



Bay Park PTA Newsletter

November 2009

Jog-A-Thon date is being pushed back. Update will appear in a future edition.

Message From the President...

“Even a minor event in the life of a child, is an event of that child’s world and thus a world event.” Gaston Bachelard, French philosopher and poet.

I would like to think that our memorable, magnificent, Monster Mash falls under a “world” event for our children. Many thanks to all the volunteers, moms and dads, students and siblings, teachers and staff, who helped in some way. A special thank you goes to Dara Bilow and Dianne Seriva for coordinating this event for our school. An event like this is a big undertaking, but in the end, always a wonderful experience.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that our Spring Carnival Chair position is open and without a chair, or co-chairs, we will be unable to have this event. It is by far our biggest fundraiser, and the most fun for the community. There are many tasks to be coordinated, but we have carnival alumni who will be more than happy to help. There is also a binder that documents the details of each area. If you have event planning experience or want to gain some and work well with people, please let me know and I promise that you will have lots of help! It is definitely a world event in the eyes of our children and surrounding community. Let me put it in my perspective, do you think that I couldn’t wait to be PTA President? I said NO WAY, at first. Too much work, too much this and that, but in the end after many discussions and research, I consented, and I have to say, the parents and teachers at Bay Park are a PLEASURE to work alongside, and yes, it is a lot of work, but my motivation is our children and this community and to provide the best for them.

As we approach the holidays, it seems that there has been a lot of loss of family from teachers, staff and our students this year at Bay Park. In 6 months, we have lost two Bay Park parents. Someone used this phrase in regard to a passing friend, and I would like to share it with you and hope that you can find your own answer to the query: **“The world will be a better place because I**”

Let’s show an example of civility and compassion through the holidays and keep providing “world events” for our children and appreciate our family and friends!
Happy Thanksgiving Bay Park!

Lynne Bonenberger
PTA President



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Foundation News:

Add a sweet note to your holiday shopping list.

Be on the lookout for the See’s Candy sale coming soon.

**See’s
CANDIES**

Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow...At Bay Park!

Your PTA will be hosting our first Snow Day on Friday December 4th for the students at Bay Park! We will need some parent help, so please check with your teacher to see what you can do for your class . This should be an exciting and memorable event!

Many Thanks To The Monster Mash Crew

Monster Mash was a howling success! Everyone had a blast and we tried out some fun new ideas.

We'd like to mention a few very important people without whom this event never would have happened. First off, our core crew: Alicia Tomolo, Margi Enzler, Julie Mitchell (our amazing photographer), Demi Woodson, Ophelia Dominguez and Robin Berridge were nothing short of amazing in their dedication to making this a great event. Their hours (and hours) of work both be-

hind the scenes and the day of the event was invaluable.

To Linda Louder (Fear Factor Wall and Tattoo Parlor) and Susan Norseth (Cookies and Fortune Teller) thank you for your imagination in bringing these areas to life.

To Felma Devitt, Shannon Beaupre, Shawn Kuffner, Mary Ann & Don Keller and their niece Denne, Bonnie Stewart, Liz Weis, Amy & Mike Bickle, Stephanie Costelow, Ed Seriva, Robert Bilow, the Pink Ladies, Melinda and Paul Di-

Pasquale, Barbara Brouard and our many other volunteers- including parents, our wonderful teachers, and Mr. and Mrs. Ballard; thank you for your time and everything you give to Bay Park.

To our community partners: Perfect Timing Mobile Music, The Menu Restaurant and Keil's Grocery Store; events like this wouldn't happen without you.

Now, rest up for next year!!

-Dara Bilow & Dianne Seriva

'Perfect Timing' For Any Event

Rockin' the stage at Monster Mash was the Waitley family of Perfect Timing Mobile Music.

Tammi and Darren Waitley, Bay Park Parents themselves, generously donated their time (and their business) to us .

Watching the kids boogie down to the fun Halloween tunes, freezing on command during one of the many fun

games and generally having a blast was awesome.

Tammi and her husband have a job that anyone would love...bringing fun to any event!

This family run business provides what you need for events including adult or children's parties, receptions and corporate events or even a custom themed party or karaoke bash!

They use their professional sound equipment to jazz up your event. Taking requests or working out a music list ahead of time, Perfect Timing is 'perfect' for any occasion.

For rates and more information, contact Tammi at 1-858-610-0497 or Darren at 1-858-717-4566.



Check Out What's On 'The Menu'

Another great example of parents at Bay Park who give back, Dave and Susan Russel, owners of The Menu restaurant, donated over 400 hot dog buns to the Monster Mash.

In an effort to get to know our community better, here is a bit of information about the Russel family from Susan herself:

"We have both lived in SD for over 20 years. Dave grew up in Orange County and I grew up in Imperial Valley . We moved to Bay Park in 2000 after buy-

ing our first home here. I work full-time as a business consultant (and moonlight as The Menu bookkeeper) and Dave had been a landscape contractor for over 20 years. When jobs started slowing down about 3 years ago he decided he was ready to do something different. He had always wanted to own a restaurant or coffee shop so when the opportunity came up to buy The Menu in 2006... Bingo! It was the perfect match for him – up at the crack of dawn and shooting the breeze with people.

Having the restaurant has allowed us to give back to the school in ways we probably couldn't have done before. We love the community our school provides and we have enjoyed getting to know so many caring parents and teachers over the past few years. It has been a great environment for our children to learn and grow in and create lasting friendships."

Be sure to visit The Menu at 3784 Ingraham St. in Pacific Beach.

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If you can't reuse it...recycle!

Each Friday is "Recycle Friday".

Bay Park Elementary recycling program info:

Plastic bag recycling: We take all plastic grocery bags for recycling. You are welcome to also recycle zippered plastic bags (Ziploc): These must be clean, dry, and the zip part must be snipped off (it's a different type of plastic). Did you know you can recycle bread bags? Bring them in.

Batteries: Household batteries are welcome. We can't accept batteries that have leaked or burst as this is a safety hazard.

Toner Cartridges: We accept all ink/toner cartridges for recycling. The school earns \$3.00 for each toner cartridge recycled, so keep 'em coming!

Juice Pouch Brigade: We have recently started collecting used juice pouches for upcycling. Juice Pouches are NOT recyclable but the school has partnered with Terra Cycle to "Up Cycle" these pouches into new products. Students finish their juice pouch drink, throw the straw in the trash then deposit the empty pouch in a nearby purple bin. Bay Park Elementary receives \$.01 to \$.02/each pouch upcycled, depending on the brand. Remember, we only accept juice pouches NOT boxes. Check out www.terracycle.net to find out how upcycling works and shop for some fun products made from used juice pouches.

If you're interested in recycling and want to help out, please email
Monica Astorga: emails2mon@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS: Mark your Calendars:

- November 10.....Foundation/PTA Meeting 5:30pm/6:30pm
- November 11.....Veterans Day—No School
- November 13.....Parents, Picnic and Play grades 1 and 4
- November 18-19.....Sally Foster orders arrive
- November 17-20.....Parent conferences, school ends at 1pm
- November 23-27.....Thanksgiving Break—No School
- December 4.....Snow Day at Bay Park
- December 5.....Christmas Tree pick up and Santa photos



Thanksgiving Word Search

Find and circle all of the words related to Thanksgiving that are hidden in the grid.
The words may be hidden in any direction.



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PARADE, PILGRIMS, PUMPKIN PIE, STUFFING, TURKEY

