



BACK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Saturday September 4 and Sunday September 5--WORKDAYS

There is a poster in our Journey Conference Room (in the office building) which reminds everyone that *Education is a Journey, not a Race*. A nice sentiment, but this is definitely not what it has felt like in recent days. There is a race to open school. The Community has been tested whether our group consciousness can translate into volunteers cooperating in real work. And this, in turn, has called to my somewhat sanguine/eclectic mind the 11th Labor of Hercules.

You might remember the 11th Labor as "Cleansing the Augean Stables". But for those of us more mythologically challenged, let me glibly recap: Hercules, half human and half god, is on a mission of consciousness-raising. When he arrives at Journey, Janette Loreto directs him to clean the Augean stables. This is the location where Neptune keeps his mighty race horses—imagine LARGE HORSES with lots of large horse dung. The manure had been accumulating on the site for 30 years, and people have recently died trying to clean it out. Now infectious disease is sweeping through a neighborhood, piled high with human corpses. Hercules approaches the stable keeper (not Janette, rather a local self-conscious king named Augeas Viejo) for permission to start the job. Not unexpectedly, the king suspects ulterior motives, and permits Hercules only one day to clean the stables, OR ELSE—Death! Happily, Hercules diverts Aliso Creek through the stables, cleans the campus, pleases Janette Loreto, and the Waldorf-inspired children happily return to class. Unhappily, the stable king renigs on any further generosity, and banishes Hercules from Augeas Viejo, forever!

I don't think anyone could foresee how difficult it would be to move an entire school using only volunteer service—but there has been NO ONE ELSE! The good news is there have been many helpful volunteers exhibiting their generous group consciousness! The bad news is there is still work to be done. SO Journey *still* needs your help this coming Saturday (9/1) or Sunday (9/2). I am attaching Janette's recent wish list to bring you current with volunteer and donation opportunities. Please be sure to sign your work into the family volunteer ledger at Shoon's desk in the office, since these hours do count toward your family 50 hour volunteer quota described in the Parent Handbook.

Here is the Schedule for the Coming Week—followed by a PC letter

Monday September 3—Labor Day Holiday (we hope.)

“Come Labor On... Who dare stands idle on the harvest plain? While all around us waves the harvest grain?... No time for rest, till glows the western sky, till the long shadows o’er our pathway lie, and a glad song comes with the setting sun, servants well done!” (Google “Come Labor On” if you want to hear the song.)

Tuesday September 4 Short Day Schedule, School out at 12:35)

Kindergarten 8:30 Arrival, 12:30 Pickup

Parents park in lot & sign children in/out at KG room.

Grades 1-8:

8:15-8:25 Arrival (parents are welcome to stay; early arrivals must park on the basketball court, at the left end of the drive through the chain link fence.)

8:25 opening bell

8:30-:9:45 Parents may bring students to meet teacher at numbered classroom. Students are main lesson block; parents may stay for “Meet and Greet” Reception, hosted by Parent Cabinet.

9:45 Move to Multipurpose (Eurhythmy) Room. Parents welcome

10:00-10:30 Assembly and Rose Ceremony (1st and 8th grade parents invited)

10:30-10:40 Snack

10:40-10:55 Recess

10:55-11:45 1st Period

11:45-12:35 2nd Period

12:35 School closing. Students are brought to the fenced grass area at the entrance to the driveway (with swings and slide). Teachers release students through the gate.

12:45 Students are brought to JASP

Wednesday September 5 Short Day Schedule, School out at 12:35)

Kindergarten 8:30 Arrival, 12:30 Pickup Park & sign in/out at KG room.

Grades 1-8:

8:15-8:25 Arrival; Drop off is located at turnaround in the Journey lot.

**8:30AM Hospitality Coffee House hosted by Parent Cabinet
"Coffee, Questions, and Connect with the Administrators"**

12:35 School closing. Students are brought to the fenced grass area at the entrance to the driveway. Teachers release through the gate.

12:45 Students are brought to JASP

Thursday September 6 Full Day Schedule

Kindergarten 8:30 Arrival, 12:30 Pickup Park & sign in/out at KG room.

Grades 1-8:

8:15-8:25AM Arrival; Drop off is located at turnaround in the Journey lot.

3:05-3:15PM Pickup; Children are brought into JASP at 3:15

Friday September 7 Full Day Schedule.

8:15AM-3:05PM—See Thursday Schedule

**6:30-9:30PM All Community and Class Meetings.
Childcare provided. Please be on time!**

6:30-7:20PM Parents in grades 1,2,5,6 meet in classrooms

7:30-8:20PM All Community meeting in Multipurpose (Eurhythmy) Room

8:30-9:30PM Parents in grades 3,4,7,8 meet in classrooms

WHERE HAS JOURNEY MOVED? (Reprinted from August Newsletter

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Directions from the 73 toll road, exiting at La Paz: Turn west on La Paz, then right on Pacific Park. Cross Alicia and the Aliso Creek bridge. Turn left on Deerhurst, and left again on Foxborough. Drive to the end.

Directions from the 73 toll road, exiting at Aliso Creek: Turn west on Aliso Creek, then left on Pacific Park. Turn right on Deerhurst, and left on Foxborough. Drive to the end.

Directions from the 5 (northbound): Exit the 5 at Oso Parkway. Turn left (west) on Oso, which becomes Pacific Park. Cross Alicia and the Aliso Creek bridge. Turn left on Deerhurst, then left again on Foxborough. Drive to the end.

Directions from the 5 (southbound): Exit the 5 at Alicia Parkway. Turn right (west) on Alicia, and right on Pacific Park. Cross the Aliso Creek bridge. Turn left on Deerhurst, then left again on Foxborough. Drive to the end.

PICKUP AND PARKING ON THE FOXBOROUGH CAMPUS

(From August Newsletter, Revision in red)

This is a work in progress, but here is the initial idea... We are entitled to 25 parking spaces (though there are many more), and it is pretty much first come, first serve. So staff and faculty arriving early are requested to park in spaces along the south fence (Aliso Creek fence). This means that remaining spaces will generally be closer to the school and may be used by others coming and going; this means that many of these nearer spaces are not for school parking, but we are still within the letter of our agreement, and who's counting?

Entrance to the school will be through a "drop-off" gate opening in a chain link fence. (The more obvious entrance directly in front of the parking lot will *not* be used.) The drop-off gate will be used to control passage of children into/out-of the school. **Arriving and departing kindergarten children should be signed in and out of the** classroom by a parent. There will be staff present to move traffic.

THE NEW BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATOR (Reprinted)

Lady Luck has blessed us with the hiring of Mr. Delano Jones as business administrator. Delano comes to Journey from the San Diego County Office of Education where he has provided advisory services and support for county Charter Schools development. Delano has been responsible for analyses of budgets, preparation and dissemination of financial documents, research of state law, gathering information on funding sources, and communication with schools' board members, Districts, and County staff. Delano is knowledgeable about state Charter issues, having attended meetings and made presentations at workshops and training sessions including "School Services of California", "California Charter Schools Association", "California School Finance and Management Conference", etc.

Please give a warm Journey School welcome to Delano when you find him in our office after the start of school.

JANETTE LORETO RECAPS OUR CURRENT STATUS AND WISH LIST

First of all, A BIG HUG and a WARM THANK YOU to everyone who participated in last Saturday's clean up, and whose names will not go unnoticed.. We accomplished a great deal, and appreciate all those that gave up their beautiful, warm Saturday at the beach to make this year at Journey an incredible one! Bless you all!!!

If any of you have visited Journey this week, you would have noticed some beautiful changes to our campus, and at the same time recognized that it is not quite ready for our students. We only have 4 days left to complete some of the unfinished work, and Journey School needs ALL of our families to participate in the following few days! Janette Loreto will be on campus everyday thru next Monday to help coordinate the final work days. We especially need families (and DADS) on Saturday and Sunday to help with some of the larger jobs.

NOW comes the FUN part!!!

The list below has been revised to include items that need to be purchased for our school. This includes some species of plants and containers we will plant on Saturday. It would be extremely helpful if our families would purchase the items and bring them to the school by Saturday, September 1st, or give a donation by Saturday to be able to purchase the items. This would help free up some of the funds and enable us to better provide for our teachers and specialty classes this year.

We want to thank you ALL in advance for your gifts and donations to make our school a beautiful place for our children to learn. We look forward to seeing you here in the next few days to come!

REVISED LIST:

- 1) We need to find someone with a sign company, connections with a sign company, or willing to call sign companies and ask them to change out the Foxborough sign (red and black one in the front grass area) to a Journey sign (we would like the sign company to donate this or offer a very LARGE discount!) Gaylen Corbett Design
- 2) PLUMBING expertise to give advice and assistance on running a water line to the Art and Handcraft portables and a hose bib for Kindy Garden
- 3) Build 6 new matching benches to put in front of classrooms and paint all 11 benches with Home Depot Behr (Seven Seas, 560D-6) - Chelsea Stivers- Huycke
- 4) Re-paint 12' metal sign post out by our entrance (need paint sprayer and blue paint, see #4)
- 5) Re-paint (with our colors/logo?) classroom signs and Journey signs and directions pole (use same blue paint on benches #4) Put up Directions pole
- 6) Install "Journey" gate on garden, paint with blue paint (see #4)
- 7) Using sanded epoxy paint, sand and repaint ramps to bathrooms, and back steps to Kindy, 7th and 8th grade rooms - Thom Dillingham
- 8) Put up sun shades (2 triangular) behind 7th and 8th grade classrooms
- 9) Hang our bells - Dillingham
- 10) Put up pads around basketball poles
- 11) Plastic green trash cans (8) for recycling (large outdoor cans)
- 12) 5 Plastic outdoor compost bins (these can be made out of green garbage cans, if anyone feels handy!) see <http://www.flickr.com/photos/crumleydotorg/sets/72157594221395631> for suggested instructions on homemade composters

- 13) Move all district and school discard furnishings in our "boneyard" to bike enclosure (next to trash cans)
- 14) Compile all Goodwill items and take to Goodwill
- 15) Load all green waste in front of school and take to dump (need someone with a truck)
- 16) Collect ALL trash/recyclables on campus (in fields, play yards, along fences, in trashcans) and separate recyclables, take to dumpster or recycling bins
- 17) Clean out and organize garden in front of Kindy building (dispose of weeds and other unusable items)
- 18) NEED: PLANTS!!! And POTTING SOIL!!! Bring Saturday!
- 19) - (3) 15 gal Pygmy Date Palms (3 large pots on "main street")
- 20) - (9) 5 gal *Virgin's Bower, Sweet Autumn Clematis, Sweet Pea, Pipevine, California Grape* (in 9 pots covering lattice) ([A revision to an email](#))
- 21) - (6) 1 gal clematis lasiantha or Virgin's Bower (covering arbor and chainlink at entrance)
- 22) large assortment of 8" and 6" succulents (to create arrangements in pots on "main street")
- 23) *examples without thorns: African pointsetta, Burrow's tail, Echeveria "Blue Sky", aeoniums, "kitten ears", gooseberry, Chinese pagoda, pencil plant...
- 24) phormiums, Kangaroo paw, elephant's bush (to mix with succulent assortments in pots)
- 25) - (12) 6" manzanita (in pots with Pygmy palms)
- 26) - (3) 1 gal "Roger's Red" native grape vine
- 27) - (3) oak barrel planters (about 15"-17")
- 28) NEED: Purchase (3) iron 17" plant caddies (black) - from Home Depot
- 29) - (6) 21" terra cotta colored plastic pots (please no clay or ceramic - these will be used in the front of the school along the lattice break wall - think DURABILITY) by Barcelona, found at the Home Depot
- 30) NEED: Decorative bark (9 bags of small bark), we will need to backfill part of 3 - 30" pots
- 31) NEED: 8 -15" square (14"h) redwood box planters for additional classroom exteriors (next to benches) found at Home Depot
- 32) Need: table, desk and floor lamps for office
- 33) Set up and organize science (John Bennett's specifications)
- 34) Set up and organize woodwork/art room (Connie MacLeod's specifications)
- 35) Need: Wood for building benches and/or student work- lumber or end cuts of any hard or soft woods for bowls, spoons, frames .(always, any time, continually) contact me if you want to help build the benches conniemacleod@sbcglobal.net
- ~~36) Need: Woodworking vises~~
- ~~37) Need: Bench dogs~~
- ~~38) Need: 14" band saw~~
- ~~39) Need: Electric Grinder (to hold special sharpening wheel and felt buffer for gauges, could be water cooled, but not necessary)~~
- 40) Need: Studio lighting (full spectrum or some incandescent to balance the florescent)
- 41) Need: Easels

- 42) Need: Still life objects (beautiful but not too ornate bowls, vases, furniture, nice false fruit, rich fabrics, mirror, lamps, low light plants, large crystals)
- 43) Need: 1-3 Portable ping pong sets (paddles, removable nets, balls, for eye/hand coordination- c'mon, it's art!) to attach to painting tables
- 44) Need: 17 un-cracked slices of dry tree trunk (12" or more diameter, 2" thick) for making stools
- 45) Kindy needs: short outside wood table (to be used for outdoor learning)
- 46) NEED ...And of course, the CLASSROOMS! Plants are needed in each classroom to help clean the air and provide pure oxygen...

Best Indoor Plants and Flowers (you may know of a few others, but these rank highest in "green cleaning" abilities):

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| a) Rubber Plant | "Janet Craig" | Mother-in-laws Toungue |
| b) Areca Palm | spider plant | English Ivy |
| c) Bamboo Palm | Ficus tree | Philodenderon |
| d) Dwarf Date Palm | Corn Plant | Gerbera Daisy |
| e) Peace Lily | Golden Pothos | Mums |

*Please check with your teacher for preference, try and obtain a variety. Studies also show that a small 6" plant can cover 100 square feet, and each trailer is about 900 square feet, so pick a range as far as size of pots, but aim to have at least 3-4 larger plants/room.

- 47) Suggestion on shading our dirt area behind the bathrooms (120' x 40')
- 48) Build fencing or other (?) to block off 2 empty pads between the handwork room and the extra bathroom portable...the kids would like to use this for a dodgeball court, and the balls need to be contained within the area ideas needed, netting against portable #12 to reduce noise
- 49) Use blower (on premises) to clean out under all classroom ramps, in and around portables, working toward the back of the school, and then disposing of any remaining trash on MON, Sept. 3
- 50) Just before school begins, we need someone to hose down the lunch tables and entire area (we will have a power-washer on campus) on MON, Sept3
- 51) NEED- 2 peg boards for 1st, 6th and both Kindy rooms

Journey School

PARENT CABINET NEWSLETTER

August/September 2007

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Kindergarten Parent Meeting 6-8 PM, Aug.29
- Meet and Greet for all Parents 8:30 AM, Sept. 4
- Rose Ceremony (1st & 8th Grade Parents Invited) 10 AM, Sept. 4
- Hospitality Coffee House 8:30 AM, Sept. 5
"Coffee, Questions and Connect with the Administrators"

- ALL COMMUNITY MEETING AND CLASS MEETINGS 6:30-9:30 PM, Sept. 7**
- *Grades 1, 2, 5, 6 Parent Meetings 6:30-7:25 PM*
 - *ALL COMMUNITY MEETING 7:30-8:30 PM*
(At least one parent from each family is required to attend!)
 - *Grades 3, 4, 7, 8 Parent Meetings 8:35-9:30 PM*

- Parent Cabinet Meeting 9 AM, Sept. 12
- Family Bingo and Games Night 6:30 PM, Sept. 14

Parent Cabinet Meetings--- All are invited and welcome!

Please come to the Parent Cabinet (PC) Meetings to participate in this important representative process. The first PC meeting is Wednesday, September 12th, 9 AM. Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of the month throughout the year. Available Parent Cabinet positions will be filled at the beginning of the school year. Any questions about any of the positions, or the PC in general, are welcomed... Call Tammra Tanner @ (714) 544-9054.

SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF...

The Silent Auction was a great success thanks to all of those who participated. \$20,500.00 was raised!!! Whether you purchased a raffle ticket or bid on auction items, you helped us get there! A HUGE thank you to Bettina Spretke, Monica Anderson and their fantastic committee for creating an inspiring, funfilled event for our school.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To Janette Loreto for heralding the Journey School “Clean Up, Settle In & Spruce Up” Project! There has been a tremendous amount of *love and effort* that has gone into our move to the new campus. **Thank you** to all you worker bees that have come to help out. There remains a lot to be done for those who haven’t had a chance to pitch-in or those who are available for more, please call Janette Loreto at *Phone: 949.369.1194 Cell: 949.201.6394.*

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE?

New to Journey School Parent Cabinet this year, the Hospitality Committee will be bringing a weekly Coffee House on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. With all the space of this wonderful new campus parents will finally have a chance to hang out, have a cup of coffee and socialize & meet other Journey parents. Once a month, on the second Wednesday of the month, this arena will be transformed into "Coffee, Questions & Connect with the Administrators", where parents will have an opportunity to ask questions and share thoughts and ideas. Also, throughout the year there will be Fun-filled Family Events planned to give us the chance to play together and revel in the experience of community. Event ideas thus far are in addition to Bingo & Games night, Folk Dancing, Instrument Making, Story Telling, Beach Party. Please share your inspirations! Lastly, the committee will be launching a Buddy Program for new students and their families. Contact Susan Hahn with questions, ideas or your desire to be a part of bringing any of the above events to life. Home: (949) 443-1134, E-mail: partyhahn@aol.com