



ST. MONICA SCHOOL

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The Principal's Weekly Newsletter



Go Bulldogs!

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Box Tops for Education

Announced this morning at Morning Assembly, was a contest designed to jump-start the awareness for collecting "Box Tops for Education." Our Parent Club School Support Chairperson, Michele Duffy, is organizing a FUNdraising "election." The ballots that the students present are the box tops themselves. Many schools across the country collect these box tops, which are included on the packaging of many family food items, and then turn them in for cash credit. We hope to generate awareness and excitement for this box top collection program, and get it off the ground - especially as the collection process has struggled the last couple of years here at St. Monica School. The "election" period will be from Nov. 3rd - Nov. 21st. Please note the enclosed flier outlining how your family can participate.

Sharing the Good News of the School...

Junior Achievement

At the Parent's Club meeting held on October 9th, a representative of Junior Achievement joined us as a guest speaker. It was proposed that when all of the volunteers are set, a J.A. training will be set up for parents and then the program would launch for the students in January. This can be a fun way to share your business experience as well as earn service hours. Classroom teachers will be present during the presentations. Note the flier included in today's envelope. If you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer presenter for one of our grade levels, please contact David Walker, St. Monica School J.A. volunteer coordinator, at 415-928-5375 or davwalker@mac.com

Student Life Highlights...Halloween

A message from our Student Body President, Chantal Nguyen:

"I would like to invite everyone to our annual Halloween costume parade and contest in the School Gym. The event begins at 9:20 a.m. The categories for the costume contest are: most original, scariest, funniest, and most elaborate. A basic overview of the judging...

Most Original - contestants are judged based on creativity and uniqueness in choosing the costume. (In other words, the costume that is somewhat different from the "plain old costume" is qualified to win.)

Scariest - contestants are judged based on how frightening the costume appears to be. The one that looks the scariest wins!

Funniest - contestants are judged on how humorous the costume is, including additional parts or the best basic goofy costume. This category also includes those that dress as objects that are generally thought by the public to be funny (clowns, etc.)

Most Elaborate - contestants are judged based on how much effort is put into the costume and how complex the costume is. A costume that has numerous parts or is extremely decorated, elegant, or detailed is in consideration to win."

Please see the enclosed schedule flier for all of the events for the day. All are welcome to attend.

School Notes...

Parent/Student Handbook Revision Notice Re: Money Collection, page 11 (Section III, D)

The St. Monica School Parent/Student Handbook states: "There should be no collection of money for gifts for teachers, coaches, nor other students." After some consideration, I realize that many families would like to express their appreciation for a volunteer coach, teacher, or other faculty member, for example, with a team group gift or class gift. Therefore, if parents wish to independently collect money amongst themselves to fund a group gift for a teacher or a coach and present that gift independent of the school, I would like to clarify that such a group gift is allowed as long as the following two items are communicated to all class or team families:

1. the participation is not sponsored by the school
2. the participation is voluntary for families

Upcoming Events...

- Oct. 30th: Not Hot Lunch today.
- Oct. 30th: School Advisory Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the School Library (rescheduled).
- Oct. 31st: Annual Halloween Costume Parade (gym) and Carnival (Small and Large Hall).
- Oct. 31st: No guitar lessons today
- Nov. 5th, 6th & 7th: 12:30 p.m. Student Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- Nov. 5th, 6th, 7th & 9th: Scholastic Book Fair.
- Nov. 9th: Open House for prospective parents.