This is about a 1/3 of students that bring lunch to school. That is a great percentage for the first time. Students were placed in a drawing for prizes and thanks to Big Spoon and Baby Cakes we had some great prizes.

The largest part of our waste each day is due to the school lunch program and the Styrofoam trays we use. On that note, we are going to have a greening our campus, brainstorm meeting with other local elementary schools on May 10th. We would like to encourage anyone to join us. At the meeting we will discuss ways to improve our campus recycling, school lunch program waste reduction and improved composting. We would love your ideas. The meeting will be at the Theodore Judah Elementary Library at 7pm.

In the past week students have been discussing ideas related to Earth Day. Help your students achieve their recycling goals at home. In addition to waste reduction and recycling you may want to find out what Chocolate frosting has to do with Plate Tectonics and Lava. (in the science lab last week) This week students will learn about the Human body systems and the differences between humans and insects. An insect hunt will be a part of their garden class this week. So, thank you for your support for Science Alive. We are creating young, exploratory, caring scientists.

TJ RUMMAGE SALE NEWS

Theodore Judah Rummage Sale - Donate, Volunteer and Shop!
Saturday, May 15th 8:00am - 3:00pm

Our rummage sale fundraiser is fast approaching! Are your kids growing out of their clothes, toys and books? What a great opportunity this rummage sale is for you. Donate what they are done with and shop for what they need. We have adult and kids clothes, toys, books, household items, bikes and furniture. Don't miss out on a great bargain!

Please continue to bring your donations to the front of the school on the drop off dates. We will take anything in good condition that will raise money for our music program. Tell your friends, family and neighbors, too.

Donation Drop Off Dates and Times

Saturday, May 1st, 10 am - 1pm

Saturday, May 8th, 10am - 1pm

Friday, May 14th, 12pm - 6pm

We still need a lot of volunteers on Friday, May 14th and Saturday, May 15th. Please contact Dina Meylink at dinameylink@comcast.net or Kristine Blanco at kkblanco@yahoo.com

ART AND MUSIC FESTIVAL WRAP UP!

Art Docent's Corner

Thank you for helping make our 2010 Art and Music Festival a success!

Our students and docents worked hard throughout the year to bring an exciting collection of art and some amazing musical performances with our Music Teacher Mr. Mininfield.

Thanks to all the docents, event volunteers, teachers and staff for helping this event come together: Emily Carlson, Rachel Lemkuhl, Yolanda Milliken, Melinda Russell, Shannon Hay, Suzy Hanna, Kris Blanco, Kasie Wilson, Dana Moore, Vickie Cosentino, Kelly Cordero, Jeanne Dendas, Patricia Haynes, Katie Earl, Bill McCloskey, Kari McCloskey, Nancy Del Guerra, Bryn Sullivan, Tricia Deneau, Jenelle Mullen, Adrienne Wahleithner, Jason Wahleithner, Robin Martin, Holly Decker, Carrie Pederson, Wanda Yanez, Louis Yanez, Kristy Palmer, Marcia Czajkowski, Lisa Herrera Hogan, Carol Hawkins, Jane Daniel, Laurie Eaton, Carol Hammond, Colleen Thompson, Ofelia Avalos, Donna Dowson, Shannon Hardwicke, Kristen Strauss, Brad Johnson, Wendy Alfonso, Cassie Amalong, Jackie Pope, Jill Gardiner, Dina Meylink, Melissa Villalva, Holly Singletary, Sharlett O'Connor, Amy Esteves, Pat Cosentino, Dominic Cosentino, Karen Johnson, Jacki Pope, Debbie Riddle, John Kent, Susan Loomis, Cindy Cole, Treva Cline, Michele Scarberry, Mr. Charles and Miss Amber and the other START volunteers, The Lions Club Volunteers and Circle K Club Volunteers, Principal Celeste, TJ Teachers and Staff.

Thank You to our Sponsors

Theodore Judah PTA – East Sac Midtown Taqueria
Quality Home Improvements – Compton's Market
Room 201 Productions Special thanks goes out to our auctioneer, Matt Johnson who kept the auction running smoothly and to our fabricator Tahoe Gallion, who stayed up very late making sure we had framed and presentable projects for Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Hein, Mr. Sahota, Mr. Bover and Mrs. Allen.

We auctioned a total of 25 pieces of art. The total for the Auction and Raffle was \$3,600. After deducting expenses our proceeds are approximately \$3,000. I'm still waiting on a few expenses to come in and will update on a final total.

Raffle Winners

We also held our first ever raffle. Raffle winners were:
Andrea & Anthony York – “Judah's Zoo” Painting by Mr. Mininfield
Vickie Marrou - Set of Hand Painted Glass Dessert Plates by Mr. Galato's Class
The Walsh Family - “Blow From Your Toes” Hardbound Book Written by Cameron Cosentino and Illustrated by Mr. Miller's 6th Grade Class
The Eaton Family – Judah's Zoo Music CD
Christy Talbert - Art And Music Festival DVD

Art and Music Fest DVD's are still available for purchase. The forms are in the office. They are \$10.00 each and a great way to commemorate the day. Room 201 productions covers the entire event – it includes the art displays, auction and music concert. For those of you who did not stay until the end of Concert 2 the little penguins singing were some of the cutest all night!

If you have any suggestions for next year's festival please let me know. We want to make sure it gets better each year.

Serna Center Art Show

Theodore Judah Student art will be on Display in the Superintendent's Gallery at the Serna Center from May 3rd – 7th

Theodore Judah Student Art at Compton's Market

Theodore Judah student art was on display at Compton's Market for their neighborhood BBQ on April 24th. Our student's art was also handed out on Grocery Bags as part of the Earth Day Groceries Recycling Project. During the Art Festival students painted bags with Earth Day messages. These bags were delivered to Compton's and handed out to promote being green in our community. Thanks to Mr. Galatolo's and Mrs. Hein's classes and their art docents for participating in this project also! Special Thanks to Compton's Market for supporting our school along with all the neighbors who came out and showed their support during the Barbeque.

Thanks again for making our art program a success!
Dana Moore, Art Docent Coordinator
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MAY EVENTS

MAY 3RD - 7TH
Teacher Appreciation Week

MAY 10TH
Library – Brainstorm Mtg on how to make our school more green, community, other neighborhood schools and business like the Coop will be attending! Please join us!

MAY 15TH
Theodore Judah Rummage Sale

MAY 20TH
Principal's Coffee - Library

MAY 27TH
Open House

MAY 30TH
Memorial Day – No School

RUMMAGE SALE BONUS!

Need Extra Storage?

Extra Space Storage at 3000 B Street has generously donated 2 months free storage to Theodore Judah to store the donations for our upcoming rummage sale. In addition to that, they are offering 1 month free storage to anyone who rents a storage unit from them and our school will receive a \$50 Visa gift card. This is the cleanest and friendliest storage facility I have seen. If you, or someone you know, are in need of a storage unit in the near future please contact Dina Meylink at 601-8200 or dinameylink@comcast.net to receive the coupon.

EARN MONEY FOR THEODORE JUDAH!



Link your shopping cards (Macy's, Safeway, etc) with e-scrip and a percentage of your purchase will go to our school. Go to www.escrip.com, click on "sign-up" and follow the instructions. Our group ID # is 6577241 and the group name is Theodore Judah Elementary School PTA. If you are already signed up, don't forget to re-register your cards.



Present your SHARES card at checkout and our school will receive a % of your purchase. Don't have a SHARES card? Leave a note in the PTA box and we'll send one home with your child.



Ink jet cartridges and old cell phones:

Just send in your used ink jet cartridges/cell phones to the main office in a bag.



Telephone Books

This fundraiser occurs around March. Bring in your outdated telephone books and our school will receive 25¢ per book we recycle. Collect from neighbors and co-workers too.



Box Tops For Education

Clip the Box Tops logo from General Mills products (cereals, hamburger helper, Kleenex, Ziploc, etc.) send them to school with your children. Our school receives 10¢ for each Box Top we collect! The more we collect the more cash we earn. Do internet shopping? Log in to boxtops4education.com and shop at over a 100 merchants. A percentage of your purchase will be credited to our school. It's that simple.



Campbell's Labels for Education:

Look for the reminder symbol on eligible packages of Campbell's, Pepperidge Farms, Prego, V8, Swanson and Franco American to save the UPC, or lid. With Campbell's each UPC is worth 1 or 5 points. We redeem these for recess equipment.