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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

It is difficult to believe that this is the last newsletter for the year! Our students have worked hard taking the CST, MAP and Local Measures assessments and some also took the Spanish Test of Standards and Aprenda. Now that they've done their best on all of these assessments, they are enjoying these last days of school by participating in curricular-related activities such as Gold Rush Days, Wagon Days, study trips, plays and other special end-of-the-year events.

Our Spring Festival was an outstanding evening enjoyed by everyone that attended. Thank you to the many parents who spent hours organizing and preparing this event. It was a special treat to have the choir sing during dinner. Kudos to our choir directors who did an excellent job preparing these young singers! Our directors donate their time to meet with choir students and the results equal those of many of the show choirs that perform in middle school.

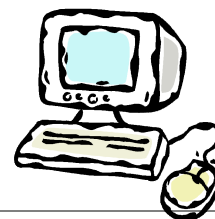
I know that some of your children have Facebook accounts and that you monitor them carefully. However, in the last few weeks there have been several incidents involving Facebook and YouTube that have resulted in students on our campus being very hurt. In some of the instances, the parents were unaware that their children had accounts because they were set up at a friend's home. When parents were notified of their children's role in these incidents, they were shocked.

Most social networking sites require members to be at least 13 years old. Obviously, none of our students meet that criteria, but all of the student accounts that I have seen showed that children entered their ages as anywhere from 14 to 21 years of age. When our school resource officer met with the students, he clarified for them that anyone could read their comments and their profiles, and that they could be putting



IMPORTANT DATES

- Last Day of School, June 8 (minimum day)
- Summer Break, June 9—July 20
- Class Lists Posted, July 19 (7pm)
- Meet the Teacher, July 20
- First Day of School, July 21 (minimum day)



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR AVCPTA PRESIDENT

Well, the time has come for me to say goodbye as your AVCPTA President. It's hard to believe that a whole school year has passed! I really enjoyed getting to know so many of you and working alongside so many dedicated AVCPTA Board members. I'd like to thank all of you—the members—for your support this year. Without you, our AVCPTA would not exist. It was an honor to be a part of the PTA with the largest membership in Chula Vista!

Running this association would not be possible without the hard work and involvement of so many parents who care enough about our school to volunteer countless hours to ensure the success of every event. Many thanks to the AVCPTA Board. Your dedication, devotion, and drive were invaluable. This year would not have been nearly as successful, or half as much fun without you. I would especially like to thank Melinda Baccanari, our Executive Vice President, for all her advice, support, and encouragement during my term. Melinda will continue as Executive Vice President for the coming year.

I would like to take this chance to wish Cheryl Shields every success in her new role as our President for the 2010-2011 school year. I'm sure Cheryl will relish the challenge and take Arroyo Vista to new heights. Congratulations to our incoming 2010-2011 AVCPTA officers!

Have a great summer!
Leticia De Los Santos, AVCPTA President

Principal's Message

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themselves in danger by stating that they are older than they are, or by their comments online. Many of you may not be aware of an upstart social-network called Formspring. On this site members ask and answer questions about one another and it appears as if the site exists for the sole purpose of allowing people to state mean, hurtful things about others anonymously. When working with students, I share with them that words are powerful tools that can inflict devastation and harm to others, and I caution students to use their words kindly and wisely.

My interest in sharing this information with you is to protect all of our students from cruel, thoughtless comments from peers that could result in a child feeling demeaned, devalued or unworthy. I'm asking for your support in this endeavor. Consider removing your children from these sites to protect them and others from the casual cruelty that a young, unsupervised child could inflict on them with the touch of a keyboard. Let's work together to eliminate cyberbullying and to keep all of our children safe. I greatly appreciate your interest in preserving the innocence of children and in helping to prevent irrevocable harm to any of them.



Thank you for being partners in your children's education and for giving generously of your time and talents to make a difference in the lives of all of our students.

Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing each of you at our Meet the Teacher event in July.

Fondly,
Pat Roth

SAFE Routes to School "Walking School Buses" to Start



This past year Arroyo Vista participated in a federal program to encourage students to walk to school. We had a great year with lots of families participating.

Next year we will continue, but with the addition of "Walking School Buses." What's that? I'm glad you asked! We are looking for parents who walk from the west, south, and north intersections near our school, who would be willing to meet at a set time on a set corner on our "Walk to School" days. Then as a group, whoever meets at these established times and locations will walk to school together. For example, my son and I walk from the corner of Oak Springs and Silver Springs. On "Walk to School" days I agree to meet anyone interested at 8:25 at this corner. Then as a group we will make our way to school. This ensures that our children are not walking alone.

The three proposed corners are Oak Springs and Silver Springs, Silver Springs and Noble Canyon, and the west side of Hunte and Clubhouse. If you would be willing to shepherd a "walking school bus" once a month next year, please contact me at sarah-way@cox.net. If you know of another corner that would be a great "bus stop", we'd love to hear about that, too!

—Sarah Way

A HUGE Thank You from the Spring Festival...



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Volunteers: All Arroyo Vista parents and staff...hundreds of you...You know who you are...We can't say thank you enough for all your help!



The Garden Club has concluded its "Harvest Throwdown"! The Garden Club's harvest has surpassed the classrooms' harvest by about 60 items, most of them carrots, as our carrot harvest was amazing this year!

—Laura Gonzalez