

Announcements for the Week of March 24th, 2008

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8th Grade activities: **NOTE: Only students eligible for promotion according to the District guidelines will be eligible to participate in activities. The final computation will be made after the fifth marking period which ends on April 25th. Also any students suspended from school for any reason on or after April 1st, will not be allowed to attend activities. Be sure to attend your administrative detentions. Failure to do so will result in suspension.**

Class picnic: Thursday, **May 22nd**, \$15.00 Last day to pay is Friday May 6th, 2008

Dinner Dance: Thursday, **May 29th**, \$15.00, Last day to pay is Tuesday May 27th, 2008

Dance will be held at the Snow building @ Knowland Park from 8pm -11pm Pictures will be available.

8th Grade Promotion: Tuesday, **June 11, 2008** at 10 am

Promotion will be held at the Scottish Rite Center and students are allowed 4 tickets each. Promotion attire: ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR WHITE TOPS AND DARK BOTTOMS. Girls may wear pants (black or Blue).

NOTE: Students may still be eligible for promotion, even though they may not have the 2.0 GPA necessary for 8th grade activities.

Panoramic Pictures: Panoramic pictures will be taken on **April 24th**, 2008 at 1:45 pm. The cost to purchase a copy is \$20.00.

8th grade Memorabilia:

Yearbook: \$30.00, Last day to pay is Thursday, May 9th, 2008

T-shirts and sweatshirts: Last day to pay, Monday May 5th, 2008

T-shirt: \$12.00

Long Sleeve T-shirt: \$15.00

Sweatshirt: \$30.00

All activities and memorabilia must be paid for with Cash only!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spring Break: This is a reminder that students will be on Spring break from **Monday March 24th – March 28th**, and Students will also be off on Monday March 31st in celebration of Cesar Chavez day. School will resume on **Tuesday April 1st**.

First Friday coffees: The Parent Center and PTA will host a monthly coffee for current and prospective parents and teachers, beginning **Friday April 4th, 2008 from 7:30am to 10am**. This informal gathering is a great way for middle school parents to come to the school site while getting a chance to meet with teachers. For additional information please contact the parent center.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FREE COMPUTERS

Oakland Technology Exchange West (OTX-WEST), provides free computers to students that are in grades 6th-12th and attend Oakland schools.

To receive free computers, parent and student must attend a 3 hour orientation regarding computers and provide proof that student attends a school in Oakland (report card or student ID). The distribution day for computers is the 1st Saturday of the month!!! Contact OTEX today, to schedule your orientation. Contact Info is listed below. Please share this opportunity with your family and larger community.

Oakland Technology Exchange West

<http://www.otxwest.org/>

1680 14th Street

Oakland, Ca 94607

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AT&T GRANT TO FUND PARENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE IN SCIENCE AND MATH

A \$125,000 grant from the AT&T Foundation, the corporate philanthropy organization of AT&T Inc., to the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence will fund development of a special Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The special institute will be conducted in the fall of 2008 to provide leadership training and! support to parents to help them become advocates for improved science and math education in their schools and communities. The program will be designed and implemented in partnership with the Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science and The Center for Gifted Studies at Western Kentucky University.

The Commonwealth Institute's curriculum focuses on leadership skills, planning and strategic development as well as elements of Kentucky's education and accountability systems. After completing the institute, parents work with educators and other parents on projects targeting specific areas of student achievement. Projects in this institute will focus on opportunities to increase student achievement in science and mathematics in the partic! ipants' schools and districts.

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The Princess Project "Making Dreams Real" - Over 7,000 girls have received free dresses and accessories through The Princess Project. With your help, we will reach another 3,000 girls in 2008! Volunteers are needed to help plan The Princess Project giveaways, as well as assist girls during our giveaways. It's a wonderful way to make a direct difference in someone's life!

Donate your new or nearly new jewelry, handbags, or formal, party or bridesmaid dresses to The Princess Project! We seek all sizes and colors of formal dresses and accessories (purchased new from 2002 to present) in excellent condition. Don't have a dress? Just \$25 sends a girl to prom through The

Princess Project! Visit <http://www.princessproject.org/princess/> to make an online donation and sign up for our e-newsletter to learn of ways to get involved in the upcoming months.

The Princess Project Giveaways will be held:

San Francisco Giveaway Days: March 22nd & 29th

San Francisco Boutiques*: March 25th - 27th

**Boutique days are by appointment only*

Help girls in our community feel confident and beautiful and thanks in advance for your time, talent and taffeta!

Have a happy and safe Spring Break!!