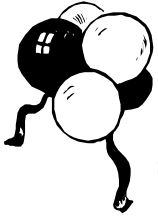


The Weekly Read-It

John Muir School PTA Newsletter

March 21, 2006

Raffle Tickets Coming!!



Hopefully everyone is getting Spring fever and gearing up for our biggest fundraiser and fun-having event at John Muir, the MAY FAIR! We have over 40 donations so far for raffle and silent auction items. There are lots of opportunities for folks to volunteer either with the preparation before hand or assisting on the day of. Whether it is helping set up, clean up, serve food, or providing assistance at the different events, your help is needed! It is not too early to plan how you want to participate! Please look for May Fair updates in the Read It! If you have any questions, please contact the May Fair coordinators, Locke Jeager (lockesj@comcast.net), Jody Hanson, and/or Leslie Craig.

Here is the up to Date and growing tally of the May Fair Sponsors'!! If you partonize any of the these businesses, to thank them for supporting John Muir and public schools in general, would be a nice gesture and might help with future donations!

Albany Bowl: GC for 10-person birthday party, \$150 value,
Black Oak Books: \$30 GC, Bloomies Flowers on College; \$25 gift certificate, Cole Coffee: 4 lbs coffee (pick up needed 5/17, 63rd off College), Ethnic Arts – assorted greeting cards (pick up needed week of 5/18, 10th off Gilman – same place as Smith and Hawken), Five Little Monkeys Toys: T-shirt and \$25 gift certificate, Gap. Inc.: two \$20 gift cards to Old Navy, Habitot: one day family pass, Rockridge Kids: \$25 GC, The Territory Ahead: promised a gift – will call Valerie after inventory, La Mediterranee: \$25 lunch or brunch gift certificate, Zachary's On College: one large three-ingredient stuffed pizza, Bonfante Gardens: Two 1-day admissions for 2 people each (worth \$154), Downtown Berkeley YMCA: two annual youth program passes (good for 1 year), Britt-Marie's Wine Bar: \$25 gift certificate, Marine World: 2 complimentary admissions, SF Zoo: 2 admissions passes, SF MOMA: 2 admissions passes, Brushstrokes: \$25 GC, Oliveto: dinner for 2 upstairs, Sarah's Science: 1 week of summer camp, Café Fanny: Breakfast or lunch for two, Acme Bread: two GCs, \$30 each, Lalime's: \$50 GC, Berkeley Rep: two tickets, \$85 value, Picante: lunch or dinner for two, Katrina Rozelle: 8" lemon cheesecake, Kermit Lynch: \$25 GC, Berkeley Symphony: Two \$38 tickets, Erica Tanov: \$50 GC, The Wooden Duck: one Adirondack chair, Berkeley Iron Works: Two GC's for Belay Safety classes, Terrestra: \$50 GC, Aurora Theater: Two tickets (\$76 value), Rick and Ann's: \$25 GC, Amoeba Music: \$20 GC, **Hotel del Coronado: two-night stay, \$740 value (grand prize)**, Venezia Caffè and Ristorante: \$25 GC, Peaceable Kingdom Press: box of items (Valerie will pick up), Amtrak: two roundtrip Capitol Corridor tickets from Berkeley to Sacramento, About Face and Body: Full body massage (\$55 value), The Schnetz Family: GC's for Tacubaya, Dona Tomas, and Sweet Adeline

DATES TO REMEMBER:



- Tuesday, March 21**-Staff Luncheon Sponsored by Third Grade
- Friday, March 31**-End of Third Grading Period (secondary) **AND** Cesar Chavez School Day of Service and Learning **AND** March Nutrition Event 9:00am to 3:00pm
- Thursday, April 6**-Middle School Open House
- Monday, April 10-Friday- April 14** Spring Recess, **NO SCHOOL**
- Tuesday, April 18**-JMS PTA Meeting, 6:30-8pm **AND** JMS Staff Lunch (Fourth Grade Sponsors)
- Monday, May 1**-Elementary School Testing Begins
- Friday-Sunday, May 5-8**-Cody's School Daze Book Sale
- Thursday, May 18**-MAY FAIR
- Friday, May 19**- Malcolm X's Birthday Holiday, **NO SCHOOL**
- Friday, June 16**- Last Day of School

COME VOTE FOR NEW SECRETARY, TREASURER, PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT AT NEXT MEETING!

This is the time of year that the PTA looks forward to next year's leadership roles and goals. We need your support to keep the events, fundraisers, and the myriad of other activities operating smoothly. Even if you have never been to a meeting, we welcome you to come, make your voice(s) heard and help in continuing and improving the vision for John Muir School. The following is a short description of the roles of each executive position:

Treasurer: The Treasurer has a variety of duties that include processing memberships, making bank deposits as needed, periodically writing checks, and creating a monthly report to present at the PTA meetings. The new Treasurer will also have the exciting challenge of computerizing our current process of tracking income and expenses!

Secretary: Take notes at the monthly PTA meetings and type up meeting minutes. Track attendance at the meetings.

Vice President and President, or Co-Chair: Work together with the other co-chair to organize the calendar for the year, sets the agenda for meetings, over-sees events and provides assistance to the various coordinators, assists in community outreach, assists in any other needed capacity to help John Muir students have the best learning experience possible! Oh yea, and to have fun!!

Always wanted to coordinate an event and meet other JM parents/guardians AND help JM students learn while having fun? This is your chance!! The PTA is looking for new coordinators for next's years events/activities/publications and all are welcome, even if you have no experience at all! Existing coordinator's will gladly pass down their knowledge to new comers, which allows these traditions, like May Fair to carry on for another thirty years!

COMING SOON!

Kids' Village and Bush Gardens present "Parent Night Out Chavez Celebration"

When: April 7th

Time: 6:00-11:00pm

Where: Kids' Village

Price: \$25.00 first child, \$10.00 each additional child(children must be toilet trained)

Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

In honor of Cesar Chavez, Kids' Village is teaming up with Mr. Bush to help raise money for a garden project and our after-school program. This opportunity only comes a few times a year. So catch a 'Happy Hour' with friends, or maybe the latest Oscar nominees you've been waiting to see! Sign up for 'Parent Night Out', and help us raise much-needed funds for our programs!!! Registration form will come out 3/28, be on the look-out! Night Events for the Kids Include: Vegetarian dinner, Dance party, Games, arts & crafts, Movie and a treat....Questions? please contact **Lisa Jackson 510-883-6141**