



SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS

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District Breaks Ground on Proposition MM School Bearing the Name of a Civic Leader who Broke Ground Herself

Amid ceremony, kudos and reminiscence, San Diego City Schools celebrated the groundbreaking of another new school being built by Proposition MM. On March 30, the district broke ground on Mary Lanyon Fay Elementary School located at 4080 52nd Street in City Heights.

The new elementary school is named after a well-known civic leader and one of the longest-serving SDCS Board of Education members. Mary Lanyon Fay was appointed to the Board in 1937 and served as president and vice president during her 18-year tenure.

Kicking off the groundbreaking festivities by singing "This Little Light of Mine," Jennifer Manglicmot's third-grade class from Jackson Elementary School sang about "taking their light into the world" and letting it shine. Vice Principal Laura Alluin said they were very excited to be at the event. A few of the students also donned hard hats and took part in the ceremonial shoveling.

Geno Flores, SDCS deputy superintendent, joined the festivities and called Fay Elementary School a milestone for the school district, the community of City Heights and future students.

"This endeavor represents a \$51.5 million investment into this community," Flores said. "This elementary school will provide a fabulous setting for our students."

Fay Elementary is situated on 6.3 acres and is being built to serve 700 students in kindergarten through 5th grade. It was designed by Mesquita & Associates and is being constructed by douglas e. barnhart, inc. Once complete, the 61,000-square-foot campus will feature: 32 permanent classrooms, a multipurpose building, a library-media center with a conference room, a lunch shelter, a joint-use grass playfield, administrative offices, a faculty lounge and 58 parking spaces. It will also include energy efficient design features, state-of-the-art technology, an elevator, 65 trees, numerous shrubs and other landscape amenities.

When the new school opens, it will reduce enrollment at the nearby Jackson and Marshall elementary schools, allowing the schools to be the optimum size for teaching and learning.

Representing the Board district in which Fay, Jackson and Marshall elementary schools are located, Board Member Shelia Jackson thanked the Fay family for allowing the school district to use Mary Lanyon Fay's name for the school.

"She pushed a lot of issues that were new at that time, including universal schooling for the children throughout all of San Diego City Schools," Jackson said. "She worked to integrate our schools. In the 1940s, she was also instrumental in hiring the first African American teachers in the San Diego City Schools. "Mrs. Fay's dedication to improving teaching and learning is an inspiring legacy to which we can all aspire. I'm very proud to be standing in the shadow of her light."

"The mission of San Diego City Schools is to improve student achievement by supporting teaching and learning in the classroom."

Harry Smith, the grandson of Mary Lanyon Fay, spoke for a large contingency of family members and friends who attended the groundbreaking ceremony. "I'm proud to be her grandson," Smith said. "Also honoring her today are four generations of direct descendants led by Aunt Alice [Peshel], her daughter, descendants of her sisters and brother, as well as representatives of organizations she led."

"My grandmother was a civic leader and a great contributor to her community," Smith continued. "Often close friends and relatives rubbed elbows with visiting dignitaries, exchange teachers, exchange students and other young folk. At times, she even had young people camping out at her house, which may have been the driving force for her organizing the American Youth Hostels, just so these young people could have a place to stay. She was dedicated to helping young people. And, that thread ran through her whole life."

According to Smith, his grandmother believed passionately in equal rights for all. She also believed the key to peace and prosperity was a broad and continuing education, he said. She traveled widely and felt that was important to understanding other cultures.

Fay was active in a myriad of community organizations as a member, leader and/or founder. The list is long and diverse, ranging from the PTA, Board of Education, American Association for the United Nations, League of Women Voters, San Diego Society for Exceptional Children, American Youth Hostels, the Barn Theater and the ZLAC Rowing Club. She also found time to serve on the San Diego Park and Recreation Commission and the San Diego Community Concert Association.

"If an organization furthered her goals, she joined it and often ended up leading it," Smith said. "If an organization didn't exist, she went about founding it. She was also a natural leader, and she inevitably rose to the top."

Bob Kiesling, chief facilities officer of Facilities Management, served as emcee for the groundbreaking ceremony that marked the beginning of the school's construction. He welcomed the nearly 80 guests, neighbors and community members, noting that Fay Elementary is one of 12 new schools under construction, five of which are already complete and open.

Dorothy Leonard, chair of the (Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC), which monitors the implementation of the Proposition MM program, pointed out that 98 percent of the Proposition MM contract dollars have gone to San Diego firms renovating existing schools and constructing new schools.

"The ICOC is proud of the accomplishments of the Proposition MM program," Leonard said. "We're also proud of the district and staff for receiving the 2005 Grand Golden Watchdog Award from the San Diego County Taxpayers Association."

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San Diego City Schools 2006-07 Teachers of the Year and Classified Employees of the Year

The district is pleased to announce the winners for the SDCS 2006-07 Teachers of the Year and the Classified Man and Woman of the Year. Three exemplary teachers have been selected as the 2006-07 Teachers of the Year at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Gage Elementary School Physical Education/Adapted P.E. Teacher **Cindi Elrod**, Marston Middle School History/Avid Teacher **Eduardo Ochoa**, and San Diego High School of International Studies Biology/Computer Science Teacher **Tim Towler** will be formally recognized as the SDCS Teachers of the Year by the Board of Education on Tuesday, May 9, at 4 p.m. They will be joined by the three Teacher of the Year runners-up: **Debbie Balmat** from La Jolla Elementary, **June Silver** from Kroc Middle School, and **Chris McGaugh** from Scripps Ranch High School, along with school site Teachers of the Year.

Euclid Elementary School Community Services Officer **Barbara Navarette** and Lafayette Elementary School BSS II **David Lucas** have been selected the Classified Woman and Man of the Year. Runners-up include **Maria Soto**, ESL Assistant at McKinley Elementary; **Alex Cardenas**, POS, at Point Loma High; **Cindee Therriault**, School Library Tech II at dePortola Middle School; and **Phil Teates**, BSS III at Euclid Elementary. These outstanding employees will be recognized by the Board of Education at a special meeting on Tuesday, May 16, at 4 p.m.

Look for detailed information about these deserving individuals in the May edition of the *Staff Bulletin*.

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Wilson School Middle: The “Other Side” of the Walk-out Story

During the recent student walk-outs, most TV cameras and media attention was focused on the small number (about one percent) of San Diego City Schools (SDCS) students who joined the protests. But what about the majority of students, the other ninety-nine percent? Why did these students choose to stay in school? What successful steps did schools take to protect the uninterrupted education, safety and security of their students?

Wilson Middle School appeared to be a likely setting for a student walk-out. With a population of 67% Hispanic students, it seemed inevitable that some students would walk-out. Yet no students from Wilson participated in the walk-outs. Students remained on campus even as student protesters marched past the campus, trying to coax Wilson students to join them. Why did the students stay in school?

In retrospect, much of the credit goes to the school’s proactive response to the protests. Wilson took several steps to encourage students to stay in school. According to Principal Bernadette Nguyen, “We decided to take immediate action to keep our students on campus. We used the materials and talking points provided by the district. We stressed the importance of staying in school for education and to be safe. We sent the superintendent’s letter about the protests to our parents, in English and Spanish.” To increase student’s safety and security, Wilson locked the perimeter of the school so no unauthorized persons could enter the campus.

The school quickly realized that most of the students did not have accurate information about the proposed federal legislation, which was creating fear and anxiety. The school’s first step was to clarify the issues and dispel the rumors surrounding the immigration bill. The vice principals visited every classroom on Tuesday morning, the second day of the walk-outs. They discussed the proposed legislation and informed students that they had the rights to express their views. Teachers took that lead in their classrooms, providing a platform for further discussion of the issues. Several classes wrote letters to legislators to express their concerns and thoughts about the proposed legislation. Students pointed out that they cared enough about their opportunities to get a good education that they stayed in school. Teachers used this opportunity as a teachable moment.

As further encouragement for students to stay in school, Wilson offered a meaningful reward. Friday would be designated a free dress day for any student without an unexcused absence. (Wilson students are normally required to wear uniforms.) The students would also be treated to music over the loudspeaker at lunch. “We wanted to provide our students with a reward for making good choices,” said Nguyen, “and the strategy worked.” On Friday, when there was the greatest pressure to participate in a walk-out, Wilson students actually ran past protesters to get on campus before school started.

Wilson Middle School was just one example of the extraordinary efforts taken by SDCS schools to keep students in class and out of harm’s way. Thanks to the teams of teachers and administrators throughout the district, the majority of SDCS students remained safe on school campuses, without their educations

being interrupted. According to Superintendent Carl Cohn, these schools “are a model for how we want people treated.”

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New Refrigerators will save SDCS \$200,000 Per Year

You may have noticed that the old refrigerator in your staff lounge or office has been replaced with a sparkling new model. Over the past few months, Maintenance & Operations (M&O) has been working with schools and offices to replace old “energy-hog” refrigerators with energy efficient models. The change will save the district nearly \$200,000 in utility costs every year.

Since January, 900 refrigerators throughout the district have been replaced. The new Energy Star models are consuming significantly less energy than older, non-compliant models. The district is getting the new refrigerators at a reduced rate with rebate assistance from SDG&E.

“Sometimes a neighbor or parent will donate a 20-year-old fridge to a school,” says J. Naish, utility/energy coordinator with M&O. “But old fridges, and even newer models that aren’t Energy Star compliant, consume a huge amount of electricity.”

In addition to utility savings, the district will benefit from repair savings. M&O staff will only need to warehouse and carry one standard set of repair parts and coordinate one type of warranty.

Old refrigerators have been properly recycled, in an effort to further protect the environment.

Donated refrigerators will no longer be accepted by schools or the district. If a neighbor or parent wants to donate a fridge to your site, please inform them that the district no longer accepts donations unless the refrigerator is the approved model (model numbers available from the Energy office). Encourage them to donate the refrigerator to another charitable organization in our community.

If you have any questions, please call the Energy Office at (858) 627-7413.

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What Others Say . . .

The following is an excerpt from a letter sent to Superintendent Cohn on April 7, 2006 . . .

“My wife and I had the great pleasure of visiting the beautiful city of San Diego in February. During that time, we had occasion to come into contact with many students from Roosevelt Middle School. I am writing to tell you briefly about that experience.

On February 23, at about 3 p.m., we boarded a tandem bus just outside the zoo. We realized, only after boarding, that it was filled – completely – with your students from Roosevelt. All seemed to wonder at us as we did at them. They grew very hushed as we walked down the aisle. While I didn’t say anything to my wife, I must admit that I was wondering, “What are we in for?”

What I want you to know is that several of the students stood to offer us their seats and those standing near and sitting directly across from us were very welcoming. They talked with us as though we were frequent companions on their ride home. They asked politely how we liked the zoo, what we had seen, why we were visiting, etc. They made us feel very comfortable. The students – all of them – were enormously well-behaved throughout our ride back to town even as more students boarded the bus at San Diego High School and City College.

I know you are proud of your students. You have very good reason to be. I know you are proud of your teachers also. I'm certain they play an important role in both the in and out of school behavior of these middle school kids.

This year I am concluding my fortieth year in public education. That bus ride with your kids from Roosevelt is one of the most memorable experiences of my time with kids in this profession.

Something very right is happening in your school system and, in particular, at Roosevelt Middle School. Congratulations on your successes.”

Sincerely,
Richard T. Walker, Ph.D.
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
The Board of Education of Worcester County
(Newark, Maryland)

...and a letter sent by the San Diego Blood Bank to Maintenance and Operations on March 15, 2006.

“Thank you for hosting yet another successful Blood Drive! Your support of the San Diego Blood Bank helped make a difference in the lives of hospital patients all over San Diego County.

Every two seconds someone needs a blood transfusion. The 31 pints of blood collected at your drive helped us meet the need and save or sustain the lives of patients who use blood.

We appreciate your support and cooperation.”

If your school or work site receives a letter that you would like to share with other employees, please send it to the Communications Department, Attn: Staff Bulletin, Ed. Center, Room 2145, or email to communications@sandi.net.

News You Can Use

La Jolla Playhouse Sunday Night Educator's Series

La Jolla Playhouse has created the Educator's Night Subscription series, which makes it possible for SDCS employees to attend plays for only \$25 each at designated Sunday evening performances. The Sunday Night Educator's Series is open to everyone who works within the K-12 school system of San Diego County. The first play in the series of six is the world premiere of “Zhivago” on Sunday, June 4, at 7 p.m. A casual pre-show dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. For information or to subscribe, go to <http://lajollaplayhouse.com/educators/>.

Mission Savings Challenge

Mission Federal Credit Union (MFCU) is sponsoring the Mission Savings Challenge during Credit Union Youth Week, April 23 through April 29. Each student who opens a \$100 Mission savings account earns their school the opportunity to win \$1,000. Three schools in San Diego County will each win \$1,000. Mission Federal will also waive the \$5 membership fee for any account opened as part of the savings challenge. The purpose of the challenge is to encourage children to learn the importance of saving money now. For information, contact Michelle Brega at (858) 546-2297 or visit the MFCU website at <http://www.missionfcu.org/pages/promotions.aspx?SP=159&OfferType=1>.

Project ARK

Homefront America, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring and serving military service members and their families announces the launching of Project ARK (At Risk Kids). The pilot, scheduled to get underway on July 15, is a unique Civic Leadership and Educational pilot program designed to sponsor 20 military dependent children who are suffering from deployment stress and anxiety. The pilot is open to all military dependent children – active duty, guard, and reserve, between the ages of 13 and 16 years. Participants will have the opportunity to fly in a C-17 military cargo transport from March Air Force Base to Honolulu, berth with the Sailors on the Battleship U.S.S. Missouri for a week, and attend a workshop on leadership skills, problem solving, team building and resiliency. For information, visit the Homefront website at <http://homefrontamerica.org>.

Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Event

The Veterans Museum and Memorial Center in Balboa Park is hosting the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Event from Friday, May 5, at 10 a.m., through Sunday, May 7, at 8 p.m. The replica of the Vietnam Wall Memorial allows veterans, family members, friends and San Diego citizens to experience the impact of “The Wall” firsthand and to pay their respects to those who died during the Vietnam conflict. The event will begin on Friday, May 5, at 10 a.m., for Educational Day. Teachers are invited to bring their students free of charge to receive a guided tour of the wall. The event will remain open 7-24 until closing ceremonies on Sunday, May 7, at 8 p.m. For information, contact Paul Fusco at (619) 239-2300 or paulfusco@pacbell.net.

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Hall of Fame

Two School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA) staff members have been named recipients of awards by the California Music Educators Association-Southern Board Section (CMEA-SBS). SCPA Principal **Liz Laughlin** was selected as the “High School Administrator” of the year. This award goes to an administrator who actively supports, values, and advocates for music education for all students. SCPA Teacher **Tamara Paige** was selected to receive the “Orchestra Educator Award,” which goes to the outstanding orchestra director at the middle or high school level. Both Liz and Tamara will be recognized at the Fortissimo Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, April 25. Their names will be forwarded to the CMEA state board for consideration for next year’s state award.

Marston Middle School Principal **Dr. Elizabeth (Betsy) Cook** has been selected as the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region 18 “Administrator of the Year” in the Middle Grades category and Jackson Elementary School Vice Principal **Minerva Johnson** has been selected “Co-Administrator of the Year” in the Elementary category. Betsy and Minerva will be honored at the “Honoring Our Own” awards dinner on Wednesday, May 3, at the Sheraton San Diego Resort and Marina. If you are interested in attending the awards dinner, contact Leah Reed at lreed@sdcoe.net or (858) 292-3846.

Chief Administrative Officer **José Betancourt** was honored with the “Excellence in Leadership” award by the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Hispanic Scholarship Council at the Fiesta de las Estrellas (Festival of the Stars) fundraiser for The Preuss School held Thursday, April 13. The Hispanic Scholarship Council is dedicated to creating educational opportunities through scholarships for young men and women of great promise but limited resources.

California Troops to Teachers recently announced their 2006 Teachers of the Year. Four retired veterans who utilized the federal Troops to Teachers (TTT) program to enter new careers as teachers were named, including Clay Elementary School Teacher **William Jay**. William was selected 2006 Teacher of the Year in the Elementary School category. He will be honored, along with the other three finalists, at the TTT awards banquet taking place on Saturday, May 29, at the Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center in San Diego.

Greg Perez, from Labor Compliance, and **Philip Teates**, from Euclid Elementary School, are the March winners of the district's Recycling Office recycling contest. Greg and Philip each received two complimentary dinners at El Torito, a conservation fund magnet and a "No Styrofoam" mug. Interested in participating in the contest? All administrative sites have pledge cards in their lunchrooms, or download the card at http://prod031.sandi.net/Energy/pdf/pledgecard_form.pdf. Completed cards can be put in district mail, or faxed to Andrea Eaton at (858) 627-7414.

Jonathan Ton, principal at Montgomery Middle School, has been nominated for the "People's Choice Award" in the category of education to be presented at the third annual Asia Heritage Awards luncheon and ceremony on Thursday, May 18, at the University of San Diego, Joan Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. The organization's mission is to honor those individuals' work and integrity, their embrace of cultural differences, their accomplishments and achievements and their inspiration to others.

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Scenes from Schools

Four students and a staff member from **Crawford High Educational Complex School of Law and Business (LAB)** joined a group of forty-four educators and students from San Diego State University (SDSU) on the trip of a lifetime to Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa. The trip was part of SDSU's Alternative Spring Break Program, sponsored by Dr. Shirley Weber, former SDCS board member. This was the first international trip for the Crawford students, which was arranged by LAB Counselor Debra Holmes-Brown. "I've been to Africa many times. It's a life changing experience," she said. The primary purpose of the trip was to learn from the cultures of Africa. The students participated in several projects including the National Centre for Self Knowledge Student Forum, the Women Inc. conference at Witwatersrand University, and volunteering at the Ithuteng Trust—an orphanage that prides itself in the fact that 100% of its students pass their exit exam each year. In addition, MTV toured with the group to highlight socially responsible spring break activities. The trip was so successful that LAB is planning to make it an annual event. "I am so glad my students had this experience," reported LAB Principal Monique Robertson. "It's one thing to talk about different countries in social studies. It's an entirely different thing to experience another country first-hand."

The students of **Bayview Terrace Elementary School** celebrated the school's 2nd Annual Hawaiian Publishing Party in April. The day is a culmination of K-5 students learning the different steps of the writing process, which include brainstorming, producing several rough drafts, and selecting a piece to revise/edit for publication. It is centered on the joy of writing and sharing that writing with friends and families. The entire school dressed in Hawaiian outfits and walked out to the grass field to share one of their published pieces with another grade level. Parents are encouraged to attend the event. Food, drinks and prizes are given to all participants. According to first grade Teacher Ryan Kissel, "Bayview Terrace's Hawaiian Publishing Party is an extremely enjoyable occasion that demonstrates that learning to write can be fun."

Green Elementary Academic/Athletic Magnet held its Junior Olympics in March. The Olympics started in true Olympic style, with an Opening Ceremony presenting the countries of the world with dance and costume. Paul Greer, the sub-four miler, was the honored inspirational speaker and participated in a "mock" press conference with the fifth grade students. He answered questions posed by journalism students and shared stories about his athletic career. The week's events included throwing, jumping, team relays and short and long distance races. The fifth grade students celebrated their last year at Green by competing on Patrick Henry High School's track.

Students from **Crawford, Kearny and San Diego High Educational Complex** schools and **High Tech High** were interviewed as part of a special two-part report on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" about public

education in America, which aired on Tuesday, April 11 and Wednesday, April 12. Bill and Melinda Gates and Oprah Winfrey visited the San Diego High Educational Complex in March and sat down with nine local students to learn first-hand about their experiences at the small career-themed high schools that opened their doors in 2004. Excerpts from their discussion were broadcast nationally on the April 12 episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

Mission Bay High School art students are seeing the world through rose-colored glasses – lavender and blue, too – thanks to Blick Art Materials in Little Italy. Each student received a \$25 Blick's gift certificate as a 'thank you' for painting Beatles record album covers that were donated to a Beatles-themed fundraiser for ArtsBusXpress. The project was led by Mission Bay High art teacher Marian Palmieri, in collaboration with Patty Smith, owner of Arts Expressions Gallery. Every student painting sold at \$150 launched another fieldtrip bus for San Diego schoolchildren to discover music, theatre, dance, art and museums.

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Salute to Students

Two students from Jennifer Olinger's third grade class at Edison Elementary were selected winners in a poetry contest sponsored by Scholastic's *Instructor* magazine. **Daniel Jimenez** won the grand prize in the Spanish K-3 category for his poem "Mi adorado abuelito." **Cynthia Sanchez** was a runner-up in the same category for her poem "Mi querida abuelito." Their poems will be published in the April issue of *Instructor* magazine. Daniel's poem is also featured on the magazine's website at <http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/instructor/2006poetrywinners.htm>. Daniel and Cynthia's poems were selected as winners from more than 10,000 poems submitted from all over the country.

More SDCS budding poets were winners in this year's Border Voices Poetry Fair contest, sponsored by many local, state and national arts and education organizations, along with *The San Diego Union-Tribune* and San Diego State University College of Arts and Sciences. First place winners included Spreckels Elementary fourth grader **Paige Landis** (Grades K-5 category); Hawthorne Elementary sixth grader **Cristina Cabrera** (Grades 6-8 category); and University City High ninth grader **Hannah Slater** (Grades 9-12 category). Second place winners included Jerabek Elementary fifth grader **Erin Byrne** and La Jolla High twelfth grader **David Wright**. Third place winners included Tierrasanta Elementary third grader **Natalie Schmidt**; Central Elementary sixth grader **Alma San Juan**; and University City High ninth grader **Alec Fernandes**. First-place winners in each age group received \$100, second-place winners received \$75 and third place earned \$25. An article about Border Voices and the winners was featured in the March 18 issue of *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. To read the article, go to http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20060318/news_lz1c18poetry.html.

Daniel Hagos, School for Creative and Performing Arts; **Hope King**, Gompers Secondary School; **Briana Lewis**, Hoover High School; and **Darius Savage**, Morse High School, will be presented with Students of Achievement scholarships by Women Incorporated at the organization's 41st Annual Civic Luncheon on Saturday, April 22. The purpose and mission of Women Incorporated, founded in 1965, is to help develop civic programs to meet the needs of our society and to honor women who are making worthwhile contributions as volunteers for the betterment of the community.

Nia Gipson, a senior at San Diego High Educational Complex-School of International Studies, has been named a recipient of a 2006 National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship. The National Achievement Program, a privately financed, academic competition was established in 1964 specifically to honor scholastically talented Black American youth and to provide scholarships to the most outstanding participants in each annual competition. More than 130,000 students entered the 2006 competition. Nia was one of five students selected in San Diego County to receive this scholarship.

Angel Munoz, Mayra Chavez, and Erendira Miguel, seniors in the Academy of Information Technology at Hoover High School won the Grand Prize award in the My City Now Future Filmmaker National Contest, for their documentary “The Painting of a Culture.” More than 60 entries representing nine cities in the U.S. were submitted. A panel of three judges chose 13 finalists to be posted on the My City Now website at LINK TO <http://www.mycitynow.org/>. After a week of online voting, the Hoover students won the national recognition award. Three other Hoover Academy students, **Salvador Cardenas, Vanessa Galindo**, and **Omar Jimenez**, were among the top 13 finalists with their documentary entitled, "San Diego's Military; What Will the Future Bring."

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Save the Date

Cookies with Carl

The final “Cookies with Carl” for the 2005-06 school year will be held Wednesday, May 31, from 4 to 6 p.m., at Henry High School, 6702 Wandermere Drive, San Diego, 92120. All SDCS employees (classified and certificated) are invited to come by and speak with Superintendent Cohn as well as to hear what others are saying. If you have something you would like to share with or ask of the superintendent, please plan to attend.

Education Center Craft Faire

The next Education Center Craft Faire is scheduled for Friday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Annex 9 Testing Room. Sellers must work at the Education Center but “shoppers” from throughout the district are invited to attend. Talented artisans interested in selling their crafts must submit an application. This Craft Faire will be patterned after the one held in December and is just in time for Mother’s Day gifts. For information and an application, contact La Donna Chase at lchase@sandi.net or Elaine Lindberg at elindberg@sandi.net.

Marston Middle School 50th Birthday Celebration

On Friday, May 5, from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Marston Middle School will be holding a special ceremony in celebration of its 50th Birthday. The ceremony will include a representative from the Marston House, past and present principals, past and present students and a dedication to the original staff at Marston and any staff who had served 25 years or more at Marston. For information, contact Alex Nguyen at (858) 273-2030 or anguyen@sandi.net.

University of San Diego (USD) Summer Conferences

- University of San Diego (USD) has announced several summer conferences being held on the campus. The USD International Center for Character Education is conducting the Character Development Conference on June 23 & 24, at USD, 5998 Acalá Park, San Diego, 92111. This year’s theme is “Character-Based Behavior Management in Schools and Classrooms.” For information and registration, go to <http://www.sandiego.edu/academics/soles/instcenter/icce/06conference.php> or call (619) 260-2250.
- USD’s Educational Leadership Development Academy (ELDA) is sponsoring two comprehensive institutes from June 25-29 to help administrators meet the challenge of leadership. One of the institutes is on instructional leadership and one on leadership of schools of choice. The institutes, “Leading Learning for Results” and “Entrepreneurial Leadership for Schools of Choice,” will be held simultaneously and will give participants the opportunity for intensive interaction with nationally recognized experts on a range of topics. For information and registration, go to the Elda Institutes website at <http://sandiego.edu/eldainstitutes> or call (619) 260-8839.

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION ON ALL UPCOMING EVENTS, BE SURE TO READ *NEWSLINE* EVERY THURSDAY.

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In Memoriam

James Stevenson, whose service with the district began January 1990, died on January 24, 2006. He was a Community Services Officer at the time of his death.

Peter Delise, whose service with the District began September 1957, died on June 12, 2005. He was a Teacher at Gompers High School at the time of his retirement.

Anna Lee Harshbarger, whose service with the District began September 1965, died on January 27, 2006. She was a Fiscal Clerk at the time of her retirement.

Larry Janson, whose service with the District began September 1968, died on January 29, 2006. He was a Teacher at Henry High School at the time of his retirement.

Lyle Praetz, whose service with the District began September 1981, died on February 15, 2006. He was a Music Teacher at Bell Junior High School at the time of his retirement.

Elemer Toth, whose service with the District began April 1975, died on March 3, 2006. He was an Accounting Clerk at Garfield High School at the time of his retirement.

John Woodruff, whose service with the district began September 1959, died on March 17, 2006. He was a Teacher and Counselor at Wilson Middle School at the time of his retirement.

Eleanor Rolf, whose service with the district began September 1978, died on March 8, 2006. She was a Senior Clerk at Lincoln High School at the time of her retirement.

Dr. Joseph H. Byrnes, whose service with the district began September 1949, died on March 20, 2006. He was the Director of Secondary Education at the time of his retirement.

Mattie Jordan, whose service with the district began December 1971, died on March 25, 2006. She was a Teacher at Garfield Child Development Center at the time of her retirement.

Valerie Lloyd, whose service with the district began February 1980, died on March 27, 2006. She was a Food Service Worker at Correia Junior High School at the time of her retirement.

Janet Linton, whose service with the district began September 1990, died on March 19, 2006. She was a Program Manager with School to Career at the time of her death.

Wilbur Austin, whose service with the district began September 1949, died on April 1, 2006. He was a Teacher at Patrick Henry High School at the time of his retirement.

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Classifieds

For Sale

1999 Ford 250 4x4 Show truck. Red. Diesel. 39" tires. \$30,000 obo. Call Doug (858) 699-7375

Dining room set, inc. table + insert, 4 chairs, 72" china cabinet w/ glass doors. Elaine at (619) 269-8949 (home) or (619) 725-5698 (work).

Noritake china. Roseberry pattern. Service for 12. Six serving pieces. \$200. Nintendo console, cables, controllers, adapters, memory card, 13 games. \$50.00 (619) 988-9018.

3 br/2 ba house with pool/spa in Lakeside. \$475,000. Call (619) 390-9101 or (619) 933-8113.

Like-new Queen Ann dining rm set: tbl, 6 chrs, china cab. \$850 obo. Queen Ann oval coffee tbl and rect. end tbl, \$150 obo. Dbl bed w/ sheets, bedspread, \$125 obo. Ex. condition. Renee at (858) 674-6536.

Teacher "down-sizing" sale. Pre-K, K, & 1st grade items. Sat, May 6, 8am to noon. 11210 Western Gailes Row, SD, 92128. Call: Renee at (858) 67- 6536.

Full A-line slip for wedding dress. Fits size 12. Worn once. \$25 obo. (858) 530-1731.

Small tools, bunk bed, 4 dining chairs, aerobic bicycle, antique Phillips TV, misc. (619) 275-5810.

1999 Nissan Quest Minivan. Leather interior. \$6,500. Call Golde. (619) 300-1614.

For Rent:

2 br/1.5 ba. townhouse at the Pt. Loma Tennis Club. Full amenities. (619) 203-1352.

2br/2ba apt. \$1200/month incl. utl, cable, w/d. No pets/no smoking. Bonita (619) 475-0419 evenings.

Free

Black female cat. 4 years old. Spade with shots. (619) 991-4883.

Wanted:

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