

February 2004

Upcoming Calendar:

January 5 - March 17
[Camp Fire Candy Sales](#)

February 19, 6 p.m.
Board meeting

March 3, 6 p.m.
PSA meeting

March 11, 6 p.m.
Board meeting

April 5-9.
Spring Break

Friday, April 23
["Midway Magic" Annual Gala Fundraiser](#) - Save the Date!

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SDCCS School Newsletter

Principal's Corner

Randy Drabman to teach Ancient Greek to 4th, 5th, and 6th Grades

Harry Potter to be published in ancient Greek

Publishers to use phenomenal success of schoolboy wizard to rekindle interest in ancient language

The publishers of the best-selling Harry Potter children's books have announced plans to release an ancient Greek translation of the series.

With global interest in J K Rowling's schoolboy wizard peaked by the success of its film tie-in, publishers Bloomberg believe the stories could make learning the ancient language more fun.

Making ancient Greek accessible

The author of the stories which have sold 120 million copies worldwide believes that they can help to lessen the dread that many children feel in approaching the language.

Modern Greek translations of the series have been topping the best-sellers list in Greece where Harry Potter toys are expected to dominate the Christmas market.

A Latin version of Harry Potter's adventures is also on its way with both works due to hit the shelves in 2003.

Bloomberg have yet to identify a translator for the ancient Greek version but are optimistic of having it ready in 18 months.

Not expected to be best-sellers

Emma Matthewson, Rowling's editor at Bloomsbury, told the Daily Telegraph: "We aren't under any illusions that Latin and Greek will be best-sellers but we think that it will mean much more fun lessons for anyone studying Latin and Greek."

Rowling, a former classics student herself is enthusiastic about the project and admits the books are littered with references to Greek mythology.

Fluffy, the three-headed dog that guards the philosopher's stone and can only be wooed with music, is inspired by Cerberus, wooed by Orpheus with his lyre so that he can enter the underworld.

Ancient Greek and Latin will join the list of 40 languages into which the books have been translated.



SDCCS 2nd Annual Gala

The San Diego Cooperative Charter School is planning our 2nd Annual Gala on Friday, April 23, 2004 aboard the historic aircraft carrier USS Midway, home of the San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum.



"At SDCCS we have the distinct honor of hosting our event in April prior to the public grand opening in June," says Janette Lampe, chair of the 2004 Gala.

"This gives us a major draw to community sponsors and those interested in being one of the first to get aboard the Midway for an experience that simply isn't available to anyone else right now. Whether it's in the hanger, or taking in a breathtaking view on the main flight deck, the magic of the Midway is sure to create wonderful memories for all of our Gala guests."

The Gala is being chaired this year by Janette and Scott Lampe, with lots of input from their three SDCCS children Maili (K-Ms. Morgan), Madison (2-Mrs. Trombley) and Sydney (6-Ms. Cooper). The Silent Auction portion of the evening is being coordinated by Tess Nelson, who is also the mother of three SDCCS kids Max (3-Mrs. Henry), Lauren (4- Mr. Saggese), and Eric (5-Ms. DeGraff). "Since the purpose of the event is to raise money, we'd like each family to make at least one donation valued at \$20 or more for the silent auction," says Nelson.

"It's an opportunity to be creative and get your friends, co-workers, colleagues involved - everyone should be able to come up with something. We look forward to more of those fabulous jewelry and craft offerings we had last year!"

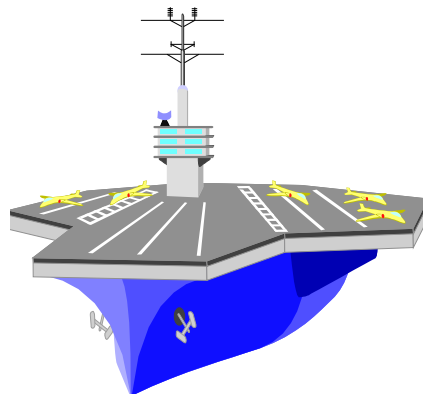
Donations can range from artwork, crafts, professional services, food, restaurant coupons, discount cards, books, magazines, travel, hotel packages, sporting merchandise and more. Commitments to donate items for the silent auction will be accepted between now and March 30, 2004. Simply fill out the donation form which is available in the office or on the school's web site. Larger auction items need to be sent or delivered to the school between April 12-19. Certificates and small items can be accepted right away. If you have any questions please contact Tess Nelson at 619/296 3878 or mtnelson@cox.net

Finance Chair needed!

There is still one major role that needs to be filled for the Gala - we need someone that can count all of the money we plan to raise. If you have some financial experience and would like to help track ticket sales and proceeds from the auction, please contact Janette right away.

Volunteers are also needed for a few other Gala related jobs. 4-5 (strong) people are needed to help on the day of the event to set up tables, chairs, and auction items. It will also give these volunteers a rare opportunity to be aboard the Midway early as part of the 'behind the scenes' helpers.

The focus for February is to introduce the event/date, recruit a few more volunteers, and solicit silent auction items. In March, ticket sales will become the priority. In the meantime, if anyone has any questions or wants to help please contact Janette Lampe at Janette.T.Lampe@kp.org or call 619/641-4136.



Announcements

Enrollment applications for 2004-2005 are due!

Please turn in your enrollment applications for 2004-2005 school year to the office. The due date for returning student applications is Friday 3/26/04 at 4:00 p.m. Sibling applications are available in the office and online and should be turned in to the office by 3/31/04.

Please don't park in the lot!

Please remember... per SDCCS' lease, parents are NOT allowed to park in the lot. Thank you for your cooperation!

Community Board

Luxury Van for sale \$3,500.

1991 FORD ECONOLINE, 5.0 302 V8, auto, beige ext / clean dark blue int, fully loaded, ac, ps, pw, power door locks, power anti-lock breaks, am/fm radio w/ tape deck, tv hookup, complete carpet and headliner, 4 captains chairs, sofa bed, desk/center console, dual gas tanks (18/22), towing package, good springs and shocks, good power train, good tires, roof rack, VIN 1FDEE14H7MHB08244, 187K miles. Contact Brad at bgeisenberg@cox.net or 619-459-5914.

See a picture at:
<http://adcache.trucktraderonline.com/4/1/8/63188718.htm>

Calling all runners.

We're looking for interested runners to train and run in the [UT Dr. Seuss Race for Literacy](#)! The Kids' Magic Mile is on Saturday, May 1 in Balboa Park. Please contact Stephanie Baldwin at (858) 278-1060 for info.

If you have something to add to the Community Board, please e-mail to harris4567@aol.com.

About the USS Midway

As of January 2004, the USS Midway is now permanently berthed at Navy Pier, downtown San Diego. When it's fully operational, the USS Midway will offer three educational programs to students in the San Diego area. They will include a visitation program, an overnight exploration program, and the Midway Learning Laboratory. The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum is scheduled to open to the public this June on board the Midway. For more information about the Midway or the San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum contact www.midway.org

2003-2004 Annual Campaign

With more than \$21,000 in pledges secured, we would like take a moment to thank all of those families and friends who have generously given to the Annual Campaign.

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THANK YOU

Gifts to the Annual Campaign will still be gratefully accepted. Simply drop by the office or visit the fundraising page on our website.

Matt Saggese – 4th Grade

The Griffins, of Mr. Saggese's class, are currently using our Learning Adventures to enhance our classroom studies.

We have visited the City Library to create projects portraying the evolution of an item or living thing AND/OR the extinction of an item or living thing.

Our previous Learning Adventure was a 3 hour at-sea sailing tour on the Lady Washington, which was featured in the film Pirates of the Caribbean. The students learned, first hand, what it was like to be an 18th century explorer.



We will be taking another boat trip next week on the Marine Science Floating Lab. Aboard this research vessel, the students will take part in actual marine science experiments.

For more Learning Adventure info, contact Matt Saggese at coopteach4ms@hotmail.com

San Diego TheatreSports

Hello Fellow Parents,

My name is Andy Barrett, and I am the proud father of a kindergartner at SDCCS. I am also the producing director of **San Diego TheatreSports**, San Diego's #1 Improvisational Comedy Theatre Troupe. My fellow actors, of whom my wife is one, have graciously agreed to donate their time to perform their critically-acclaimed show for you, the parents and staff of SDCCS. All profits from this show will go directly to SDCCS.

What is TheatreSports, you ask? Well, it's like the TV show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?". The audience makes suggestions, and the actors must then create scenes, songs, and skits based solely on those suggestions. It's a funny and unique show, and it's always different! One night you may see Shakespeare's lost work "Eat all your gruel", another night the Broadway musical "The man who would be Steve", and yet another night the romantic ballad "My love is like an orange (A little seedy, but sweet)"

And these all come about because you, the audience, provide these suggestions!

And the show is suitable for all ages! You can't get this kind of seat-of-your-pants, working-without-a-net excitement from a movie or video game. This show will entertain, inspire, amaze, and delight you all at the same time.

The show will take place on Friday, Feb. 28th, at 8 PM. It is at the [Swedenborgian Assembly Hall](#), at 1531 Tyler Ave, one block away from "Brians' American Eatery" on Washington Street & Cleveland St. Plenty of parking is available at the elementary school across the street.

Also, ticket prices have been discounted for this show. Adults \$9. and Kids (16 & under) are \$5. Tickets are available in the SDCCS office and are very limited! I promise you this show will sell out so please buy your tickets right away if you want to be part of this great event.

Any questions can be sent directly to me at andybarrett@cox.net.

Sleep with the Dinosaurs

SDCCS has a special opportunity to spend the night at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Activities will be centered on the new exhibit feathered dinosaurs. We will meet living dino relatives, have a mock dig, crafts and a movie.

Details:

Friday March 5, 2004 - Saturday March 6, 2004.

Check in at the museum's north entrance from 5:30 -6:00 PM (eat dinner before arriving at the museum).

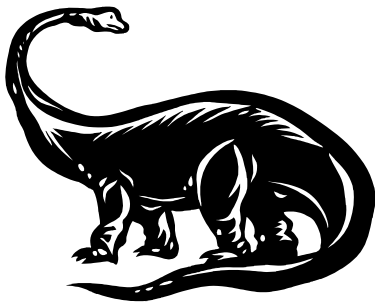
Event will end on Saturday at 8:00 AM after a continental breakfast with Ms. Frizzle.

Price \$25.00 per person; make checks payable to Fran Pillersdorf.

Open ages 5 and up maximum 2 children per adult.

When you arrive a parking pass will be issued.

Bring a bag with your name on it for crafts, sleeping bag, pad or air mattress and flashlight, toiletries and a towel, wear comfortable clothes.



If you have already reserved a space, please drop your payment in the school office. Please include a list of all attendees and ages of children and mark your envelope "Sleep with the Dinosaurs."

We still have a few spaces left you may contact Fran Pillersdorf at 619-238-0904, or sdfran@aol.com to make your reservations or ask any questions.

Drama Class



Beginning on February 19th, SDCCS 5th and 6th graders will have the opportunity to attend a class in acting and theatre arts. Every Thursday from 12:45 to 1:45, Morgan Weir will offer a class that will include theatre games, character development, movement for the stage, and scene study, with forays into costume and make up, lighting and sound design, and theatre as a career. Tuition is free but high standards of participation and behavior are required. The class will run for six weeks. Depending on the success of this session, a second six week session may be offered.

To enroll, please fill out the form your child brings home, or pick one up in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Morgan Weir at mw4862@aol.com, or leave a note for her in her pocket.

SDCCS PSA Learning Team Update 2/4/04

Science. The Learning Team is developing activities and purchasing materials for science in the classroom. Donations are still being accepted. We need magnets, small electrical devices (4.5 V and 9V batteries, bells, buzzers, lights, insulated copper wire, etc.), binoculars, glass lenses (from a camera, magnifiers, loupes, etc.), globes, spinning tops, rubber bands of various sizes, balloons. You can help by assembling science kits or activities focused on electricity or magnetism.

Music. Family Choir will be moving to a new day. Stay tuned for details. Sorry for all the changes! For information,

call Burt Grant 619-957-5194 or Tess Nelson 619-296-3878.

A new in-school music program will begin soon! SDCCS parent Michael Ferretti will provide 1 hour of music every three weeks to every class! 619-269-2652.

Music Team Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 7-8:00 pm. 4767 Coronado Avenue (off Sunset Cliffs Boulevard in Ocean Beach) RSVP to Nancy Owens Renner at 619-523-1460.



Spanish. Spanish teacher Dina Yup is working with the Learning Team to further develop the Spanish program. We are assembling a proposal to the Board of Directors to purchase resources including SymTalk (magnetic flash cards to assemble sentences), books, music, and Spanish Scholastic News. Each month, Spanish lessons will relate to the school theme. A variety of methods (literature, songs, activities, games, conversation cards) will be employed to achieve our learning objectives, which focus on elements of language (vocabulary, grammar), communication strategies, culture, and geography. You can help by collecting pictures for flashcards. The pictures should clearly depict nouns and verbs. Please put them in Dina's mailbox. Also, we are delighted to accept donations of music CDs from Spanish-speaking countries (salsa, tango, flamenco, norteño, etc.)

Thanks to all our fabulous teachers for inspiring our children to love learning! Thank you to all the classroom volunteers who co-create this exceptional learning environment! Questions, comments? Call Nancy Owens Renner, 619-523-1460, nrenner@sdnhm.org.