

# The LEOPARD BEAT!



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## Reflections 2008

The Reflections Arts program has come to a close. A big thank you to PTA for all your support. We also want to thank all the students who participated this year. You all did a fantastic job! We had a record 51 participants this year and look forward to many more next year. We would like to thank our judges: David Huffaker, Janene Maxon, and Cynthia Hatton. It was a tough job choosing the winning entries. We had some beautiful, heartfelt art pieces that fully represented the theme "Wow!"

### Here are your winners for each category:

#### Literature K-2

1<sup>st</sup> place- Jylen Whitten

#### Photography K-2

1<sup>st</sup> place- Devyn Duncan

#### Visual Arts K-2

1<sup>st</sup> place- Savannah Fox

2<sup>nd</sup> place- Catherine Valarde

3<sup>rd</sup> place- Sophie Legler

#### Literature 3-5

1<sup>st</sup> place- Jessica Throckmorton

#### Photography 3-5

1<sup>st</sup> place- Adam Goosen

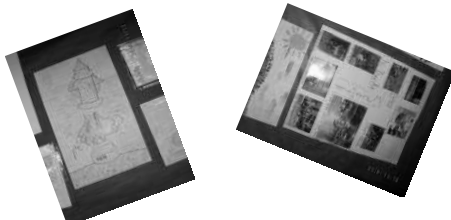
#### Visual Arts 3-5

1<sup>st</sup> place- Esther Suh

2<sup>nd</sup> place- Johnathan Freeman

3<sup>rd</sup> place- Monte' Chinarayan

Honorable Mention- Rebecca Carstens



The Reflections Committee: Kerry Summers, Anne Shear, & Ernestina Aguilar



### "Dancin' with the 2nd Grade Stars!"

#### Coming Up . . . . .

<b>PTA Association Meeting</b> 3:15 pm MPR	Dec. 3
Parent Conferences K-5	Dec. 4 & 5
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Dec. 5
<b>WINTER BREAK BEGINS</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Dec. 19- Jan. 3



**Dancing with the Second Grade Stars** proved to be a big hit as we performed our well rehearsed numbers for school and family audiences on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all the volunteers who help prepare behind the scenes with fabulous backdrops and programs. Be sure to check your conference time with your child's teacher for Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>.

## ***PTA Board*** **2008-2009**

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Lori Hatcher

### **Boxtops for Education**

Leslie Federico

### **Father/Daughter Dance**

Norma Rapko

### **Hospitality**

Kristin Eppenbaugh

### **Junior Achievement**

Kristi Johnson

### **Little Red School House**

Lydia Frank

### **Mother/Son Event**

Tammie Conn

### **Newsletter/Yearbook**

Janette Reid

### **Red Ribbon Week**

Kim White

### **Reflections**

Ernestina Aguilar

Kerry Summers

### **Restaurant Night**

Amy Campos

### **Student of the Month**

Michelle Vizcarra

### **Teacher & Staff Appreciation**

Allison Banry

Denise Wade

### **Volunteer Coordinator**

Melissa Coyle

## **Student Council Corner**



Hello Leopards! We are your Student Council Co-Presidents, Brooke Rapko and Ben Goossen. There have been a lot of things going on so far this year and we thank you for your student support. We raised a great amount of money from our various fundraisers: Those delicious pickles sold at our annual Family Harvest Festival, Halloween Candy-Grams and our latest ... *Enjoy the City* coupon books and Gobble-Grams. Coming in December, we will be sponsoring a toy drive

for the Sheriff's Department. That is a great *Community Service Project* that all Leopards can get involved with. We will be selling Winter-Grams, so look for a letter to bring home soon. We would also like to congratulate Mrs. Tapia's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class for winning our *Spirit Activity*, "Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin." Way to go!!!

Well that's it for this Student Council Round-Up. We hope you all have safe and happy holidays.

## **Restaurant Night**

Novembers Restaurant Night held at Stonefire Grill brought in many leopard families, plenty of leftovers and a large donation of \$217.88. Join us next month at Red Brick Oven and help our school make some easy money. A "BIG" thank-you to all the families, staff and friends who make Restaurant Nights such a success!

Amy Campos



## **Yearbook Sales Going On Now!**

Yearbook sales are in full swing right now, so get yours while the getting is good! Prices go up after the Jan. 29 2009 deadline. Check those backpacks for the order forms and turn them in today!!!

Prices are: \$23 for Standard Yearbook

\$28 with your child's photo and name on front cover

# GRADE LEVEL & PTA UPDATES

## **1st Grade Team:**

We had an awesome time on our Field Trip to Kidspace in Pasadena. From climbing in the ant hole, a haybale maze, to looking at the insects that glow in the dark a good time was had by all. Thanks to the many parents that made small groups possible so they could experience all the activities. The timed math tests for addition/subtraction have been moving along. So many students have been committing facts to memory that they are zooming on worksheets. Our new math is certainly positive. Students are reading so much in ExCel. It certainly helps with fluency when sight words have been mastered. As we see 2008 end, we know that 2009 will bring new experinces that help all the students. We are lucky to have such good support from parents. Enjoy the Holidays!

## **Kidspace**



## **3rd Grade Team:**

The third grade team is looking forward to meeting with all of our parents at conferences this month! Thank you in advance for your participation! Madeline's Christmas, our first field trip, will be on December 11<sup>th</sup>. We're all excited about it! Soon we will begin studying animals in science. After Winter Break we are looking forward to our wildlife program, which will give our students the opportunity to observe some living wild animals up close and personal. This program is always very exciting for the students! The third grade team would like to wish all of our families a warm and wonderful holiday season!

*Have a safe  
and happy  
Holiday Season!*



## **PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY**

Here's a rare opportunity for parents who would like the full attention of their child's principal for a morning and a chance to see their school's operation from the administrator's viewpoint.

Reservations are currently available for parents, business executives and community leaders who would like to spend the morning with a superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal or assistant principal in the 17th Annual Principal for a Day sponsored by the SCV Education Foundation. This year's event is Friday, Jan. 23, but the earliest reservations will have their choice of school or administrator. Priority registration is available through Dec. 1.

Participants spend the morning shadowing an administrator from one of the five school districts in the valley, getting a first-hand perspective of the educational environment. The event concludes with a catered luncheon at the Santa Clarita Activities Center. The tax-deductible donation ranges from \$150 for an elementary, junior high or middle school principal to \$400 for a superintendent, with \$200, \$300 and \$350 levels for administrators at other levels.

Sponsorships also are available, starting as low as \$500. Proceeds help fund scholarships, Student Enrichment grants and other projects of the Education Foundation.

Registration information and a fax-back registration form can be downloaded from the Foundation's Web site at [www.scveducationfoundation.org](http://www.scveducationfoundation.org) or by calling Dan Aldrich, Principal for a Day chair, at (661) 255-0244, Ext. 16.



## Founders Day:

### **HEY STAR LEOPARDS!**

**It's that time of year again to start preparing your special talent. The DTA Founders' Day Talent Show will fall in February.**

**You will receive an entry form that needs to be handed in by the first week in January. When thinking of your submission, please keep in mind that your time on stage is not to exceed 3 minutes! So begin rehearsing, and much luck to all!**

## **Student of the Month - October 2008** **"Respect"**

### Kindergarten:

Maleeha Zaman  
Gretchen Donnelly  
Kobe Van Hecke  
Claire Miles  
Jake Stich  
Jane Garcia

### 2nd Grade:

Roberto Barajas  
Pamela Razalan  
Cloe Nguyen  
Arthur Gosessens  
Ashley Leach  
Jake Farina

### 4th Grade:

Matthew Smith  
DJ McDonald  
Melissa Gonzalez  
Justyn Montoya-Gonzalez  
Bethanie Currie  
Kathryn Davis  
Maria Alejandra

### 1st Grade:

David Corona  
Caden West  
Emily Samayoa  
April Zadeh  
Domanic Armijo  
Kyle Jensen

### 3rd Grade:

Luca Robinson  
Leslie Paez  
Albert Serrano  
Alexander Castillo  
Tony Houska  
Karsyn Jensen

### 5th Grade:

Grace Lamberth  
Katie Luepke  
Rocky Brobio  
Isabella Engle  
Kaitlyn Wildrick  
Darrell Wong  
Cameron Garcia  
Haylie Lamberth

## **The One, The Only, Your Principal...Mrs. Seamands!!!**

Hello, Leopards and friends. This time of year is always so busy and we seem to just run from one thing to another, hardly taking time to refresh ourselves. I hope all of you have special times with your families and friends over the winter break. I hope that the pace of everyday life slows down a bit, after the rush, so you can enjoy those things that sustain you.

Speaking of sustenance, have you been to our brand new Castaic Public Library? It is a wonderful addition to our community, with state of the art computers, a very impressive volume of books, magazines, DVD's, and videos for all ages. The library has all of our district textbooks, K-8. Our library will be hosting our Castaic Union School District's Grand Reader Program. This program is a joint venture between the CUSD and the library. This program begins in January of next year, is on Monday evenings, with a different age group focus each Monday evening. There will be story time for K-5 and Reader Challenges for Grades 6-8 with our Children's Librarian, Kelly Behle and CUSD teachers taking turns. Hopefully, this winter break will provide you with lots of time to enjoy our new library!

You have attended conferences at school and are aware of your Leopard's achievements and areas needing growth. I encourage you to keep communication open with your child's teacher and the school. We are here to ensure that your child has the greatest opportunity for success.

Remember – the Castaic Education Foundation provides many learning tools for our students (like our Computer Lab) and they always welcome your help.

We are recycling plastic bags!!! Bring your plastic bags on Fridays!!!

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich came to visit Live Oak! He was right here, in Room 18, to present Colleen Teeman (Mackenna's mom) with a service award for bringing computers to our classrooms. We have 31 newer computers in classrooms at Live Oak, thanks to Mrs. Teeman's efforts, the support of Supervisor Antonovich, College of the Canyons, Lupe Lopez, and many others.

Take the best of care.

Mrs. Seamands