

JOURNEY SCHOOL NEWS



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Dear Parents,

The last weeks of school are upon us and time becomes a blur. Class trips, plays and testing round out our 2006-07 year, and next year for the first time, Journey's first 8th grade graduation will be the crowning of our 2007-08 year. It is a wonder to think about, and surely I don't think Ms. Bennett ever thought that it would be at her doorstep seemingly so soon. As Journey turns eight years old, Michele will introduce her class in September in a way no other teacher at Journey has done before.

This is the time of year for graduations and I love going to them. The commencement speakers reflect on the possibilities that the graduating class has before them and that is so exciting to me. I love to review university websites and read commencement speeches from notable speakers around the country. At the University of New Hampshire this past weekend, both George Bush Sr. and Bill Clinton addressed the graduates and spoke of the importance of community service. Imagine the opportunity to hear two former presidents speak at the same ceremony!

At my son's graduation this weekend past, Nancy Pelosi addressed the graduates. Her presence alone provided an additional air of excitement to the morning.

These moments and the words of the speakers are not to be forgotten. Graduations are moments of celebration and a mark of a completed discipline. Each student feels energized to change the world in his or her unique way. I thrive off of this energy and the enthusiasm draws new life and creativity out of me.

When I began teaching, I discovered a booklet written by H. Jackson Browne that was printed and eventually became a best seller. He originally gave the booklet to his son when the graduate went off to college as a pathway to life and a reminder that the little things are most important. Here is an example of a few of his advices:

- "When boarding a bus, say hello to the driver. Say thank you when you get off."
- "Memorize your favorite love poem."
- "Make allowances for your friends' imperfections as readily as you do for your own."
- "Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice."
- "Be the first to forgive."
- "Be as friendly to the janitor as you are to the chairman of the board."

I see his wisdom so clearly as I age. We often have it in our mind to make a large footprint when we graduate. It is also important to remember all of the little things that makes life so rich as Mr. Browne so eloquently does. The key of course is to find the way to put these "wisdoms" into action in our daily life.

My best to you...Tim Connolly, Administrator

Relocation Update

The reality of the school's move to the Foxborough site is now upon us. I have at least one more meeting to attend with CUSD to discuss details of the move. With school ending during the week of June 18, the Relocation Committee plans to work with the faculty to begin boxing up classroom materials during that week. During that week as well, the kindergarten fences and play yard will be removed and returned to its original state along with a general cleanup of the outside of the buildings. CUSD ends its school year on June 21 and the Foxborough School will be vacating classrooms in conjunction with us beginning on June 25. The plan is that the school will rent at least one large moving truck, and move two portables per day through Friday of that week. The Parent Cabinet will be calling parents of each class to help with the move and the clean up that needs to take place within each room. By Friday of that week, carpet cleaners will arrive to bring some sparkle back to the rugs in each room.

With final negotiations still on going, our plan is to have eight grades' classrooms, two kindergartens, separate classrooms for art, handwork and science, and then a double wide portable that will serve as a music and eurythmy classroom, in addition to serving as a small assembly room. The office staff will have a wonderful space to move to along with a faculty/parent lounge that seems quite ostentatious compared to our current space. The RSP team will be housed in a portable next to the office that will provide them with more space as well.

Please note the above dates on the calendar so that you may be available for the much needed help we will need. This is clearly one of those cases where many hands will make for a lighter load for all of us.

ALLIANCE UPDATE

The Alliance for Public Waldorf Education continues to meet and advance toward incorporation and further working with the private Waldorf school movement. The final documents for incorporation are being filed along with a non-profit status. Steps to membership for schools are being ironed out, and an additional meeting is being held on June 18-19 with the AWSNA leadership team to attempt again to come to agreement about the use of the term "Waldorf" as it applies to the charter movement. As I had previously indicated, the charter movement has obtained a legal opinion that would clear the way for the movement to use the term to describe itself. The private movement has yet to accept this opinion and the upcoming meetings will ideally clear the way for the wish. A new Board of Directors has been chosen with Will Stapp, Director of the Live Oak Charter School in Petaluma, serving as its first president.

It is exciting to see the advancement that is being made within the movement, and even more so at the prospect of working with the commonalities of the two groups for the advancement of education within the schools.

Council Update

The School Council met on May 10 to finalize the budget, approve faculty and staff contracts, to discuss plans for future growth, review the parent survey and to finalize the school calendar. The Council's final meeting for the year will be June 7, 2007. The 07-08 budget that was sent to the district last week has been summarized for your review:

Income:

State/District revenues	\$1,354,478
Supply fees	64,000
Annual Giving and other revenue	74,000
Carryover cash balance	161,000
Total	\$1,653,478

Expense:

Certificated salaries	\$449,125
Classified salaries	408,150
Benefits and employment costs	234,200
Books and supplies	60,000
Services and operating costs	211,700
District oversight fees	90,000
Required expense reserve	43,595
Litigation reserve	156,000
Total	\$1,652,770

The significant additions to the budget include the revenue for 27 new students and an increase in supply fees by \$100 per student. On the expense side, the full time faculty salary scale was increased by \$500 per teacher along with the increases that are part of the wage formula for returning for another year. For the first time, two special subject teachers will become full time employees with other special classes added to meet the load of having a full eight grades. The administrative position has been divided into two positions calling for an additional full time salary, and the office staff is being increased by .5 of a full time equivalency. As the school grows, so do expenses to reflect the varying costs of moving to a new location and directly being responsible for costs as they relate to site maintenance.

The meeting in June will call for the finalization of the budget, contracts, administrative job descriptions and the approval of new Council members.

Journey School Positions Available

With the approval of the 2007-08 budget, the school will be seeking to fill the following positions. While we will be advertising in other venues, we have found that these positions could be filled by qualified enthusiastic parents. During the course of this year, the roles of Business Manager and Education Administrator have been filled by Journey parents. If you are interested, please contact Tim Connolly or Julie Giffin @ 949-448-7232.

Business and Development Administrator

This serves as the other half of the role that John Bennett will carry as Education Administrator. The ideal applicant would have five years of administrative experience in a school setting with an administrator's certificate for public school and Waldorf experience as well. The salary range begins at \$55,000 and reaches \$65,000.

JASP Aftercare Teacher

After two years of dedicated service to the program, Adrianna Allen will be resigning from this role. The ideal applicant would have experience teaching children and be willing to develop rhythms to help with homework, have time for crafts, prepare snacks with them and be able to work with a broad range of ages. The salary range is \$15.00 per hour for 17 hours per week. The shift is M, T, Th and F from 2:30 to 5:30 PM and Wednesday from 12:30-5:30 pm.

1-3rd Grade Handwork Assistant

With 22 students per class for Grades 1-3, the school is seeking an assistant to work with Handwork teacher, Holly Johnson. The ideal applicant would have basic skills in knitting and crochet and be willing to learn other basic skills, to help the children with their individual projects during class time. The hours will be 10:55 - 12:35 pm. As of this time, the final class schedule has not been completed, but one could expect to work three days per week. The salary is \$12.00 per class.

Class Trips

During these last weeks of school, the third, fourth, sixth and seventh grades will be taking overnight trips more formally referred to as "class trips". The fifth grade recently took their trip to Catalina Island where they enjoyed three days of geography study, with an in depth look at marine life. The trip allows for the building of community where parents and students find themselves in unfamiliar territory, faced with circumstances that are not classroom based and thus have the opportunity to access different kinds of intelligence. The learning that comes from sharing a tent with your classmates, making a meal, taking a hike or staying in a hostel are opportunities for growth and maturity that become special memories for the students. The following classes will be on their class trips:

3 rd grade....June 13-15 th	Tierra Miguel Farm
4 th grade....June 5-8 th	Big Rock Creek
6 th grade....June 11-15 th	Channel Islands
7 th grade....June 18 – 23 rd	Utah Shakespeare Festival

Dear Students, Parents and Friends,

I have been a part of the school for three years now and have seen much growth. Beginning September 4th, 2007 we will have a Waldorf methods school that is complete with Kindergarten through to Eighth Grade!!

Next year will be a very special graduation year for Journey School. Much love, sweat and tears have gone into the creation of it. I thank everyone who helped this dream come true.

I will continue as the handwork teacher and will need some help in obtaining materials for the upcoming 8th grade. Before I begin to spend money on new materials, I had the idea that perhaps some un-needed items may be stored in your garage! The following represents what we need:

- ✓ *Hand Crank sewing machine (to borrow)*
- ✓ *Treadle sewing machine (to borrow)*
- ✓ *8- Electric sewing machines (donation to school)*
- ✓ *8- Pairs of high quality scissors*
- ✓ *Thread, tape measures, needles, general sewing supplies!*
- ✓ *Cotton material, solids*
- ✓ *Linoleum blocks and carvers*
- ✓ *Stretcher bars (used to stretch oil paintings)*
- ✓ *Leather*
- ✓ *Punches*
- ✓ *Tiles for mosaics*
- ✓ *Paper making supplies*

If any of you are 'crafters' or have connections and want to donate materials I would love your help. I am really a 'Jack of all Trades' and would love to put to use a variety of crafts. Our curriculum is based on balancing academics with art, and that is what I love to do! I am also interested in learning new things so if you have a "talent" to share please let me know; I am sure we can find a place in our program where it can be shared.

Sincerely.....Ms. Holly Johnson....home (949)388-8993



ON BEHALF OF KENNEDY KRAUS WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR A FUN & SUCCESSFUL BONE MARROW SCREENING & BLOOD DRIVE

**On May 16, over 75 people graciously came to donate and
60 people registered for the National Marrow Donor Program !**

**The City of Hope sent their talented nurses and staff and
Journey School provided facilities.**

**Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream, Henry's Market, Rubio's,
Starbucks and Trader Joe's donated food, drink and flowers.**

And of course all of those who volunteered:

Childcare

Adrienne Collins, Cheryl Harry, Lisa Maloney, and Patty Wallace

Recovery and Registration volunteers

Lisa Crow, Diana Graber, Carmen Penna and Sarah Regalado

Refreshments

Caroline Spencer & Patty Wallace

Printing

Cyndy Cheek & Belinda McDonald

Set-up and Clean-up

Timothy Perkins, Patrick Maloney, John Moe & Matt Shaw

And Cheryl Moe for organizing the event.

Ways to donate to the Kennedy Kraus fund

Make check out to Foundations, note in MEMO "dedicated to the Kennedy Kraus fund"

Send checks to: Foundations c/o Rachael
1909 Cassia Road, #100
Carlsbad, CA 92011

A letter will be sent out with their TAX ID#, make sure donor's address is correct on their check

Visit www.carepages.com, page: kennedykraus, password: kennedy
or contact goldsteinanne@netscape.net

The Journey School Auction Gratitude Gala Friday, June 6th is just around the corner

The deadline for donations, ads, & purchasing your event tickets is today, Friday May 25

It's going to be a beautiful evening complete with
Live & Silent Auction
Buffet Dinner & Desert
Entertainment
& Lots of Gratitude

Our Teachers are on the Auction Block
Wait 'til you see the packages they've put together . . .
Your child can win special time with a teacher,
doing an activity together!

Don't forget to invite grandparents, neighbors & friends
Purchase a table of eight and receive a discount!

For ticket questions contact: Bettina Spretke at:
matashis@cox.net

For donation or ad questions contact: Monica Andersen at:
monicaplus4@aol.com

Opportunity Drawing

Win An overnight stay at the
South Coast Winery Resort & Spa
including dinner for two, a bottle of wine
AND a fantastic Hot Air Balloon ride
with SoCal Hot Air Balloon Rides in
Beautiful Temecula Wine Country

A \$700.00 Value

We're requesting a \$5.00 donation for each ticket.
Get all the tickets yourself or ask your neighbors,
friends, family or coworkers!

If every family finds donors for their 20 tickets,
we'll make over **\$10,000** for Journey School!

Deadline is June 6th.

The Winning Ticket will be drawn at the
Auction Gratitude Gala on Friday, June 8th.

Remember to write donor's name and telephone
on the back of the ticket. You don't need to be
present to win. Checks can be written to Journey
School. Cash, Checks and Tickets will be collected
by Rebecca Farley at morning drop-off each day
through June 6th.

GOOD LUCK!



My Garden

I cannot raise the sun in the morning
but I can sing like the birds,
they sing so beautifully that I make
all of them land on my arm.

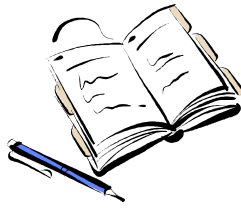
I think that when I go outside it is very pretty
when I wake in my beautiful garden.

I cannot make the sun set at night
but I can make all of the animals go to sleep
and say hello to the twinkling stars
while the moon grins.

Before I go to bed I welcome the night
and while in doing it I will think about the sun,
the moon and the stars.

A poem by Ava Scura-Iseyama (age 7, 1st grade Ms. Clark)





Important Dates

May 28

Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

May 30

3rd and 4th grades to *Music Man*
8 am - 12 pm

June 1

5th Grade Play, PAC Wood Canyon
1:45 pm and 6:30 pm

June 4

Meet Miss Hellene for Morning Glory Junior K families
6:30 pm

June 5

7th Grade Play, PAC Wood Canyon
1:20 pm and 6 pm

June 5 - June 8

4th grade to Big Rock Creek

June 8

Morning Glory Field Trip to Laguna Woods Village
6th and 7th grades walk to lunch
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Silent Auction at Holiday Inn in Laguna Hills
6.30 pm

June 11 - June 15

6th Grade to Channel Islands

June 13 - June 15

3rd grade to Tierra Miguel Farm

June 14

Kindergarten Parent Appreciation Party
10:30 am Wood Canyon Park
2nd Grade Play, PAC Wood Canyon
1:45 and 6 pm

June 15

Kindergarten Rainbow Bridge
11 am
4th Grade Play in their classroom
Several performances during school day
And 6 pm
LAST DAY OF JASP

June 18

Last Day of Kindergarten
(No JASP all this week)

June 20

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR GRADES