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THE THEODORE JUDAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President

Welcome back everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful spring break and have returned refreshed for our last few months of the school year.

Last month we had a double feature movie night which turned out to be a huge success. Thank you to Tracy Remitz for continuing to organize this fun family evening for our school. We also need to thank Michelle Ruiz for putting together a fabulous Career Day for all our classes. A huge thanks goes out to all the parents that volunteered their time to enlighten the students of Theodore Judah about all the possible career paths that await them.

This month we will be holding our annual Art & Music Festival on April 16th. All of the children have been working hard with their art docents to put together unique class art projects that will be auctioned off during the event. They have also been working with Mr. Mininfield to create original songs that they will be performing that evening. Due to capacity issues with the auditorium, the classes will be split into two concerts. Be sure to check with your teacher to find out when your child will be singing. Remember this is the major fundraiser that supports our Art Program for the year so we hope to see you all there! If you are interested in helping with the event please contact Dana Moore at danam@caloffice.com or 916-505-8928.

Mark your calendars for our very important upcoming PTA meeting on April 27th at 7pm. I encourage everyone to attend because we will be voting on next year's PTA board, discussing updated budget cuts within the district and learning about the Principal hiring process. It will be a great chance for you to find out how you can be an influential part of the process. If you are interested in being part of next year's board contact Marcia Czajkowski at 916-508-8419 to find out more!

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

*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

*“Coming together is a beginning...
Staying together is progress...
and Working together is success.”*

— Henry Ford

THEODORE JUDAH NEWS

PTA BOARD ELECTION AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

*Join us in keeping
Theodore Judah the best neighborhood elementary school!*

PTA Executive Board Election & General Membership Meeting

Tuesday April 27th 7:00 in the Auditorium

Discussion topics will include:

Board Elections

Update on the Principal Hiring Process

Update on the budget cuts

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Our PTA is excited to bring the Missoula Children's Theatre back in the fall for a one week residency at Theodore Judah October 11-16th. The Show will be *The Princess and the Pea*. Mark your calendars now if your student is interested in auditioning. Attendance is mandatory for auditions, rehearsals and shows as the week is very short. There is no guarantee that everyone that auditions will be cast in the play, but everyone will have the opportunity to see the play at the end of the week.

The PTA is also seeking host families for our two tour presenters. The presenters require a private bedroom. Families are not required to feed the presenters. Please contact Dana Moore 505-8928 danam@rcip.com for more information on this fantastic opportunity.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is a non profit organization based in Missoula, Montana. This coming year more than 65,000 cast members across the globe will take the stage to the delight

and applause of their families, friends, community, neighbors and teachers!

The Mission of MCT is the development of life skills in children through participation in the performing arts. Please encourage your child to experience this fantastic opportunity.

CAREER DAY A SUCCESS!

A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who helped to make Career Day such a great success! There were eleven (11) wonderful presenters - Bill McCloskey (graphic designer), Deana Carrillo (hazardous waste clean up), Donna Dowson (landscape designer), Jason Watkins (VSP), John Breedlove (TV Cameraman), John McClean (karate instructor), Ken Trillo (CA Dept. of Water Resources), Lance Blanco (soldier), Matt Short (firefighter), Narisha Bonakdar (legislative analyst), Pat Cosentino (contractor) - who did a fabulous job. Jill Zenti provided delicious refreshments. Our students participated in the presentations and asked great questions. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn about many interesting career options!

Art Docent's Corner

Mark your calendars for the Spring Arts and Music Festival! Students will be showcasing individual artwork, classroom art projects and musical talents. Students have been working hard with our Music teacher Mr. Mininfield composing original songs around the theme Judah's Zoo. They have also been working hard with their art docents creating some amazing class projects that will be auctioned to raise money for the Art and Music programs.

There will be interactive art activities, gallery displays and Mexican Food available from 4:30-7pm and Student Music Concert and Live Auction of Class Projects beginning at 5:30pm.

This year we are splitting the concert in two segments to avoid overcrowding in the auditorium. Your Student will perform in one show only. The food and activities will remain open so everyone should have the opportunity to experience the entire festival.

Concert 1 – 5:30 to 6:15pm

Pre-K Miss Anita, Mr. Galatolo, Mr. Sahota, Mrs. Lehman, Mr. Bovert, Mr. Miller, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Tek/Mrs. Wilson

Concert 2 – 6:30 pm to 7:15pm

Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Waldron, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Mazon, Mrs. Cluney, Mrs. Ogden, and Mrs. Hein

Students should report to their classroom 15 minutes prior to their concert time. Parents should pick up students from their classroom immediately at the end of their concert.

This is the major fundraiser for the art program. Our art docents are working hard on the preparations, but we need your help as well. There are many volunteer opportunities available. A volunteer sign up will go out this week.

Dana Moore, Art Docent Coordinator
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JOIN US FOR THEODORE JUDAH'S ANNUAL!



FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH FROM 4:30 - 7:30 PM

Don't miss it!
Family Fun for Everyone!

AFTER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Is there an after school enrichment program you would like to enroll your child in, but, uh, the money to pay for it is not there? Don't worry about it.

A very generous benefactor has offered to pay the tuition to attend after school programs for any child whose family can't otherwise afford it. Several of the programs also offer their own scholarships. Our goal with the after-school program is to provide enrichment opportunities for all TJ kids.

If you receive a flyer describing an upcoming after-school program that you would like your child to attend and you can't afford it, just check the box marked "request scholarship" (or write on the form if the checkbox is not there). Then call the school office, 277-6364, and tell them that you want to request a scholarship for that program.

We'll take care of the rest. If you have any questions please email Steve Swindel at steveswindel@yahoo.com

APRIL EVENTS

APRIL 9TH

First Rummage Sale Drop Off

APRIL 16TH

Art & Music Festival

APRIL 26TH

CST window begins

APRIL 27TH

General Membership Mtg. & PTA Elections

DONATE TO EDUCATE

*Theodore Judah Rummage Sale
Saturday, May 15th*

It's time for spring cleaning to help our school raise money for the music program. Gather everything taking up extra space in your home and donate it to the TJ Rummage Sale. Your donation is tax deductible. Tell your friends and neighbors, too. The more we collect, the more money we make.

*First donation drop off
Friday, April 9th
1:00pm – 3:00pm
in front of Theodore Judah*

We need volunteers! Please contact Dina Meylink at dinameylink@comcast.net or Kris Blanco at kkblanco@yahoo.com with any questions or to volunteer

LOST AND FOUND

There are over 250 sweatshirts in our lost & found! YIKES! Even if you don't think you are missing something please swing by room 14 to take a quick peek. You might be surprised to see what you find!

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.