

MUSEUM SCHOOL



UPPER GRADE STUDENTS WORK ON THEIR MEASURING SKILLS IN SEWING CLASS WHILE A NEW FIRST GRADER DISPLAYS HER ARTWORK

Welcome Back to School

We are a couple of weeks into the beginning of 12th year of the Museum School, and it's been a great start so far. All our classes are running smoothly, and we received the great news that our school's test scores are the highest they have ever been! Congratulations to all our kids, as our **API for 2009 is at 831.**

We had a busy summer getting ready for the new school year. A new ADA

compliant bathroom was installed, we moved two classrooms, painted a bathroom and set up a new computer lab. It was a lot of work and we couldn't have done it without the help of the many volunteers who painted, cleaned, built and installed. Thanks to all of you who joined us!

Our teachers also worked hard over the summer to create and refine new curriculum for our students. Our upper

graders can look forward to Zoology, Design, Photography, Travel, Community Service and Kitchen Science Departments along with their core classes. All our students will continue to have sewing, visual art, gamelan, movement, computer time, and our younger ones will continue with Javanese and tap dance. It is shaping up to be a great year!



5TH GRADERS ENJOY MUSICAL POETRY IN THEIR NEW ROOM



1ST GRADERS WORK WITH PATTERNS IN THEIR NEW ROOM



MQ CONSTRUCTION DID A GREAT JOB ON OUR NEW ADA BATHROOM

PIXIE SALON RAISES OVER \$2000 AGAIN!!!



The lovely ladies at Pixie Salon cut and groomed students, staff, parents and friends of the Museum School and donated 100% of their beautiful work to the the Museum School for the second year running!

Thanks for your support Pixie! If you would like to support Pixie Salon in return, you can visit their website at:

pixiesalonsandiego.com
or call 619-702-6260

FAMILY FUNDRAISING IDEAS

1. HAVE A BBQ OR SPAGHETTI PLATE DINNER AND INVITE FRIENDS TO HELP OUT
2. HAVE A GARAGE/YARD SALE
3. HAVE A PANCAKE BREAKFAST
4. HAVE A LEMONADE STAND
5. SEND REQUESTS TO YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES
6. HOLD YOUR OWN AUCTION

Have a Good Idea on How to Raise Money at Home?

Let us know so we can pass your idea on to others who are trying to help us reach our \$100,000 goal
Please submit your ideas to museumschoolphil@gmail.com

What a Great Idea!

Jimmy (5th Grade) and his sister Clara (3rd Grade) had a great idea to raise money for the Museum School. This past Sunday, they sold bottled water to thirsty Charger fans after the home opening game at Qualcomm Stadium. Unfortunately, the Chargers didn't win that one, but the Museum School came ahead by \$172.50 thanks to Jimmy and Clara!!!



1st Graders sell lemonade for the Museum School

Three first graders took some initiative over the summer and sold lemonade to their neighborhood friends. Sophia, Anais and Anna presented Phil with their generous donation at the school's Back to School Potluck on September 4th. Nice job ladies!



Who are the Friends of the Museum School?

YOU - That's who!

The Friends of the Museum School is a 501c3 non-profit foundation dedicated exclusively to raising funds for the Museum School. It is made up of a group of parents, staff and community members who are busy planning events throughout the school year. This year's fundraising goal is \$100,000. It might seem like a lot, because it is, but the FOMS team can do it! We know they can because they raised over that amount last year. But...FOMS needs your help. This fall is an exciting time because an anonymous donor has committed to donating a matching grant of up to \$10,000 if we can raise \$20,000 by the end of the trimester, December 18th, 2009. By the time of printing, we have already received \$5300 in donations so we are well on the way.

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How can you help? We are hoping for 100% participation from our families. For some, this might mean a significant annual donation, for others it might mean a monthly pledge, while for others it might mean the very valuable donation of time and effort in organizing or helping with one of the many events scheduled throughout the year. These events are listed on the website at museumschool.org. Check it out to see what might interest you.

In particular we are looking for people to help out with the year's biggest fundraiser 'Spanish Night at the Prado'. It involves a silent and live auction along with a delicious meal from the chefs at the Prado. We are seeking donations for both auctions. If you know of a company, restaurant, hotel, travel agency, or any other generous folks who might be willing to donate an item, please look for the donation forms in the office or on the website under FORMS.

Of course an easy way to get involved is to join the FOMS at one of the regular meetings held the second Friday of each month at 9:00 am!

Save the Date for Spanish Night at the Prado Sunday, February 28th

OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR

We need donations of goods and services for the auctions as well as sponsors for the event and stamps. If you, or someone you know, can donate an item or service, donation forms are available at the office.



FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 31st, 2:30 pm - 5 pm
Museum School Courtyard

GET READY FOR HALLOWEEN WITH SOME FUN ACTIVITIES HERE AT THE SCHOOL COURTYARD. THERE WILL BE FOOD, FUN AND GAMES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.

(THERE IS ALSO A RUMOR OF PHIL IN A WEDDING DRESS???)



NOT YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 21st

DESIGNERS AND CRAFTERS FROM AROUND SAN DIEGO WILL FILL UP THE SCHOOL COURTYARD AND BALCONIES WITH DELIGHTFUL GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND EVERYDAY.

A VISIT FROM THE SUZHOU MUSEUM IN CHINA



Branan Freeman from the San Diego Museum of Art brought Lu Xuemei and Wei Baoxin from the Suzhou Museum of Art to visit our school. Mr. Wei commented on how happy all the students seem to be at school.

THANKS TO OUR FABULOUS SUMMER PARENT VOLUNTEERS!

1. PAINTING PARENTS - STACEY HUNT, KAY LEDGER, LORI WILLIAMS, HIRAM MACHICOTE, LAURA KUHN, ANDREA NICODEMUS,
2. STUDENT PAINTERS - MADISEN LEDGER, SIERRA ROSS, JULIEN GILBERT, AUTUMN GILBERT & FRIENDS
3. TEAM THRESHOLD - GRANDPA CHUCK & UNCLE DON
4. COMPUTER LAB GEEKSQUAD AND ALL AROUND GREAT GUYS - TIM LAWRENCE, HIRAM MACHICOTE, AND FIDEL PEREZ
5. THE 'LEFT OFF THE LIST BUT CERTAINLY APPRECIATED' (DUE TO AUTHOR'S POOR MEMORY)

Merrill Gardens Construction Set to Begin in Mid-November

Phil Beaumont met with two representatives of SRM

Construction to go over details and scheduling of the planned Merrill Gardens construction in the parking lot immediately west of the Museum School building. They will break ground on the five story senior living facility beginning in mid-November as long as everything goes according to plan.

The first two months of construction includes excavation and shoring up of the resulting basin. This will be by far the most disruptive portion of the project according to Gordon Moline, the Project Manager. Mr. Moline offered to do everything he could to schedule the loudest aspects of the excavation while the Museum School is on winter break during December and January. Short of this, Mr. Moline will keep in close contact with Phil

regarding the scheduling of the project as well as to work on any problems that may arise.

The project is scheduled to last 16 months, with the opening targeted for early 2011. The project should make it's way up to ground level, with all the concrete being poured by the end of June. The plan is for the building to be 'enclosed' by the end of summer 2010. Construction noises will be significantly diminished at this point as the rest of the work will be on the interior of the building.

The plan for parking will be to have a passenger loading zone in front of the school during the morning and afternoon drop off and pick up times.

Please stay tuned as we get closer to the date of construction for more information.

Governance Council, School Site Council, Friends of the Museum School - Where do I belong???

There are many ways that you can help your child at the Museum School. The most basic way is to stay on top of your child's homework, stay in touch with your child's teachers so you know what can be expected and how you can support their learning. This is the most important thing you can do.

If you want to become more involved in the workings and support of the Museum School, there are plenty of ways you can. There are three different organizations that support the Museum School. The Governance Council, the School Site Council and the Friends of the Museum School.

THE SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL IS DESIGNED TO BE AN OPEN FORUM FOR IDEAS FROM PARENTS

The Governance Council is the school's Board of Directors overseeing the general operations, compliance and fiduciary aspects of the school. This group is made up of 4 -10 elected voting - members who meet regularly throughout the year. The meetings are open to the public and subject to the Brown Act. All parents are welcome to join in at these meetings. The Council currently has seats open. If you are

interested in participating as a Board Member, we ask that you submit a resume for consideration.

The School Site Council at the Museum School serves as an advisory sub-committee to the Governance Council. This is designed to be a open forum for ideas, and concerns from parents regarding the day to day and long term planning for the school. Two members of the Governance Council will participate in these meetings to take back discussion reports to the Governance Council for decision making. The School Site Council may also plan and organize any special projects or improvements for the school. All parents are encouraged to attend these meetings as well. It is a great forum to have your voice heard.

The Friends of the Museum School is a great way to help with fund-raising for the Museum School. The Friends meet every second Friday of the month and plan all of the exciting events, pledge drives, and grants that support all of the enriching programming at the Museum School. These meetings are also open to everyone, and all are encouraged to join.

So where do you belong? Any, or every, group you find best suits your interests

MEETING SCHEDULES

FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM SCHOOL

FALL SCHEDULE
(ALL MEETINGS AT 9 AM)
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

MUSEUM SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE
(ALL MEETINGS AT 4:30 PM)
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH
FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH
FRIDAY APRIL 30TH
FRIDAY JUNE 4TH
FRIDAY, JULY 9TH

MUSEUM SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

FALL SCHEDULE
(ALL MEETINGS AT 5 PM)
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST



CONSTITUTION DAY
Attorneys, Veronica Jackson and Michelle Petite joined our students on Constitution Day, September 17th to talk about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, part of an ongoing program through the American Civil Liberties Union.



SCENES FROM SEPTEMBER



Reading before school



Working in a new sketchbook



School Meeting



At work in the new computer lab



Wuri teaches dance to the Kindergarteners

ODE TO MY SHOES
PICK ME! PICK ME!
THEY SAY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DAY
SO I PICK ONE
MY FAVORITE ONE EACH DAY
THEY ARE BLACK AND WHITE
SNUG AND TIGHT
THEY JUMP UP AND DOWN AS I PLAY
EVEN THOUGH THEY SMELL AND STINK
I'LL TAKE THEM ANY DAY
- ATHENA 6TH GRADE