Ralph Dunlap School

NEWSPLASH

MARCH 2016

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

March 1	PTA Board Meeting
March 3 6:00-7:30PM	Science Fair
March 4	School Spirit Fridays Kicks Off
March 4	Student of the Month
March 11 6:00 PM	Bingo and PTA General Meeting
March 18	Honorary Service Award Nomination Deadline
March 23 3:9 PM	Chuck E. Cheese Family Dinner Out
March 24	Jog-A-Thon
March 31	Final Day to turn in California Reads Read- ing Logs

School Spirit Fridays

Ralph Dunlap PTA's School Spirit Fridays start on March 4th! Wear your Dolphin shirt or blue and white & show your school pride.

Family Night Out at Chuck E. Cheese's Wednesday, March 23

3:00 PM-9:00 PM

Dunlap receives 15% of all purchases made at the register during this time

Chromebooks are Worth Their Weight in Gold

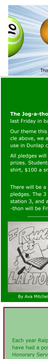
With the 2016 Jog-a-thon quickly approaching, the PTA wanted to update our families on the critical purchase that you helped us make for Dunlap following last year's very successful "Tech Trek" Jog-a-thon.

Last summer the PTA purchased a **mobile Chromebook cart** that contains enough laptops for a full class to use. This Chromebook cart is shared among several of our teachers and is in use on a daily basis.

The fifth grade teaching team of Mrs. C. Brown, Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. Francisco, and Ms. Johnson, and second grade teachers Mrs Morris and Mrs Richards all utilize these Chromebooks. From Kahoot science quizzes to online social studies research to educational math games, these teachers are now able to incorporate useful online tools into their classrooms.

In the words of Mrs. Francisco, "Fifth grade uses the Chromebooks for every subject. We listen to stories, write essays, make book reports, learn to type, and review during our language arts time. We are learning so much from math and science web sites, especially Khan Academy and Compass where individual needs are addressed. Chromebooks are important for small and large group instruction. They are also necessary for class assessments."

At this time these six teachers share Dunlap's one and only Chromebook cart. For our 2016 Jog-a-thon our theme is "Run for Laptops." **Our hope is to be able to purchase a second Chromebook cart.** A second set of Chromebooks would allow our students to have more time with the laptops.



RALPH DUNLAP SCIENCE FAIR

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Awards given out at approximately 6:45 PM

Dunlap Multipurpose room and Kindergarten classrooms

Whether you are participating in the Science Fair Project, we invite you to bring your family out to see the projects put together by our talented Dunlap students!

Dunlap Family Bingo Night March 11

Doors open at 6
General Membership Meeting at 630 Bingo to follow
Bingo Boards $1 each

This is a family event, all students must be accompanied by an adult

iRun 4 Laptops

2016 Ralph Dunlap Jog-A-Thon

The Jog-a-thon is coming up March 24th! Jog-a-thon envelopes went home last Friday in backpacks.

Our theme this year is "Run for Laptops." As described in the Chromebook article above, we are hoping to be able to purchase a second Chromebook cart for use in Dunlap classrooms.

All pledges will need to be turned in by **Thursday, April 7th** to qualify for prizes. Students that raise $50 will receive a pencil, $75 a pencil and a t-shirt, $100 a sprencil, a t-shirt, and a field trip to Rancho Bowl on May 5th.

There will be a special grand prize drawing for students that raise over $250 in pledges. The 3 grand prizes are: a $200 gift card to Toys R Us, a Sony Playstation 3, and a Tinker Bell Computer. The awards and prize assembly for the Jog-a-thon will be Friday, May 20th.

By Ava Mitchell

At our kick off assembly last Friday, the winning design was announced for this year's T-shirts. Ava Mitchell in Miss Morris's 2nd grade class drew the winning design. The first runner -up was Isabella Macias in Mrs. Kim's 6th grade class.

By Isabella Macias

Honorary Service Award

Call for Nominations

Each year Ralph Dunlap PTA recognizes outstanding service of volunteers that have had a positive impact on the students at Ralph Dunlap Elementary. The Honorary Service Award Committee recognizes that we could never possibly know all the good that has been done at our school. For this reason, we ask for your help in identifying Dunlap's unsung heroes.

Nominations are now open for individuals or businesses that have made better the educational lives of Dunlap students. If you know one, please submit the name of that person or business, why you feel they should receive an Honorary Service Award, along with your name and contact number in case we need additional information.

Nominations will only be accepted in writing and are **due by Friday, March 18th.** Nominations can be given to our school office staff or emailed to Jennifer Kantorowski at jenenc543@yahoo.com . (Please put "PTA HSA" on the envelope/subject line.)

Thank you,

Jennifer Kantorowski, Tara Hendricks, Katie Sullivan, Miles Greenup
Ralph Dunlap PTA Honorary Service Committee

2015-2016

Reflections Update

There were 51 items/products turned into the Santa Maria Valley PTA Council Reflections which then will be sent to the Santa Barbara Area Council.

Those pieces have already been judged and the children received their certificates and awards before the winter break. Moving forward, the Santa Barbara County PTA (AKA: District) has judged from across the county and the SPK Council had Six (6) items move on to be judged at the State level. Of those six items, three (3) were from Dunlap students!

Congratulations to:

- Vivian Meyer – Music (6th grade)
- Isabella Trenado – Visual Art (2nd Grade)
- Elizabeth Ramirez-Cruz (DHOH – Visual Art)

It is my understanding there will not be a gallery event this year, however awards will be delivered to the schools in the next month or so.

~ Next year's theme: "What is your story"

Congratulations again!

Fall Silent Auction Update

Thanks to the generosity of our Dunlap families, the Silent Auction held on the night of the Fall Festival raised enough funds each that each of our wonderful Dunlap teachers received **an additional $300 grant from the PTA** for use this year.

These grants help reimburse our teachers for purchases they make throughout the year for classroom supplies and other items they purchase for their class.

Art Studio Wish List

- Drinking straws in various colors
- Origami paper
- Paper lunch sacks (any color)

Is Your PTA on the List to Win $1,000?

On March 9, one lucky PTA will win $1,000—but only if parents at your school take a few minutes to learn more about education.

The California State PTA and Ed100.org are teaming up to help parents learn more about education so you can help create better schools.

And we are putting a little money in the game.

Here is how to do it:

Go to Ed100.org and sign up. Make sure you put in the name of your school.

- Read one of the lessons AND claim your ticket at the bottom of the lesson to enter your PTA in the drawing.

Here are some lessons to get started:
(Remember: sign in first so you can claim your ticket.)

Summer: Time to Learn or Time to Forget

How Big Should Classes Be?

Early Childhood: Yes, Preschool Matters

Does California Skimp on Education?

Click here to see a list of past PTA winners, and share this with PTA members at your school. The more people who sign up and learn more about how to improve our schools, the better chance your PTA has to win.

Find out more and begin your Ed100.org engagement journey today!

California Reads

We are finally into our six month California Reads reading program. Only *ONE MONTH left to turn in big sheets!*

All reading big sheets must be turned in to your child's teacher by March 31, 2016. There is still plenty of time for your child to join in and start reading and earning toward their own "Gold Medal". This year's theme is "mustache," at prizes leading up to the gold medal are "mustache" themed.

Students can pick up CA Reads log sheets from their teachers. The log sheets are also posted on the Dolphin Pod for your convenience to print at home. Lower grade (K-3rd) need to read (or be read to) at least 96 books and upper grades (4th-6th) need to read (or be read to) at least 240 pages by March 31, 2016 to earn the Gold Medal and be invited to the parent invited award ceremony and Gold Medal Ice cream party.

All reading done between October 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016 counts, so log your reading and turn in it in for prizes and to earn the Gold Medal and attend the ice cream party. Please call or email with questions.

Please let me know if you have questions 805-938-0751
or androsia@yahoo.com

~ Danielle Rivera, California Reads Coordinator

Yearbook

Final Call to Submit Photos for the 2015-16 Yearbook

Here is how you can submit photos online:
- Go to: https://images.schoolsnapshots.com/login
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 403013623
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details"

Or Download our new Yearbook App: (It's FREE) Replayit by Jostens.
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We would really like to get some more Fall Festival and Field Trip photos!

Arts Attack

Our new art program needs volunteers!

Thanks to the generosity of the Orcutt Children's Arts Foundation (OCAF) we are able to bring art into our classrooms.

We have several parent volunteers currently coming into classes and giving art lessons but we need more volunteers to meet all of our classrooms' needs.

Arts Attack is a video-based curriculum with no special training required. Art experience is not necessary and supplies are provided. Watch, learn, execute. Volunteers can choose the class/grade they would like to work in. There may also be opportunities to co-teach with another parent – get together with a fellow parent and share the work and the fun.

If you are interested in learning more about the Arts Attack program, we invite you to come and observe a session being taught by one of our parents/ volunteers. Please contact Liz Herbstreith, lherbstreith@orcuttschools.net, Lori Burrows at 805-720-0921, or Emilie Fey at 805-264-5562 for more information and to figure out a day/time to observe. Thank you!

Heartfelt Appreciation from the PTA...

- A big thank you to our wonderful Dunlap staff and teachers who served pizzas at our recent family dinner night at Klondikes: Principal Liz Herbstreith, Mrs. (and Mr) Meyer, Miss Morris, Mrs. Day, Mr. Greenup, Ms. Johnson, and Mrs. Francisco.

"The Dolphin Pod"

Join us on facebook

We invite you to join the conversation on the "The Dolphin Pod" on Facebook. Click on the Facebook icon above to be taken to Dunlap's Facebook group.

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