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**Spring
Break
(No School)
Monday-Friday
3/21-3/25**

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News from our Principal/Director Dr. Doris Alvarez

Greetings, Parents.

In no time at all we will be planning for graduation. How quickly the school year goes by! Here is my monthly update on Preuss happenings:

February 26 Parent Meeting

We had a wonderful Parent meeting on February 26. Thanks to Regina Fortune-Grady and her committee from the Parent Council PTA for organizing the successful parent potluck. We had over 150 persons in attendance. The potluck and festivities were held in celebration of Black History month. The council used this opportunity to honor the men in uniform who are fighting in Iraq. We had two Marine Corp representa-

tives from Miramar who had just arrived in the United States last week. They were very appreciative of the gesture.

Uniforms

We had a very good discussion on what the parents can do to help the school to enforce the uniform code. I noted to the parents that students are wearing so many different kinds of jackets and pants that it no longer resembles a uniform. I also noted that four areas make an effective school: **School Climate, Leadership / Governance; Instruction and Student Supports**. If any of these areas are not working,

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PREUSS PTA PRESIDENT

Lydia Flores

Dear Parents

Here at Preuss our students not only come for classes but there are all sorts of activities that involve the family. Our monthly Saturday parent meeting, Sports games, Picnic, Senior Talent show, 10th grade book fair. I take a look at our school with over 700 families and say, we should be able to provide our children all the

support with out much of a problem because of our 700 families...if we had the support system in place.

Now we get to the question of what I am looking for from our adult community. With all the activities I mentioned we've been fortunate to work with some fantastic volunteers. Each of these volunteers has

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our school is not effective. Uniforms are part of our school climate as they provide for students to focus on their studies and not on the clothes they are wearing. Uniforms are also part of the charter and everyone agreed when they applied to the school that they would abide by the uniform code. When this is not happening, we have a breakdown in the system.

Some very good ideas came from many of the groups and we will use some of these ideas. Meanwhile, it was agreed that jackets next year must have a Preuss Logo. Further, pants will have to be bought from Royal Blazers. They will offer a variety of prices that will be affordable.

Honors for Three Teachers

Congratulations to teachers Ms. Kaler, Mr. Major and Mr. Romer who were nominated by some of their students as special teachers.

Teachers were honored on February 26 by the Urban League.

Reminder

As I said last month, the calendar will be changed next year in order to have students out of school on June 30. Remember that school will begin on August 25, 2005 for the next school year. And speaking of next year, we must receive all signed "Intent to Return" slips back by March 15th. It is critical that we know who is not planning on returning next year as we have many on the wait list.

Please, do not ask to take your child on vacation during the school year.

Sincerely,

Doris Alvarez
Principal

NEWS FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT CONT'D.

been a gift to our school. One of our problems is the we keep relying on the same people, time after time.

When I was voted to be the President of the Parents Group, we went to work. We've done our part. Now once again, I remind you that it is not only up to the President, rather, a partnership between students, the parent and the administration. Having said all of that, what we are looking for is dedicated parents who want to continue to see The

Preuss School grow. They say the best way to recruit people is through personal invitation and I agree, however with our unique school and our families being located throughout San Diego county I'm bound to miss some people. I am inviting you to attend our next Saturday Parent group, I invite you to contact me, stop me and ask me about how you can get involved.

Lydia Flores

PTA President, The Preuss School

RUMMAGE SALE



Don't Miss our Annual Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 16, 2005 - 9:00 AM

Preuss School Auditorium

Support the Athletics Department!!!

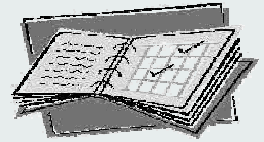
Come to our Rummage Sale. You will be surprised at the varied selections of items and prices.

Remember that you can get volunteer time if you donate items to be sold or if you help us during the event.

For further information call Lydia Flores at 858-530-1690 858-566-6297 (fax) lflores@greatwd.com

News from the Guidance Department

by Mrs. Carol Sobek, Head Counselor



California High School Exit Exam

All tenth graders will be taking the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) for the first time on March 15 and 16. Since there are no makeup opportunities until May, it is critical that all tenth graders attend! The Language Arts sections will be given in a morning and afternoon pull-out on March 15 from 9:00-2:20. The two sections of the Mathematics section will be administered on March 16 from 9:30-2:20. Passing the CAHSEE is a requirement in order to receive a diploma for the Class of 2007. The Preuss School Classes of 2005 and 2006 established a stellar reputation for earning among the top passing rates in the state. The results will be available by July 2005.

Course Selection for 2005-2006 for All Grades

On March 2 or 3 all students were given course selection materials in their Advisory classes. Parents will be particularly interested in the *Course Description and Educational Planning 2005-2006* booklet, which contains a detailed description of each course in grades 6-12. The Advisory teacher shared an important presentation about UC eligibility, requirements for a Preuss diploma, available courses, and the process for securing courses for next year. Students will get signatures from math and Spanish teachers March 7-9, verifying their recommendations for advancing to the next level. *Current achievement will determine whether or not the student progresses onto the next course, or even on to the next grade.* Completed cards will be due to the Advisory teacher no later than March 11. Students who do not return a completed card with parent and Advisory teacher signatures, will not receive first-choice electives. Please help your student complete the process on time.

AP Test Orders and Payment Due by March 11

It's time to order the Advanced Placement (AP) examinations for our students who are enrolled in one or more AP classes! **All students are required to take the AP test!** Your student received a portfolio with all the ordering resources and the fee structure for this year. Full payment (cash or money order only) for exams is due according to the following schedule:

Grade 9	March 8
Grade 10	March 8 and 9
Grade 11	March 9 and 10
Grade 12	March 10 and 11

Students who are absent or late to school will not be able to take the test. No refund will be given. This is a standard AP policy. We will be giving the following tests this year.

Title of Test	Date	Time	Changes in Schedule
English Language	May 2	9-12:30	
Calculus BC	May 3	9-12:30	
Spanish Language	May 4	9-12:30	
English Literature	May 5	9-12:30	
U.S. History	May 6	9-12:30	(Friday early start for all students)
European History	May 6	12:30-4:00	
Biology	May 9	9-12:30	
Physics B	May 9	12:30-4:00	
Gov't and Politics	May 11	9-12:30	
Art History	May 11	12:30-4:00	
Span. Literature	May 13	9-12:30	Friday (early start for all students)

News from the Guidance Department Cont'd

Important Dates for Parents and Students

Saturday Enrichment Academy	March 5 and 12 / April 16 and 23
AP Test Payment Due	March 8-11
Spring Break	March 19-27
Winter Trimester Ends	April 1
Winter Trimester Report Cards Mailed Home	April 7
AP Testing	May 2-13

Mrs. Carol Sobek, Head Counselor

WORDS FROM THE LIBRARY AND MEDIA CENTER

Meghan Kaheny

The Preuss School UCSD Library is proud to host the Spring Scholastic Book Fair beginning on March 7th and ending on Saturday, March 12th. The book fair hosts a variety of critically acclaimed and award winning young reader books as well as a host of interactive learning tools for students. The Preuss School Library and Media Center encourages parents, teachers, and students to come on by and take a peek at the fantastic selection.

All the proceeds will go towards Mr. Howard's Los Angeles trip for the current 10th graders! We will be hosting another fair on the heels of Scholastic with the combined effort of Barnes and Nobel. Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming dates and details!



NEWS FROM MR. HOWARD AND ASB

Dear Parents

Since the last newsletter the ASB has been responsible for celebrating Black History Month, the Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day. The ASB also organized two pep-rallies, a jeopardy style game, and half of its members attended a leadership conference at UCSD. In addition, the ASB held its annual ASB Ball at the Catamaran Hotel in Pacific Beach. The high light of the past month was the Senior Airband/Talent Show. Over four hundred students, parents, family members, and friends showed up to cheer on the many performing acts. Not only was it a fun evening, but the seniors were successful in raising over \$2,000. The ASB is presently planning to hand out applications for next year's class.



NEWS FROM THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

PARENTS SERVICE TIME OPPORTUNITIES AS OF MARCH 12, 2005

TEACHER	ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	PAENTS NEEDED
RUMMAGE SALE	Donations of Items	WEEK OF APR 11-16	SCHOOL HOURS	
RUMMAGE SALE	Setting, Selling, Closing	Sat. April 16	7:00-12:00	6
CHRIS LATINEN	General School Face Lift. Pre-WASC visit	Saturday, April 2	9:00-13:00	30
PHIL ENSBERG	Help at Home preparing materials	Week of April 25-30		8-10
6th GRADE UCSD CAMP	Chaperons to spend 2 nights at Camp (Walton Center)	May 11-13	All day/night	5
ROBERT MAINIEIRI	Food for Robotics Team	On going	On going	
PHIL ENSBERG	General Help at classroom	On going	On going	
JULIE KELBER 6th Grade Math Teacher	Re-do and decoration of Bulletin Board	asap	asap	1-2
CARLOS BRIBIESCA	Spanish-speaking parents at classroom	asap	asap	1 / day
PREUSS PTA	General PTA Meetings	Check School Calendar	9:30-11:00	768
PREUSS PTA	Driving other parents to PTA Meetings	Check School Calendar	9:30-1100	
PREUSS PTA Grade Representatives	Phone Tree at home: call at our school to find out who is your representative or visit the Preuss website.	Once a month	The Preuss PTA Directory is in the Preuss Website	
PREUSS PTA FAMILIES	Vietnamese and other than Spanish translators for PTA Meetings	Preuss PTA Calendar		
ALEC BARRON	Carpenter help for Science Labs	asap	asap	1
Athletic Booster Team	Rides and Assistance to Sports Games	On going	On going	

For more details please call SANDRA LUJAN (858) 658 7412 SLLujan@ucsd.edu or MARU CHAM (858) 453 1824

ATTENTION TO THE PARENTS OF SPORTS PLAYERS:

Effective February 1st, your assistance to any Preuss sports game is considered as service time to fulfill your commitment of 15 hours per student. Of course, if you drive the students to / from the games, additional hours can be credited. However, one of the assistant parents is requested to take the names of the other assistants and submit the list to me or Mrs. Sandra Lujan (see phones and e-mail addresses in this page). Otherwise, nobody will know and the hours can not be credited. Please volunteer to take the names and submit them as requested.

The Annual Rummage Sale to support the Athletic Booster Club will be held on Saturday April 16 at our General PTA Meeting. Please help donating items to be sold at it. Your donations will credit one service hour per every two items. Just make sure to register your name when delivering the items to the Preuss Office, which will start receiving on Monday April 11.

THANKS!!!!!! GRACIAS!!!

Maru Cham, Parent Involvement Chair, e-mail: MaruNCham@cs.com

NEWS FROM THE PREUSS HEALTH OFFICE



A Letter to All Preuss School Parents,

The Preuss School will be participating in TV-Turnoff Week 2005, April 25-May 1. The Week is a nationwide event sponsored by TV-Turnoff Network and celebrated by school, families, and other civic and community groups each year. During TV-Turnoff Week, millions of children and adults pledge to spend seven screen-free days. Instead of watching TV, they read, exercise, work in their communities, or spend time with family and friends.

Studies show that children who watch less TV are more likely to read well and to be physically fit. Turning off the tube also allows for more family time. In the course of a year, American children spend more time in front of the television than in school. We think that TV-Turnoff Week 2005 is a great way to jump start our kids into more reading, learning, and active play. It's also a lot of fun!

During April 25-May 1, we would like to ask for your support in our efforts. Many families choose to join their children by keeping the TV turned off all week long. This kind of support is the best thing you can do to ensure that your child will have a successful and beneficial experience.

TV-Turnoff Week enjoys the support of dozens of major national organizations including the American Academy of Pediatrics, National Education Association, and Reading is Fundamental. Please ask me if you would like more information about the effects of television-watching and about TV-Turnoff Week. You can also visit TV-Turnoff Network's website, www.tvturnoff.org to find more information and interactive message boards.

Again, thank you for your support.

Debal Acquaro, RN-CFNP

TV-TURNOFF WEEK: April 25-May 1

Traducción en español

Una carta a todos los padres de familia de Preuss

*La escuela Preuss estará participando en la semana de "apaga el televisor" durante **Abril 25 a Mayo 1o**. Este es un evento nacional patrocinado por TV-Turnoff Network y celebrado cada año por escuelas, familias, y otros grupos cívicos y de la comunidad. Durante esta semana de apaga el televisor, millones de niños y adultos se comprometen a pasar siete días sin ver la televisión. En vez de ver televisión, ellos leen, hacen ejercicio, trabajan en sus comunidades, o pasan el mayor tiempo con sus familias y amistades.*

Durante Abril 25 a Mayo 1o., a nosotros nos gustaría contar con su apoyo. Muchas familias decidieron unirse a sus niños apagando la televisión a lo largo de la semana. Este tipo de apoyo es lo mayor que ustedes pueden hacer para asegurarse que sus hijos tengan una exitosa y beneficiosa experiencia. Estudios han demostrado que los niños que pasan menos tiempo viendo televisión tienden a leer mejor y a estar físicamente en forma. Por favor, comuníquese con nosotros si le gustaría obtener más información acerca de los efectos que causa el ver televisión durante mucho tiempo y de la semana de apaga el televisor. Visite TV-Turnoff Network's website www.tvturnoff.org, usted encontrará más información y mensajes interactivos.

Debal Acquaro, RN-CFNP

**GENERAL PARENT MEETING
AND SATURDAY ENRICHMENT
ACADEMY**

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2005

9:30 A.M.

SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

School Calendar Change!!!!

Beginning next school year, Preuss school will begin for students on August 25 and end on June 30

Empezando el próximo año escolar, la escuela Preuss iniciará las clases para los estudiantes el 25 de agosto y terminará en junio 30

Mark Your Calendars!