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Principal's Message

The economic downturn continues to impact our educational program and the bottom hasn't even hit yet. It is predicted that the toughest year will be 2011/2012. As we continue to weather this funding storm I want to assure you that our highly qualified staff will continue to provide excellent instructional opportunities for your children. As we know in life, terrible times can also lead to incredible new innovations. It is all in how you look at the problem and how you go about finding solutions.

If you want to become more knowledgeable about our district's financial situation, I encourage you to attend school boards meetings this spring. The next meeting is this Monday, March 8, 7:00 PM in the board room (located at the district office on Covington Road). I also want to encourage you to contact your local politicians in Sacramento. They need to hear about how their decisions negatively impact the education of your children. It is time to take action!

Speaking of taking action, I will be in Sacramento on March 15 along with 150 of my administrative colleagues from around the state to participate in Legislative Action Day. Our purpose on that day is to speak to as many legislators as we possibly can, telling them our stories about how their decisions are devastating our educational programs. For example, in the past three years, LASD has lost 70% of our funding from the state. That puts the burden of finding revenue sources on the backs of our local community with the expense side falling on the shoulders of our students and staff. I have never done anything like this before and I am fired up to tell the Los Altos School District story to all who will listen. The only way to affect change is to participate in the political dialog of these very trying economic times. Hopefully you as parents can find your voices and participate too. Our children are counting on us to do so.

Respectfully,

Leslie

Educational Events

Parent Connection

- **Thu. March 11th 6:45pm-8:30pm** “Figuring out Friendships”; Blach Middle School library.

Parent Education

- **Tue. Mar. 2nd 7pm-8:30pm** “Raising Healthy Powerful Girls” By Nan Delheim and Sheila Dubin RSVP: Dr. Pamela Carlton, education@doctorcarlton.com Park Pavilion Room O. Park Pavilion is attached to the YMCA on the corner of Grant Road and North Drive; [Flyer](#)
- **Thu. Mar. 4th 7:30pm-8:30pm** Ana Homayoun, “I Left My Homework on My Printer—Getting Organized: Helping Your Child be Successful in School” Egan Junior High School, Multi-Purpose Room; See [Flyer](#).
- **Tue. Mar. 9th 6pm** “Suicide Prevention Presentation” with Dr. Dan Reidenberg and Kevin Hines. Includes a performance by Stanford University’s theater/social activist student group STAMP (Stanford Theater Activist Mobilization Project) at Cubberley Community Center (In the Theater) 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA
- **Wed. Mar. 10th 7pm** “Forgive For Good” by author Fred Luskin, Ph.D. at Christ Episcopal Church 1040 Border Road; Los Altos, CA 94024 RSVP: <http://forgiveforgood.eventbrite.com/>
- **Wed. Mar. 17th 7pm** Nancy Samalin, M.S., “Loving without Spoiling” Saint Andrew's School, 13601 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga
- **Thu. Mar. 25th 6:30pm-8:30pm** Dr. Ken Ginsburg, “Building Resilience in Your Student”, Spangenburg Theatre, Gunn High School, Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto ; [Flyer](#)

PTA Announcements

- **Sat. Mar. 13th 9:00am-1:00pm** **SPRING CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION DAY**; Volunteers needed from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please bring your own garden tools to use for pruning, weeding, digging, etc...For more information contact: vicki_moore@sbcglobal.net
- **Thu. Mar. 18th 7pm** PTA meeting at Blach Library

School and Community News

- **Thu. March 11th** Scholastic book orders due. Order online at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs . Class User Name: blachschool Password: losaltos
- **GIRLS SOCCER** The 7th grade girl’s soccer team had a successful season. They made the playoffs and lost a tough 2 to 1 match in the first round. The 8th grade girl’s soccer team finished the regular season in second place won a semifinal playoff game. In the championship game after playing to a 1 to 1 tie with Egan they lost 2 to 1 with one-minute left in the 4th and final over time. Many thanks to Peter Higa for coaching the 8th grade girls.
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