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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

It's difficult to believe that we are at the end of another quarter. However, I see evidence of this when I visit classrooms and observe students having mock conferences with peers to prepare for student-led conferences.

On Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, our Student Council sponsored the first College/University Spirit Day. At the Coyote Assembly, there were sweat-shirts, t-shirts, pom-poms, pennants and hats reflecting colleges/universities throughout the United States. Mrs. Slike even brought her bulldog, Winston, to represent the University of Georgia's mascot. Some students chose to represent their parents' or grandparents' schools, while others sported the colors of schools that they hope to attend in the future. This spirit day was such a success it is likely that we'll see it repeated.

Within the last two weeks students and staff participated in a school-wide lock down drill. Teachers brought any student that was nearby into their classrooms as soon as the drill was announced and then immediately locked their doors. Teachers gathered students into the safest places in rooms and buildings as far away as possible from doors and windows. Teachers then e-mailed our office staff to let them know that all children were accounted for and safe. (Continued on Page 2)



### IMPORTANT DATES

- Spring Break, March 22—April 2
- School Resumes April 5 (minimum day)
- Walk to School March 19, April 16, and May 21
- School Pictures, April 7
- Shop at Henry's Fundraiser, April 21
- Spring Festival, April 30
- Volunteer Tea, May 14
- Last Day of School, June 8



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR AVCPTA PRESIDENT

This past quarter has been filled with so many school and PTA activities! We recently celebrated Literacy Week, which coincided with Dr. Seuss's birthday. PTA ended the week-long celebration of reading with an early-morning **Rise and Read** event. It was great to see so many excited students reading with their families!

Thanks to everyone who came to play bingo on **Family Bingo Night**. The students really enjoyed winning the wonderful board games and the delicious cookies.

The results of the **PTA Reflections Art** contest are in...Congratulations to three students who won and advanced to the district level. Siblings Tina and Luke Killeen were recognized for their musical compositions and Jedric Gonzalez submitted a beautiful work of art.

PTA is gearing up for our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Annual Spring Festival. **Save the date: April 30 from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.** This year's theme is **"Island Fun in the Sun"**, complete with a yummy dinner catered by our local L&L Hawaiian BBQ restaurant, silent auction baskets assembled by the classrooms from your donations, music, snacks from our very own "Tiki Hut", and many fun games for the entire family. Tickets for dinner and games will (Continued on Page 3)

## Principal's Message

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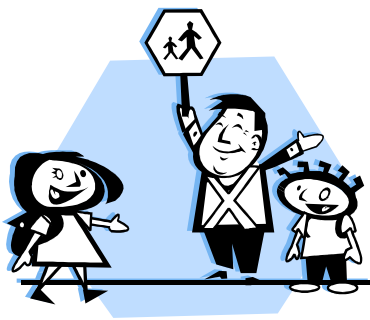
Officer Roman Granados, Arroyo Vista's School Resource Officer, and two other police officers checked the security of every classroom. Their summary of the drill was that things went very smoothly and that both staff and students were well prepared should there ever be a need to put the school in a lock-down mode. Please ask your children to describe what they are to do if there is a lock down. The more they are able to explain the process to you, the better prepared they'll be should the drill become a reality.

Parents have been provided several opportunities this quarter to attend different informative events. Our Literacy Support teachers taught demonstration lessons for the parents of the students with whom they work. They shared strategies that parents can use to work with their children at home. The PTA sponsored a Cyber Safety evening to inform parents about cyber bullying and social networking, and the Dual Immersion teachers presented a parent evening that focused on writing and transference of skills between languages. Each of these evening meetings reflects the commitment of the Arroyo Vista Staff to form partnerships with parents to provide a high quality education for all students. Thank you to every parent that participated.

I hope that you all have a wonderful break and that you enjoy this time with your children. When they return, they'll be working hard to prepare for STAR testing that begins May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Sincerely,

**Pat Roth**  
Principal



### *It's Cool to Walk to School!*

We encourage everyone who has a safe route to school, to walk to school at least one day per month. Parents

and students are invited to join together on **March 19, April 16 and May 21** to walk to school.



### **Used Ink Jet Printer Cartridges**

It's not every day we ask for your trash...but we want to **recycle your used ink jet printer cartridges**. Almost any kind is recyclable. Drop them off in the school office.

### **Reflections** This year's Reflections

Art Program was a big success! Thank you to all the students who participated. We had a great turn-out at both of our Art Workshops. Special thanks to Deidra Davis, Education Director at Kroc Center in Lemon Grove. She provided the children with supplies and tips for creating their own masterpieces. Congratulations to the three Arroyo Vista winners recognized at the District meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>! Jedric Gonzales won for his drawing titled "We Are Family". Tina Killeen won with her song titled "Dragon Fly", and Luke Killeen won with his song titled "Found". Next year's theme is "Together We Can". We hope to see all of the Coyotes participate!

For more information go to [www.ptareflections.org](http://www.ptareflections.org).

—Cynthia Schneidau



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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go on sale right after Spring break. Be sure to get your tickets early. Watch your child's weekly folder for flyers.

There are many fun activities scheduled when we return from Spring break. We will celebrate **Earth Day** as we **shop at Henry's April 21st**, and we will once again show off our students' artistic talents in our **Art Show/Open House** at the end of May.

On another note this year's yearbook committee is hard at work assembling what's going to be a beautiful book full of wonderful memories from the 2009/2010 school year. A huge thank you to teachers and room parents who contributed candid photos of the different events throughout the year!

Remember, these exciting programs and activities for our children would not be possible without the countless volunteer hours logged by the PTA Board and the support of our parent volunteers. Watch for the Volunteer Tea on May 14th, and thank you to all of our volunteers!

*Leticia De Los Santos, AVCPTA President*  
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## April 30th, 4:30—8:00 PM

Tickets go on sale after Spring Break!  
Dinners must be ordered in advance!

Get ready Arroyo Vista Families! The Annual Spring Festival fundraiser is here! Get on board for a boat-load of family fun!

- Carnival games
- Cool prizes
- Yummy food
- Silent auction (with a special surprise!)
- Great entertainment

\*\*\*Order dinners in advance! (But, there will be plenty to eat at the snack shack, too!)

\*\*\*Buy carnival game tickets in advance for the best bargain! Tickets go on sale right after Spring Break, before and after school. If you need more, you can purchase extra carnival game tickets that evening!

\*\*\*There are great items and baskets for auction, and opportunity baskets, too! Winners can pay for auction items by credit card.

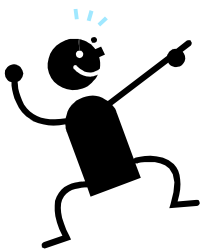
*Mahalo!*

\*\*\*Proceeds support our Curriculum Experts in Art, Music and Physical Education.\*\*\*

We need YOU to make this evening a success!

Volunteers are needed for half hour shifts (or longer) to:

- Decorate and create the entertaining atmosphere
- Supervise the carnival games
- Serve the delicious meal
- Assist in the Snack Shack
- Close out the evening



Please consider your time and talents. Signup sheets will be out the week of April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Email [Stacey\\_michels@att.net](mailto:Stacey_michels@att.net) if you have questions or to sign up early. Many thanks for your generosity.



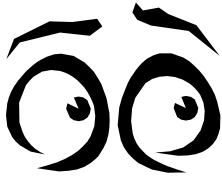
## News from the Arroyo Vista Garden

By Laura Tubelle de González

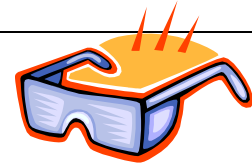


This cool season we divided the garden in half with one side devoted to the Garden Club and the other side for the classrooms. Garden Club students decided that they wanted to hold a contest to see which side could harvest the most! We're calling it the "Garden Throwdown" (a la Bobby Flay on the Food Network). Both Garden Club and the gardening classrooms will be recording each item they harvest. We'll be posting the tally at the garden throughout the growing season, so you can come see who is in the lead! Although students are anticipating their harvests, we know that everyone wins with fresh, organic food!

## April is Sports Eye-Safety Month



### Jeepers Creepers, Protect Your Peepers!



Did you know that each year more than 40,000 people suffer eye injuries while playing sports? Think about it...that's nearly a sell-out crowd at Petco Park!

You may not think it could happen to you or your child, but for all age groups, sports-related eye injuries occur most frequently in baseball, basketball and racquet sports. The good news is that almost all sports-related eye injuries can be prevented. Whatever your game, whatever your age, protect your eyes!

### Get the Proper Gear and Wear It! Follow these steps to avoid sports-related eye injuries:

- ✓ Wear proper safety goggles (lensed polycarbonate protectors) for racquet sports or basketball.
- ✓ Use batting helmets with polycarbonate face shields for youth baseball.
- ✓ Use helmets and face shields approved by the U.S. Amateur Hockey Association when playing hockey.
- ✓ Don't rely on regular glasses to provide enough protection.

*For detailed information regarding sports eye safety, tips for taking care of your sight and buying sports eye protection, please visit [www.preventblindness.org/safety/recommended.html](http://www.preventblindness.org/safety/recommended.html)*



— Maria Kelchner, R.N.



**Get Ready for Earth Day! Shop at Henry's April 21st** and earn \$\$ for your child's PTA. You'll also receive a paper shopping bag decorated by Arroyo Vista students. Simply by stocking your refrigerator and turning in the flyer at check-out, Henry's will contribute a percentage of revenue to our school. Watch for the flyer in school grams...you **MUST** have it with you when you shop!