



Bay Park PTA Newsletter

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Message From the President...

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“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.”
[Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)

Our teachers provide a great education and it is up to parents to guide our children’s character development. At Bay Park, we emphasize character traits: patience, honesty, integrity, loyalty, and responsibility. Your PTA is an excellent example of all of these traits and we try to help our children with character building assemblies, field trips, variety show and the upcoming Spring Carnival on May 15. It takes our entire community to provide this event. Upcoming opportunities will be coming soon.

First, we have our Jog-A-Thon on March 18 and we are pleased to introduce our direct link for PTA donations. www.bayparkpta.com/donate.html. 100% donations go directly to your PTA and your responsible and honest PTA members, Amy Bickle and Cathy Lackmann secured this for our school. This site is available 24hours, 7 days a week so please send to anyone who you know who might be interested in helping our school. We have our jogging club every Tuesday and Thursday morning, so we have time to get in shape for those 10 laps! I have been enjoying the Winter Olympics and I hope that is has been inspiring to you as it always is to me and I think that it embodies all the character traits that we encourage at Bay Park! The Kids Magic Mile is this Saturday and it is never too late to sign up. Bay Park Elementary always has one of the largest groups. Let’s keep the Olympic spirit alive and always try our best!

Our next assembly is scheduled for **March 22** entitled “Images of the World” and **March 24** is Spring Picture Day and some of the proceeds are donated back to our school.

Finally, you have no doubt been hearing about all the budget cuts. It is indeed a trying time for the State and the San Diego Unified School District. Please let your voice be heard. Our children deserve better and you have a voice. Here at school, you have a voice as a PTA member. Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday, March 9th. We will start with our Association meeting at 6:30pm and then our unit meeting at 6:45pm. Have a wonderful Spring Break and let’s continue parent involvement in developing good character traits for our children.

Lynne Bonenberger
PTA President

An Easy Way To Help Our School

It's not too late to sign up for escrip. Check out escrip.com and help our school reap the benefits!





Yee-ha! The Western Carnival will be here before you know it.

The date is set for Saturday, May 15th from 3-7pm.

There will be all your old favorites and some new surprises!

Bring your family, friends and neighbors out for a day of good old fashioned fun. You can play some games, eat some great food, check out our themed baskets and silent auction items, get your picture taken in the photo booth, join in our cupcake walk, and much, much more (you can even put your kid in jail!).

This year students can also use up to 20 of their Stingray Bucks at the carnival (look for more information in next months issue).

We are still in need of volunteers to help out in all areas.

If you are interested, please contact Christa Folkers at christafolkers@gmail.com/858-483-4304

Become A Carnival Sponsor And Promote Your Business

The Western Carnival is the largest fundraiser of the year for our school. The proceeds from this event directly benefit our students, our visually impaired program, and all academic endeavors.

If you have a business to promote, we are asking that you consider a charitable gift to support the community and school or, if you know someone with a business, refer them to us. This is a win-win situation for both our school and any business that gets involved.

This year we will have 2 levels of monetary sponsorship available, (separate from donations of goods or services for the silent auction).

GOLD level sponsorship

(minimum donation \$250) includes:

- Banner with your company name/logo hanging in a central location at the Carnival site (you will need to provide the banner)
- Advertising space at a table during the event
- Announcement of your sponsorship multiple times throughout the event
- 100% tax deduction (taxpayer ID #95-6203895)
- Your business/logo featured prominently in our newsletter and on Carnival program, which circulates to over 500 people.

SILVER level sponsorship (minimum donation \$75) includes:

- Sign with your company name on a game/food booth
- Space at a game or food booth for your company literature or business cards
- 100% tax deduction (taxpayer ID #95-6203895)
- Your business/logo mentioned in our newsletter and on Carnival program, which circulates to over 500 people.

We appreciate your support and generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Christa Folkers at christafolkers@gmail.com/1-858-483-4304 or Allison Rogers at rogersinsd@san.rr.com.

Upcoming Foundation Events

by Patty Moreau, Foundation President (pjmoreau@san.rr.com)

Our first ever Candy Gram sale was a HUGE success! With over 800 Candy Grams sold, we raised just over \$665.00 to go towards the 5th grade overnight trip to the Star of India.

A big thank you goes out to Nancy Cirillo and her 5th grade daughter Carli Cirillo. Carli was instrumental in organizing the grams and attaching candy to each

one. Way to go Carli! It's never too early to start teaching our children the value of volunteerism.

We are in the midst of our See's Candy Spring Sale. Orders are due on the 9th of March and additional order forms are available in the office.



Our eScrip Program is an ongoing way to earn some extra \$\$\$ for our school. If you have not already done so, check out www.escrrip.com and register your credit/debit and store cards. Many stores donate a percentage of your purchase amount back to Bay Park. What an easy and painless way to raise money. Plus, it's completely safe and secure as well. Sign up today!

Variety Show Info

Our annual Variety Show is on the way.

Students are limited to performing in one act only and must be 3 minutes or less.

Sign ups are March 18th and 25th at 1:00.

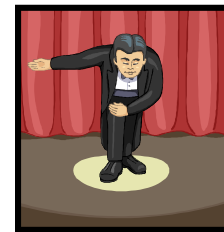
Students MUST attend one of these dates to sign up, turn in their

permission slip and be ready to perform their act.

The remainder of the rehearsals are scheduled for April 8th, 22nd and possibly one on April 29th. Our evening performance is on April 29th at 6:00 p.m..

Permission slips are available in the office.

Please contact Patty Moreau pjmoreau@san.rr.com or Amy Bickle with any questions.



Jog A Thon Racing Towards Success

In keeping with our goal to have healthy, active students and our plan to encourage student-based fundraisers, the PTA is excited to announce our annual **Jog-a-thon** on Thursday, March 18.

This is a great opportunity for us to raise funds that stay 100% at our school and fund projects that benefit all students. This year our theme is "**10 for 10**". We are asking each student to set a goal to run 10 laps or one mile and raise \$100. That's just \$10 each from ten people (\$1 per lap).

As you know, fundraisers are vital for us to sponsor a variety of programs, services, and materials. That need is greater now more than ever as funding

continues to be cut.

We also know that the vast majority of support for our fundraisers comes from our parent community and those of close relatives who live nearby. It's really easy, just use this link www.bayparkpta.com/donate.html to donate online. It only takes a few minutes plus you can use your credit card or your bank account.

We will also be awarding **BIG prizes!** The (3) top sellers will get their choice of either a **Wii, an Ipod or a Digital Camera!** In addition, we will also be awarding the top selling classroom their choice of a pizza party or an ice cream sundae party!

And finally, we will have a grand

prize raffle! Every child that reaches his/her goal will get a raffle ticket entry for each \$100 earned. The grand prize raffle winner will get (4) tickets to Disneyland!

Jogging times for each grade are:

K & 1st Grade: 9:30am - 10:00am

2nd & 3rd Grades: 10:15am - 10:45am

4th & 5th Grades: 11:30am - 12:00pm

For additional information please contact Allison Rogers at rogersinsd@san.rr.com or Demi Woodson at demiwoodson@yahoo.com.

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Volunteer Sign In Procedure

One of the wonderful things about Bay Park is that we have so many parents giving their time to volunteer at school.

To ensure the safety of our children, please remember to sign in at the front office and get a visitor pass to wear while on campus.

Thank you for your continued support.

Recycle News

Bay Park Recycles

I have noticed that lots of you are bringing in your plastic bags to recycle. Did you know that lots of plastic wrapping can be recycled along with bags? Here are a few tips to make sure your bags get recycled and not trashed!

Remember...please recycle only clean, dry plastic bags and film. Remove receipts or any other items from bags.

The following is a list of acceptable types of plastic bags or plastic film for recycling:

- newspaper bags
- dry cleaning bags
- bread bags
- produce bags
- toilet paper, napkin, and paper towel wraps
- furniture wrap
- electronic wrap
- plastic retail bags (hard plastic and string handles removed)
- grocery bag
- zip lock bags (remove hard components like the “zipper”)
- plastic cereal box liners (if it tears like paper do not include)
- diaper wrap (packaging)
- case wrap (e.g., snacks, water bottles)
- All clean, dry bags labeled #2 or #4.

If you're interested in recycling and want to help out, please email

Monica Astorga: emails2mon@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS: Mark your Calendars:

March 14.....Daylight Savings Time (turn clocks ahead 1 hour)

March 18.....Jog-A-Thon

March 19.....Parents, Picnic and Play grades 2 and 3

March 24.....Spring Picture Day

March 23 – March 26.....Parent conferences –modified days

March 29- April 4.....SPRING BREAK - No School

April 8.....Mountain Mike’s/Yogurt Luv fundraiser

