



OTTER TOWN NEWS

May 16, 2012



ARE YOU MOVING? NOT COMING BACK NEXT YEAR? Please let the office know ASAP about your plans. Contact Lynne in the office.

YEARBOOKS ON SALE FOR \$40. Link to order forms here:
<https://sites.google.com/site/ortegaschoolpto/announcements/yearbookinformation>

IMPORTANT DATES
 5/16-PSD Board Mtg 7pm
 5/18-Jump Rope for the Heart 10-11am
 5/19-RUBIO'S Restaurant Fundraiser
 5/25-No School (Staff development day)
 5/28-No School/Holiday
 5/30-Parent Appreciation Breakfast
 5/31-Last Day of Homework Center
 6/9-PEF Fun Run
 6/13-Field Day
 6/14-5th Grade Promotion 9am
 6/14-Last Day of School
 8/22/12-First Day of School

FIELD TRIPS

5/22- Fugitt/Andre to the Zeum-
 5/24-Dillon/Fasanaro/Wittmeyer to Long Branch Farms

LUNCH MENU

<http://www.pacificasd.org/newpsd/nutrition/menus/menus.pdf>

HOMEWORK CENTER AFTERSCHOOL

Mon & Tue-Wilson in the library
 Weds-Nevin/library
 Thurs-West D-42
 The center is open to 4th and 5th graders and 3rd graders with teacher and principal's permission.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

*Daily Otter Town Cafe 8-8:45am
 *Weds/Fri -Popsicle sales after school for \$1
 *Thurs-Jamba Juice \$2 after school
 *Fri - Popcorn sold during lunch for \$0.25

Elna Flynn Nominations

Submit your nominations for the Elna Flynn Volunteer Award by 3:00pm, Friday, June 1, 2012. A nomination form is attached to this newsletter and should you have any questions, please contact Julia Hall julhall13@gmail.com.



Our next restaurant fundraiser is Saturday, May 19th, 11 am-closing at Rubio's Serramonte!!! Ortega will receive 20% of all orders placed, eat in or take out! Be sure to take a flyer with you for Ortega to get credit. Thank you for your support!

BASKET AUCTION NUMBERS ARE ALMOST READY! We should have a total next week....stay tuned....

PARENT APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

The Ortega Staff is giving a Parent Appreciation Breakfast for our wonderful parent volunteers. It takes place on Wednesday May 30th. It is from 7:30 to 9:00 am. Yard duty will be provided during this time, so parents can have homemade breakfast, coffee and treats made by the Ortega teachers and staff. The teacher's lunch room will be decorated with Art made by the children. The parents will receive an invitation from their teachers. Thank you

JUMP ROPE FOR THE HEART

This Friday, May 18th from 10:00-11:00am is Jump Rope For Heart!!! We NEED JUMP ROPES!!! Please spread the word!!!

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Teacher's Appreciation Week Was a Spectacular!

- A huge thank you to the PTO for their teacher appreciation activities. The staff was feted like never before: special breakfast, Starbucks drinks and gift basket, massage, homemade treats, and a catered lunch. The teachers were very grateful and are now all on diets! A special thanks to Activities Coordinators Michele Freutel and Veronica Arnest for their amazing imagination and efforts to make the week so special. --Mr. Lorenzen

Flu Epidemic

- Dear Parents, there is a virulent, but not serious, flu in another school in the district. Evidently, when it gets out into the air, it's very easily transmitted to others. More than half the school has been infected. Obviously, I don't want that happening here at Ortega. If your child gets sick, throws up and or has a fever, please keep them home for a day. Evidently, the flu only last for 24 hours or less, but it's easy to catch. Thanks

Homework Center

- The last day of homework center is May 31,2012.

SHOW YOUR OTTER SPIRIT!!

Monday June 4th through June 8th is Spirit Week!
 Monday - Sports Day (Dress to support your favorite team or in your own sports uniform)
 Tuesday - Pajama Day (Roll out of bed in your favorite cozy PJ's)
 Wednesday - Crazy Hair Day (Show us what you've got, colors, accessories, styles...be creative)
 Thursday - Hat Day (Wear you favorite hat, even during class, Yeah!)
 Friday - Spirit Wear Day (Show your Ortega Otter Pride!)

Please contact Michele

Freutel mfreutel@comcast.net or Veronica Arnest tigger1433@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

BUDGET SURVEY: Have you taken our Budget survey yet? The last day to take it is 5/17/12. Click on this link and give us your feedback:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T8NWQYK>



LOST & FOUND

ALL ARTICLES OF CLOTHING LEFT IN OUR LOST AND FOUND WILL BE SENT TO A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND IF YOU ARE MISSING JACKETS, SWEATSHIRTS, SWEATERS, LUNCH BOXES, ETC.



YOUR VOLUNTEERISM IS NEEDED FOR THE 2012-2013 PTO BOARD

Dear Families of Ortega,

We have a few more positions to fill for next year's PTO board including Vice President. As out-going VP, this was my first year serving on the board. In my first two years at Ortega; as a Kindergarten and First Grade parent, I was not confident enough to join the PTO. I feared I would not know what I was doing. But when my daughter went into 2nd grade, I thought I'd give it a try, even though I am a full-time working parent. I don't know what I was so nervous about! The parents of Ortega, particularly on the board, are helpful, friendly and knowledgeable...and anything we didn't know was figured out soon enough.. Participating on the board has been a great way to feel a part of the Ortega community.

As a PTO board member, I have been welcomed by staff as if I were one of them. I have gotten to know teachers on all grade levels; have been in touch with what was happening daily in the school from curriculum to bigger issues, like the budget. I have input on what programs would be valuable for my child and I got to know the students as well. Ortega truly is a community to be proud of.

Please consider joining the executive board and helping to maintain a dynamic, fun, and academically strong school!!

Kristin Chun, VP

Dear Parents/Guardians,

One of the positions to fill is Secretary. My first year as a Co-Secretary, I was as "green" as they come but I was a very willing volunteer. While training me, the co-secretary explained everything in a one sentence. "All that really matters when taking notes is writing down the motions, votes and decisions, no discussion is recorded." To this day, I still take this advice and apply it every month when I prepare the meeting minutes because it keeps it simple and to the point.

As Secretary, I feel like the "hub" of information at Ortega. Getting information out to our parents/guardians has been pretty easy because of our communication tools, such as the newsletter and email. To assist in 2012-2013, we have a parent volunteer who would like to "chair" and handle the responsibility of the newsletter if need be. However, we'll still need a note-taker/Secretary to keep and type up our monthly meeting minutes/agendas.

The Ortega PTO is a California non-profit organization that directly benefits Ortega children with programs through fundraising and it is run by parent/guardian volunteers. Being on the board has given me a voice in my children's education and it feels good, like I'm volunteering for the best possible thing, my kid's education. Please consider joining the PTO, your volunteerism is needed more than ever.

Sincerely,
Laverne Villalobos
Out-going Secretary

Ortega PTO Board 2012/2013

I am interested in joining the 2012/2013 Ortega PTO Board. Please contact me regarding the following position.

_____ Vice President

_____ Secretary

_____ Activities Coordinator

_____ Parent Council Representative

_____ SDC/RSP Representative

Name _____

Phone Number _____

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to support

ORTEGA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO



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Rubio's a-Gu-Gu® Catering order*, and Rubio's will donate 20%
of your transactions to this cause.

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Date:

Saturday,
May 19th, 2012

Time:

11:00 am CLOSE

Rubio's Restaurant(s):

1141 Y 131 Y - Sacramento Center
127 Economic Center, Daly City, CA 94016

Visit rubios.com for directions

Come in and enjoy our food!
The Original Fish Taco®
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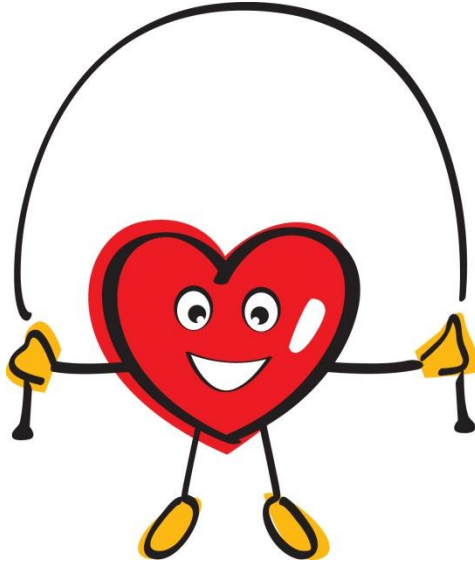
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ORTEGA'S JUMP ROPE FOR HEART FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY MAY 18, 2012

10-11AM

*****WE NEED MORE JUMP ROPES!!**



Save The Date!



Mark Your Calendar: Our school is proud to partner with the American Heart Association to help kids with special hearts! Mark your calendars NOW for our upcoming Jump Rope and/or Hoops For Heart event taking place on

FRIDAY MAY 18TH 10AM-11AM



Join Our Online Team: Don't wait to get started, join our online team NOW! You can create your own webpage, send emails and create e-cards to help AHA spread awareness and ask for support. It's fun, safe and easy!

- For JRFH, visit www.heart.org/jump then click on "Student Sign Up"
- For HFH, visit www.heart.org/hoops then click on "Student Sign Up"

"I only have one valve in my heart and one of my valves is leaking. My mom said it was discovered days after I was born. I had two open- heart surgeries. I learned to walk before I learned to crawl because of the scar on my chest."

- Adam, 11 years old





Family Fun Run



Saturday, June 9, 2012

San Pedro Valley Park

Oddstad at Linda Mar Blvd., Pacifica

Come have a fun, active morning and support the Pacifica Education Foundation.

Contributions will keep our Middle School Band Program intact and help us build 21st Century Education programs.

Choose Your Energy Level:

- Hazelnut 7k Challenge 8:30 AM
- Fish Ranch 5k Fun Run 9:30 AM
- Family 3.2k Fun Walk 10:30 AM

Fun area
for
children!

Register now at <http://funrun.pacificaef.org/>
\$35 registration includes a T-Shirt and light breakfast.

Register by May 15 to ensure
your T-Shirt size is available.

Get Sponsors!

Two special prize drawings
for individuals raising \$100
or more and \$300 or more!

If you have questions or need help registering,
please email bmckee@pacificaef.org.



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ThinkBridge Summer Camp

an exciting Pacifica summer camp for curious kids ages 6 - 11



This summer it's time to think, create and innovate! ThinkBridge Summer Camp challenges young minds to explore new ideas, analyze situations and solve creative problems through innovative thinking lessons and games, computer exercises and music instruction. Our fabulous staff of experienced Pacifica School District teachers and staff - Sydney Tyler Parker, Marilyn Wells and David Bradley - will lead campers through a summer of creation and innovation.

Ages 6 - 11

June 25, 2012 - July 20, 2012

8:30am - 11:45am

Vallemar School

377 Reina Del Mar, Pacifica

On-site pre- and post-camp
child care available!
7am - 6pm

Space is limited!

ThinkBridge
think. create. innovate.

To register visit www.thinkbridgecamp.org
or call 650-355-9432