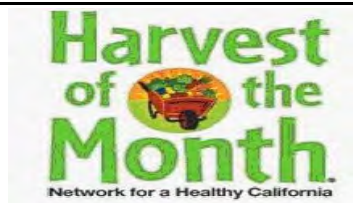


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**December 1, 2011**

<b>Date</b>		<b>Upcoming Activities</b>
Thurs	Dec 1	Science Kits Delivery - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Fri	Dec 2	PTA Holiday Party
Mon - Fri	Dec 5 - 16	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Wed	Dec 8	PTA Association Meeting - 6:30pm Chorus Performance - 6:45pm
Mon	Dec 12	Science Kits Turn-In - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Mon - Mon	Dec 19 - Jan 2	No School - Winter Break
Tue	Jan 3	First Day of School for 2012!
Wed - Fri	Jan 4 - 13	Toy Donation Drive
Thurs	Jan 5	Science Kits Delivery - 1st Grade
Thurs	Jan 12	PTA Board Meeting - 6:30pm
Mon	Jan 16	NO SCHOOL - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
Wed - Fri	Jan 18 - 20	Author's Fair
Tues	Jan 24	Family Math Night
Fri	Feb 3	NO SCHOOL



# Spaghetti Squash



Spaghetti squash is a delicious, healthy and fun alternative to pasta and kids will love it!

When cooked, the inside of the squash shreds into spaghetti-like threads!

Spaghetti squash is available year-round with peak season in fall and winter. It has a very mild flavor and can easily be served with your favorite marinara sauce or baked with a little butter and sprinkle of brown sugar and cinnamon. Yum!

\* 1 cup has only 40 calories

\* Contains no saturated fat or cholesterol

\* Good source of niacin, vitamin B6, potassium

\* Very good source of fiber and Vitamin C



### Cooking Directions:

Prick the spaghetti squash all over with a fork multiple times so it will not burst while baking. Place whole squash in a shallow baking pan and bake in preheated 375 F oven for 1 hour. When cool enough to handle, cut spaghetti squash in half lengthwise with a serrated knife. Scoop the seeds and fibrous strings from the center of the cooked spaghetti squash. Gently scrape the pointy end of a kitchen fork around the edge of the squash. It should look just like spaghetti noodles. Enjoy!



# December 2011


TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

FERN ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU

Daily Milk Choices

\* Prepay for school lunches ONLINE at MySchoolBucks.com \*

The USDA and the CDE are equal opportunity providers and employers.

MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Three Alternative menu choices:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smuckers PBJ Pillow</li> <li>Cup of Yogurt</li> <li>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</li> </ol> <p><a href="http://www.tusd.org">http://www.tusd.org</a></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p> <p>Paid \$3.00 Reduced \$0.40 <b>Milk \$0.50</b></p> <p>* Contains Pork **Menu Subject to change</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Bean and Cheese Burrito Mexican Rice</p> <p><i>Fruit and Vegetable Bar</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>NEW!</b> Ardella's Cheese Pizza</p>  <p><i>Fruit and Vegetable Bar</i></p>
<p>5</p> <p>Tyson Chicken Tenders Oven Baked Tater Tots Country Biscuit</p> <p><i>Fruit and Vegetable Bar</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>Foster Farms Mini Corn Dogs Sweet Corn 100% Cherry Juice Bar</p> <p><i>Fruit and Vegetable Bar</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>"Domino's"</b> Cheese Pizza</p>  <p><i>Fruit and Vegetable Bar</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p>Orange Chicken Fluffy Rice Fortune Cookie</p>  <p><i>Fruit and Vegetable Bar</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Bagel Cheese Pizza Chocolate Chip Cookie</p> <p><i>Fruit and Vegetable Bar</i></p>
<p>12</p> <p>Rib-B-Que on Wheat Bun Bag of Baked Chips</p>  <p><i>Fruit and Vegetable Bar</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>Oven Roasted Chicken Ranch Beans Tortillas</p>  <p><i>Fruit and Vegetable Bar</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>NEW!</b> Southwest Cheese Quesadilla Mexican Rice</p> <p><i>Fruit and Vegetable Bar</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Oven Baked Potato Wedges Wheat Dinner Roll</p> <p><i>Fruit and Vegetable Bar</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>"Papa John"</b> Cheese Pizza Holiday Treat!</p>  <p><i>Fruit and Vegetable Bar</i></p>
<p><b>Winter Break!</b></p> <p><b>December 19 - January 2</b></p>  				
<p>January</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>New Year Ravioli Cheesy Breadstick Snickerdoodle Cookie</p>  <p><i>Fruit and Vegetable Bar</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>"Domino's"</b> Cheese Pizza</p> <p><i>Fruit and Vegetable Bar</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>Build Your Own Taco! Mini Churro</p>  <p><i>Fruit and Vegetable Bar</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>Cheese Pizza</p>  <p><i>Fruit and Vegetable Bar</i></p>

Dear Hickory Family and Friends,

There is always something special about this time of year. There is a spirit in the air. Regardless of one's religious affiliation and regardless of the commercialism in our streets and stores, a spirit of joy and sharing always seems to prevail during the holiday season.

The holiday season provides us with rich opportunities to share, to come together with family and friends and to appreciate our heritage. Many celebrations in individual classrooms will be taking place this month, each unique to the teacher and students in that room. Some of the classes have invited parents to attend and help with special activities that have been planned; this is an opportunity for you to participate with your child. Our children bring us special joy during this season, and the best gift to give your child is time spent with you.

Hickory continues to be a very busy place with many good things happening every day. Student achievement and student learning continue to be a priority at Hickory Elementary. The teachers and students are busy preparing for the end of the trimester and parent conferences. Several of our teachers have attended workshops this fall on guided reading and CGI Math. CGI Math is a very effective way of teaching and involving students in the understanding of mathematical concepts. I want to remind you to encourage your student to access ST Math from home or the library. ST Math is a research based math program designed by The Mind Institute which focuses on individualized non verbal presentations and representations of mathematical concepts. Students work on ST Math at least 45 minutes each week at school. The optimal usage is 90 minutes per week. If you need the home sign in code, please ask your child's teacher.

The Hickory Student Council is supporting "Angel Tree" this month as a way of providing students the opportunity to care for others by sharing their good fortune. The Student Council will collect coins from students and use this money to purchase gifts for children who would not otherwise receive holiday gifts. The "Angel Tree" project is sponsored by the Salvation Army. Hickory students have always generously supported this wonderful project.

During this holiday season I ask you to make a special effort to continue to support Hickory Elementary. There are many ways your help can support our school; buy scrip, make tax-deductible donations to Hickory Elementary School. Many corporations offer their employees gift matching programs to schools, please check with your employer about their school donation programs. You can also donate paper, turn in ink and toner cartridges for recycling, use our school membership # at Office Depot #5007055014 and Staples # 2205166172; we receive a percentage of each purchase.

In closing, thank you for your continued support and your participation in school events. Please enjoy this holiday season with your children, family, and friends, and remember, when you think good thoughts about your children, be sure to tell them. I wish each of you a happy and safe holiday season. I will see you on January 3, 2012!

*Mrs. Schumacher*

# HICKORY'S HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

MRS. SCHUMACHER, PRINCIPAL

DECEMBER 2011



## HICKORY HAPPENINGS

The months of November and December are traditionally very busy and this year is no exception. They have been very busy with community projects like the Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner drive that was held at Hickory and sponsored by the Central Torrance Rotary and the Girl Scout sponsored "Food Drive". Hickory Elementary Canned Food Drive was a great success thanks to the generosity of our families and Troop 7447 that helped with the organization. This is a great way for students to become aware that there are others much less fortunate than them, right here in Torrance and that each of us can do our part to help.

Our teachers have been attending district-wide professional development in the areas of "Math" and "Guided Reading". Professional Development for our teachers has a direct impact on providing the best education for your child.

Our first trimester ended Nov. 29 and report cards will be going home on Dec. 2. Parent Conferences will take place during the weeks of Dec. 5-16 with a **2:12 dismissal during those 2 weeks!** Every parent in TUSD has the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher at least once a year. Hickory teachers encourage parents to meet with their child's teacher whenever a concern arises.

### Upcoming Events:

- 12//1 Dr. Mannon visit
- 12/2 Report Cards sent home
- 12/5-16 Parent Conferences 2:12  
Dismissal Everyday!
- 12/8 Hickory Chorus Performance  
PTA Meeting 6:30pm in Cafe
- 12/8 School Site Council Mtg. 3:30
- 12/12 Holiday Performance at 9:00  
.....Assembly
- 12/14 Chorus Performs at  
.....Farmers & Merchants Bank
- 12/16 Last Day

**WINTER HOLIDAY DEC. 19-  
RETURN TO SCHOOL JAN. 3**

Because of class sizes, your teacher may suggest that no conference is needed at this time, or may ask you to schedule a conference in January when we return from Winter Break. This should not be taken as reluctance to meet with you, but rather that your child is doing well and a conference in January would be just as effective.

Many of our students are participating in our before or after school enrichment classes. We are very lucky to be able to provide classes in Spanish, Art, Chorus, Chess, and Science. Check the weekly on-line calendar for more Hickory activities. We do not want you to miss any of the exciting happenings at school.

## CONFERRING TIPS!

Parent-teacher conferences present an excellent opportunity to find out how your child is adjusting to the new school year.

Here are some general hints on how to have a successful conference:

1. Ask your child if there is anything that he would like you to discuss with the teacher.
2. Jot down everything that you want to talk about at the conference.
3. Arrive promptly or a few minutes early.
4. Begin with positive comments about the teacher or classroom.
5. Avoid lengthy discussions of topics that are not related to the purpose of the conference.
6. Be open-minded to suggestions from the teacher.
7. Keep your emotions under control.
8. Take notes about what has been discussed to share with your child.
9. Ask questions about what the class will be studying and how you can help your student at home
10. Do not stay beyond your allotted time.

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The student council will again be participating in the Salvation Army' Angel Tree project. This program is designed to help make the holidays special for those children who are less fortunate than we are. The student council will be collecting money from Nov 28- through Dec. 9. With the money collected, members of the student council will shop for items that boys and girls have listed on their "wish list". It is a terrific program that our students look forward to supporting each year.



## GATE TESTING!

During the month of December, students in grades 3 through 7 may be recommended for GATE testing. Schools are specifically focusing on students with California Standards Test (CST) scaled scores of 440 - 600 in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics.

During school conferences, parents and teachers may wish to discuss the GATE referral process for students who have exhibited creative ways of thinking, have achieved exemplary work in the classroom, and have strong CST scaled scores near the 440 level in both English/Languages Arts and Mathematics. All recommended students will be administered a GATE identification standardized test at their school site during the months of February and March.

## ELMAC REPORT...

The first ELMAC meeting of the school year was held on Nov. 9. We had a very good turn out. Mrs. Schumacher reviewed the purpose of the English Language Multicultural Advisory Committee and reminded parents of the importance of their participation. Mrs. Schumacher presented Hickory's data on CELDT results and CST performance. Members shared their concerns and submitted ideas and topics for future meetings. It is our hope that we can increase the number of

parents who attend the ELMAC meetings by addressing their concerns and sharing information that is practical and useful for them.

We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Carol Alvarado and Ms. Lindsay Meyer back with us this year. They will be offering ELD support classes during the school day for our students.

Our next meeting will be on February 23, 2012 at 9:00 in the cafeteria. We will be discussing middle school transition and we will have a presentation by a 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher about educational goals and expectations for our ELD students. Please plan on joining us and bring a friend!



### **SUPER STUDY SKILLS!**

A child who knows when, what, and how to study is more likely to be ready for a quiz or test—and will learn more. Help your youngster get prepared with these tips.

#### **When**

Your child will learn the most toward the beginning of study time, when her mind is fresh. Have her plan several short study sessions as soon as her teacher announces a test. Working at a comfortable pace will help her remember more and stay motivated. Tip: Suggest that older children split study sessions in half, taking a break to eat a snack or ride a bike.

#### **What**

Students can make the most of study time by knowing what will be on a test. If your youngster isn't sure what will be covered, she should ask her teacher. Before she studies, you might give her a "pre-test" so she can see what she needs to focus on. For example, if she correctly defines 6 of her 20 vocabulary words, she can spend her time on the other

#### **How**

Explain to your child that studying is

more than just reading—she should "actively" study. That way, she'll really learn the material rather than simply memorizing it for a test. As she goes over class notes or handouts, she can highlight important points. While reviewing her textbook, she might draw pictures or diagrams. Or she could record herself asking questions and then play them back, pausing the recorder to give the answers. Finally, quiz her on the material after she has studied.

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### **HICKORY IS LOOKING FOR PARENT SUPPORT!**

There are several great opportunities for Hickory students to participate in. A program that would be an excellent program for our students is the "Junior Great Books" reading program. This takes the form of a book club where students and parent leaders read short selections of quality literature and follow up with student centered discussions to help sharpen reading comprehension, critical thinking, vocabulary, and writing, all in the context of students sharing ideas about great literature.

We need parent help! If you would be interested in taking on one of these projects, please call Mrs. Schumacher.



### **\$\$\$ ATTENDANCE \$\$\$**

Attendance is IMPORTANT to your child's learning BUT it is also important to the district in terms of funding. The state of California provides TUSD with \$33.14 per student for each day they are in school.

This money helps run the day-to-day operation of the schools. If your child is absent from school for **any** reason, the District is **not** paid by the State of California.

TUSD considers more than 10 days of absences and/or tardies in a school year to be excessive (unless there is a doctor's note verifying an illness). If a student exceeds the 10 days or the school feels the student is in danger of exceeding the 10 days, you may receive written notice and/or you may be required to attend a meeting to address the absences/tardies.

### LOST AND FOUND....

Items will be placed in the donation bin Dec.16. Please make a point to stop by Rm. 31 and check for your lost items. There are many jackets, sweatshirt, sweaters, etc waiting to be claimed.

### REMINDERS!

For safety reasons we ask that you do not plan on arriving at school before 8:30, kinders around 8:45 because we do not have supervision until those times.

The STAFF PARKING LOT is closed to all parents, visitors etc. during the school hours of 7:30 am-4:30pm. Please Do Not Pull into the Staff Lot for Any Reason. This is a school policy and we appreciate your cooperation.

If your child has been injured and is required to wear a cast, brace, etc. he/she may not be on the school playground until a release from the doctor has been submitted to the school office.

### REFLECTIONS CONTEST: DIVERSITY IS... !

Thank you to our wonderful Chairperson, Lori Nagaoka, who provided inspiration and guidance to our creative Hickory Hounds. Students submitted wonderfully creative and thoughtful projects to this year's PTA sponsored contest! Good Luck and congratulations to each of you.

**You are invited to attend the Hickory Chorus Holiday Performance on Dec. 8 at 6:30 pm, followed by a short PTA meeting and Family Bingo!**

*I would like to wish all the Hickory families a beautiful and blessed Holiday Season! I feel so fortunate to be a part of this community. The students and parents at our school are supportive, positive and focused. Together, as a team, we work to provide the best education and character development for our students. Enjoy the holiday season and I will see you on Jan. 3, 2012.*

*Mrs. Schumacher*





Dear Hickory Families,

It's sometimes hard to tell December is coming here in Southern California with such warm weather and lots of sunshine. But it sure is just around the corner. As you get in the spirit of the holidays, I invite you to us for some holiday music as Hickory Chorus performs at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 8th. We will begin with our second PTA Association Meeting (a short one!) and follow the Chorus performance with some fun having Family Bingo Night. Come listen to some music, play bingo, and win prizes!

- I want to thank **Wendy** and **James Baker** for leading the **Red Ribbon Week** in November. I know many Hickory children may not understand or even know what “bad” drugs are. But we like to acknowledge this National campaign to teach our children the importance of saying “no” to drugs while we also teach them about making healthy choices for ourselves.
- I also want to thank **Sandra Mukogawa** for being the guiding hand behind all the room reps. She makes sure each class has room reps and that they have the training and knowledge to do their jobs.
- Thanks to **Alissa Materman** for spearheading the delivery of our Spiritwear. The new designs offered this year turned out really cute!
- **Rita Paul** always makes sure that our teachers don't have to spend time making copies by running the Copy Center with all our wonderful PTA volunteers. Thank you, Rita.
- Than you to **Scrip Team: Carolyn Saruwatari, Glenna Kurisu, Linda Fujii** for all their hard work and dedication to run this fundraiser week after week.
- Lastly, thank you to the **Hickory PTA's Executive Officers**: Mylee Tynen, Sharyl Yamada-Oda, Sandra Mukogawa, David Eguchi, Carolyn Saruwatari, Sheree Bradford, Mary Ellen Nobuhara, Ashima Brar (just appointed to fill a vacant spot!), Caitlin Leivers, and Daniel Evans. Their work may not always be readily visible, but these people volunteer countless hours to make sure the PTA is running smoothly and “legally.”

May this holiday season bring you and your family joy, laughter, and lots of warm memories.

Grace Gee

Hickory PTA President



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2011**

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**MEDIUM: \$3.00**

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Please join us for

# Hickory Chorus Holiday Performance

Directed by Laura Savitz

6:30 pm  
Thursday, December 8, 2011  
Hickory Cafeteria

Refreshments and Family Bingo  
immediately following  
the performance





# The SCRIP Scoop

12/1/11

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### Scrip Table Hours and Location:

Monday AM 8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. PTA Room 31  
 Friday AM 8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. PTA Room 31

Scrip may be purchased, picked up or ordered during these times.

### ShopWithScrip.com:

Electronic ordering at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) any day/time. Place your order by **Wed.**, turn in your payment by **Thurs.** and receive your order by the following **Fri.**

## NEW Merchant... **BOOK-OFF**

**BookOff USA, Inc.** We are now carrying \$10 gift certificates to **BookOff USA, Inc.** Hickory will earn 5% from your purchase of their gift certificates. **BookOff USA** buys and sells used books, CDs, DVDs, Games, Comics, Magazines, etc. They have 2 locations in our area: Del Amo Fashion Center (near Jo-Ann Fabrics & Macy's, lower level, #290) and in Gardena at 1610 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. Right now, if you have any books, CDs, DVDs, etc that you want to sell, BookOff will pay you 20% on top of the purchase price. You will need a special coupon, so stop by our SCRIP table to pick one up. For more information about BookOff USA, check out their website at [www.bookoffusa.com](http://www.bookoffusa.com)

## Inventory Advisory...

As the holidays approach, our volume and our supplier's volume surges. If you place an order between Dec. 5 - Dec. 9, your order may take a few days longer to receive.

## Important SCRIP Notice...

Our last SCRIP order before the holidays will be placed on **Friday, Dec. 9**. We will be SELLING SCRIP from our inventory on Mon. 12/12 and Fri. 12/16 but no orders will be taken that week.

## Holiday Cards...

Are you planning to send out photo cards this holiday season? Check out **SHUTTERFLY!** Shutterfly is an online service that offers high quality photos cards using your favorite picture or a collage of photos. What's nice is there's no waiting in line! They also offer calendars, DVDs and beautiful photo books...great for gift giving! Use SCRIP gift cards to pay online. Go to **Shutterfly.com** to check out what they have to offer!



## Shopping, Shopping...

If you didn't finish your holiday shopping this past weekend then there's still time to purchase or order SCRIP!

### THIS IS THE TIME TO PURCHASE YOUR SCRIP!

Remember, our gift cards aren't just for giving; they can be used to pay for many of your holiday purchases. If you're on a budget then only buy a little holiday SCRIP each week. A little planning can earn big money to help our school and your child's classroom!

**\*\*\*Use SCRIP whenever possible!\*\*\***

## Merchant Updates...

- ❖ **BookOff USA (5%)** has joined our regular list of merchants. We carry their \$10 gift certificates.
- ❖ Nov. 5 - Dec. 2: percentage increases for **Shutterfly (14%), L.L. Bean (17%), Bath & Body Works (18%), Sears (7%), Outback (10%), Buca di Beppo (10%)**
- ❖ Dec. 3 - Dec. 16: percentage increase for **Williams Sonoma (10%), Lowe's (6%), Applebee's (10%), Starbucks (9%), iTunes (7%)**
- ❖ Nov. 12 - Dec. 9: percentage increase for **Express (12%), CVS (7%), Lands' End (18%), AMC (12%), Bass Pro Shop (14%), Motherhood (11%)**
- ❖ Nov. 12 - Dec. 23: percentage increase for **California Pizza Kitchen (6%), Cabela's (13%), UNO (13%)**
- ❖ **Honey Baked Ham (12%) & JoAnn Fabrics** has changed its gift card denomination to \$25.
- ❖ We now carry **Ross (8%), CVS (6%), Taco Bell (5%)** in our inventory.

Order Form



# Stocking Stuffers for \$15 or Less



Take a look at these affordable ideas for fun stocking stuffers that anyone on your list will love!



Hickory Elementary School PTA  
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# Gifts for Teachers



Dedicated teachers work hard for your kids throughout the year. This holiday season, thank them with gift cards! Take a look at these ideas for the great teachers on your list.



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# Business Gift Ideas

It's the time of year to spread some cheer to employees, customers and business associates. Giving gift cards is a great way to say "Thank you" this season. Check out these retailers for fantastic business gifts!



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# Hickory Elementary PTA Proudly Presents the 2012 Holiday Toy Drive!



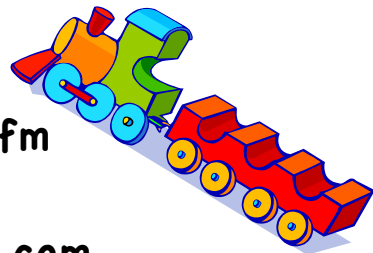
Please bring unwrapped, new or gently used toys and books to school between Jan. 4 and Jan. 13, 2012

*We need your support in this worthwhile endeavor.*

Toys will support the LA Toy Loan Program and will be distributed to less fortunate children throughout Los Angeles County.



For more information please go to [www.ladpss.org/dpss/toyload/default.cfm](http://www.ladpss.org/dpss/toyload/default.cfm) or contact:



Paige Hamilton at [paigehamilton@hotmail.com](mailto:paigehamilton@hotmail.com) or Roxanne Arroues at [roxannearroues@sbcglobal.net](mailto:roxannearroues@sbcglobal.net)

## Acceptable Donated Items:

New children's toys, games and books.

New stuffed animals and dolls.

Gently used, complete children's toys, games and books.

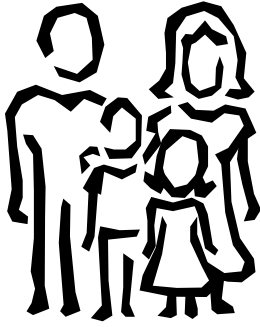
Educational toys and games.

Video games and consoles.

Toys for children with special needs and disabilities.



Please join us at Assembly on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, 2012 for our special guest, Marcia Benitez, from the LA County Toy Loan Program



Torrance Council of PTAs Presents

# Positive Parenting & Successful Kids

*A series of workshops for parents of children of all ages*

Presenter: Peggy Tremayne, M.A., Ed. ♦ M.S., M.F.T.

**2012 Winter Classes**

**Wednesdays – January 4, 11, 18 & 25**

**7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**South High School Library**

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- \* Develop your confidence and power as a parent.

Fee for the **entire** series of Workshops  
**\$10.00 per person**

Registration deadline: Friday, December 16, 2011

Checks made out to “**Torrance Council of PTAs**”

This is an **ADULT ONLY** class, no babysitting is provided

Questions? Contact Adele Kaplan

[adelekaplan@ymail.com](mailto:adelekaplan@ymail.com) or (310) 539-8464

### ABOUT THE PRESENTER...

Peggy Tremayne is a noted educator and Individual, Marriage, and Family Therapist She was chosen "Woman of the Year" in the History of Torrance. As a former teacher, counselor and principal of North High School, she has a wealth of experience in dealing with families, children and teenagers.

***Workshop participants highly recommend the program:***

“Thank you for all my family for the gift of better parenting. The class brought more joy into my home and to my sons.”

“Finally a coherent way to combine discipline, communication skills, problem solving and all the other things we’ve heard a little bit about.”

“The class is wonderful... Ms. Tremayne is a great instructor.”

“We tried it. It works better and we get positive results!”

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## Positive Parenting & Successful Kids Workshop

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

School(s) attended by children \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Wk Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (Only used for class reminder)

Email (2) \_\_\_\_\_



1. Sign-up one person per form. Form may be duplicated.
2. Make check payable to **Torrance Council of PTAs**. **\$10.00** per person.

3. Mail form and check to Adele Kaplan at 23018 Greenwood Avenue, Torrance, CA 90505



# EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT SIGN UP BY: DEC. 15 - get 1 class FREE PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOPS AT: HICKORY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Visit us online at: [www.performingartsworkshops.com](http://www.performingartsworkshops.com) \* (310) 827-8827

## VIOLIN

**“Music is the universal language of mankind.”**

Play the strings that tug at the heart. In our violin class students take their first steps into the musical journey of a lifetime and experience the joy of music. In our group classes children will acquire important life skills such as cooperative learning, teamwork, self-esteem and artistic expression. Beginners to experienced students alike will be engaged and challenged through traditional and creative teaching methods and learn to master their instrument through exercises, etudes and play! **Students must rent or provide their own instruments.**

**Violin: Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:15 Grades 3 - UP**  
Classes are held in the Cafeteria.  
Starting January 31

## Rapunzel

**Get Tangled In A Musical Adventure!**

Let down your hair and join us after school. Shine on stage performing scenes and songs from the hit movie Tangled. This class has something for everyone, first timers and advancing performers alike. Discover the joys of acting, improv, voice and speech, theater games, choreography and dance! Develop self-confidence and team spirit. \*At the conclusion of 16 lessons (Winter & Spring Terms) parents and friends of our students will be invited to enjoy a special workshop presentation that highlights the class show and the skills & techniques our students have learned.

**Drama: Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:15 Gr. 1 - UP**  
Classes are held in the Cafeteria.  
Starting January 31

**\* VERY IMPORTANT \***

Parent responsible for class start date and attendance.  
To receive class / sign-up confirmation, please call us.  
Children must be picked up promptly after class.  
**NO CLASSES** on pupil free days or holidays.  
Space is limited. There is a \$15 processing fee for refunds.  
To drop a course, call BEFORE the second class meeting.  
Absolutely NO refunds after the 2nd week has passed.  
There are no credits or refunds when children miss class.  
Questions? Call (310) 827-8827



### READ THIS!!

Classes meet only 1 time per week.  
It will take 16 class hours  
(Winter: 8 weeks & Spring: 8 weeks)  
to assemble the class presentation.  
Tuition can be paid 8 weeks at a time.  
The show is held during our regular class  
time at the end of the Spring Term.

- - One child per form! - - - - - Early Registration DEADLINE = DEC. 15 - - - ( \$12 discount void after 12/15 ) - -  
MAIL: 13428 MAXELLA AVE. #436, M.D.R., CA. 90292 FAX: (310) 827-1310 ON-LINE: [www.performingartsworkshops.com](http://www.performingartsworkshops.com)

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ hm phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ wk/cell phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] VOILIN WINTER Term: 8 classes \$96

[ ] DRAMA WINTER Term: 8 classes \$96



A great way to remind  
your child to go to class!!  
(Only \$12.50 + \$5 shipping)

Course(s) Tuition Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Optional T-Shirt @ \$17.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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After school insurance - required \$ 10.00

\* Early Registration Discount Deduct \$12

[ ] Scholarship Request TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks Payable To: Performing Arts Workshops Ed. Inc. (Not responsible for lost cash)

\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_ MC # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ cv2 \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent Signature (permission to attend): \_\_\_\_\_

**By submitting this form it is understood that I have read and agree to the information regarding dates, rules, winter & spring term commitment, refund and company policies. On behalf of my child and myself, I knowingly assume all risks arising from participating in class activities. I certify that I have legal authority to sign this release/waiver of liability, and sign it without duress or coercion.**

HICKORY ELEMENTARY  Initial here to give your child permission to walk / bike home after every class.



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# OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO MAKE SPIRITS BRIGHTER

## Winter Break Programs

### TORRANCE-SOUTH BAY YMCA

Arts & Crafts  
Educational Activities  
Group Socials  
Sports and Games  
Walking Trips (weather permitting)

TORRANCE-SOUTH BAY YMCA  
2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance, CA 90505  
P 310 325 5885 F 310 539 6049 [www.ymcala.org/tsb](http://www.ymcala.org/tsb)



# Winter Break Programs 2011

With a focus on developing the potential of kids, winter break programs (designed for kids from ages 5-12 years old) ensure your child will have a safe positive environment to play, learn, and grow when school is out. Our activities, which range from leadership development to sports and the arts, give your child the opportunity to become a confident kid today and a healthier, happier grown-up tomorrow.

## Dates

Week 1: December 19-23  
Theme: It's A Season To Be Jolly  
Week 2: December 27-30  
Theme: Winter Wonderland  
Closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2

## Hours of Operation

6:30 am – 6:00 pm

## Fee

\$160 per week for child care-non specialty camps  
\* \$25 one time non refundable registration fee  
\* Cancellation 2 wks prior to camp week  
\* Specialty Camp fees vary

## New Specialty Camps

All specialty camps will be held on December 19-23. For more details on specialty camp information (location, age groups, times) please call or visit our website.



Free to be Me Drum Circle Camp  
Location: Victor Site  
Fee: \$210      Grades: 2-6



Holiday Express! Arts and Craft Camp  
Location: Anza Site  
Fee: \$210      Grades: 1-6



Holiday Sweets and Treats Camp  
Location: Arlington Site  
Fee: \$280      Grades: K-6



Math and Writing Camps  
Location: Victor Site  
Fee: \$195      Grades –Math: K-2  
Writing: 3-5



Winter Dance Camp  
Location: Hickory Site  
Fee: \$195      Grades: K-6

## Child Care Locations (Y Modulars)

### Adams Elementary

2121 238<sup>th</sup> Street, Torrance (enter off of 237<sup>th</sup> St.)  
326-1452

### Anza Elementary

21400 Ellinwood Drive, Torrance  
316-8072

### Arlington Elementary

17800 Van Ness Ave, Torrance  
352-1135

### Arnold Elementary

4100 227<sup>th</sup> Street, Torrance  
373-5212

### Hickory Elementary

2800 227<sup>th</sup> Street, Torrance  
530-9381

### Riviera Elementary

365 Paseo De Arena, Torrance  
375-9970

### Victor Elementary

4820 Spencer Street, Torrance  
370-4133

## Registration Information

Contact our child care office  
at 310-325-5885 or

Visit [www.ymcala.org/tsb](http://www.ymcala.org/tsb) to learn more  
about YMCA programs.

## Financial Assistance

Financial Assistance, to the extent possible, is available to qualifying families. Please pick up an application from the YMCA or call Suzanne Villa at 213-639-7481.