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AUSD COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Nominations for AUSD Teacher of the Year

Nomination forms for the AUSD 2006-07 Teacher of the Year will be available at all schools during the week of April 3. Take this opportunity to recognize the deeply committed professionals who teach our children. Alameda's 2006-07 Teacher of the Year will also be considered for Alameda County Teacher of the Year in the fall. The nomination forms take just a few minutes to fill out. They will also be available on the district website, www.alameda.k12.ca.us, under "What's New?" beginning April 3.

Teen Resources Website

Log on to www.alamedayouth.org for a new section entitled "Teen Scene." It includes such teen resources as Alameda's Youth Yellow Pages, information on the Collaborative's Teen After School Service Corps, the student guide to the AUSD Community Service Requirement, and a link to the "Teen Voices Survey."

Alameda Interim Main

Library To Close March 6-19

The Interim Main Library on Central Avenue, next to Alameda High School will be closed from March 6 through March 19 in order to convert its collection to a new security & inventory system. During the closure period, the West End Library at 788 Santa Clara Ave. (747-7767) and the

Bay Farm Island Library at 3221 Mecartney Rd. (747-7787) will be open their regular hours, Monday through Thursday, and Saturdays.

AEF's Salute to Education Dinner is Wednesday, April 26

Help celebrate the unsung heroes of the Alameda Unified School District at the 25th Annual Salute to Education event, the only gathering that brings together parents, staff, and community members from every single school and the district office to celebrate outstanding volunteers and staff. No-host cocktails begin at 5:15 p.m. and the awards program begins at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$30.00 per person or \$22.60 if purchased online at www.alamedaeducationfoundation.org. Location is the Albert DeWitt Officers' Club at 641 West Redline Avenue at Alameda Point. For more info call 337-7189.

ARPD Spring Break Trips for Middle & High School Students

Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD) has openings for its annual 3 day/2 night spring break trip to Disneyland. Contact Andy Wong at 747-7529. "The Underground," ARPD's teen recreation program, will be open during Spring Break from 12 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This is a free supervised program with projects and activities for teens, located at 2203 Central Avenue. Call 748-7552.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for these important dates...

March

- 30** March 30-April 1 - EHS Drama Presents Broadway Musical "CATS" 7:30 p.m - Gym
- 31** March 31-April 1 - AHS Presents Spring Musical "The World Goes Round"

April

- 6** April 6-8 - AHS Presents Spring Musical "The World Goes Round"
- 8** Motown 60's Music Review Benefiting the Alameda PTA Council
- 11** Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m - City Hall
- 17** April 17-21 - AUSD Spring Break
- 25** Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m - City Hall
- 26** Alameda Education Foundation "Salute to Education Celebration"
- 27** DARE Graduation Kofman Auditorium

Next PTA Council Meeting...

May 31, 2006 - 7:00pm

**Washington Middle School
Multipurpose Room**

UNIT REPORTS

Haight Elementary School March Report

March at Haight has been dedicated to reading, reading and reading.



March Reading Madness

March 1st we kicked off March Reading Madness. It's a school wide program/effort where everyone (students & teachers) are asked to read and log the number of pages read. Our goal is to read 350,000 pages in March. We have various prizes for top student per grade and top class with most pages read. It's a great event and so far we have reached 200,000+ pages.

Book Fair

March 1 - 9, we had our Scholastic Book fair (Camp Read a Book) which was a great success and good way to start off our March Reading Madness program.

Island Jumper Event

Wednesday, March 22, we had our Island Jumper Event. We had teachers and parents who also participated by jumping rope themselves. The weather was great and everyone just had a blast.

Family Reading Night

This past Friday, March 24 we had our Family Reading Night and it went well. We kept with the 'Camp Read a Book' theme from Scholastic Book fair and read stories around campfires, tents and sleeping bags.

Bargain Book Sale

Our student council will be running their Bargain Book Sale starting March 27 - 31.

Upcoming Events for April...

Multicultural Food Faire

We are preparing for our Multicultural Food Faire on Wednesday, March 5 at 6pm. We have several individuals/groups who will be dancing, singing and our wonderful multicultural fashion show by the students.

Science Fair

We will be kicking off our Science Fair that will conclude at our Open House in May. This year we are opening it up to all students, K-3, who may want to participate. The PTA is providing workshops and some materials. The first Science Fair workshop will be held on Friday, April 7, along with Family Fitness Night.

Lum Elementary School March Report

Teacher's Wish List

We have recently purchased school supplies worth \$6,300 to grant our teachers' wishes, through our Teachers' Wish List funds.

Silent Auction

We held our first Silent Auction at Lum on March 3rd, raising almost \$7,000. Proceeds will be used to update our school library

Teacher's Appreciation

Our teachers enjoyed a delightful breakfast this month, as a token of our appreciation for their hard work.

Fundraising

Our big fundraiser, the *Math Blaster*, kicks off March 29th.

We are currently funding Stage III in our Emergency Supplies Plan, which includes Team Search & Rescue supplies.

Would You Like Email Updates of AUSD Events?

Would you like to be notified by email of AUSD events and happenings? The AUSD website maintains a calendar of district-wide events, with everything from open house dates to board meetings to major music and drama performances at our high schools.

Log on to

www.alameda.k12.ca.us and click on "Calendar" and then the "Subscribe" icon.

You will receive an email letting you know that the calendar has been updated.

