

# JUNE NEWSLETTER

## **Mission Statement**

Castlebay Lane is a suburban elementary school dedicated, through its curriculum programs and educational opportunities, to educate, challenge, and inspire our students to reach their full potential. This is accomplished through our unique community-based partnership.

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE** – Vivian Ithori

It's June and the year has flown by! The children have grown so much and not just physically. I'm so proud of the way that they have matured. I know that I see it as I visit classrooms and see their academic accomplishments, and on the yard in the way that they interact with each other. As we wind down the school year, please reflect upon what your children were like in September and what they are like now. We often don't notice the changes because we see our children everyday, but believe me, they are taking place.

As we approach the summer, I'd like to make a few suggestions to help the students continue the progress that they have made this year. The easiest is to read with them daily. This can be incorporated into your bedtime routine and is a nice way to end the day. You can do a few minutes of oral math computation while riding in the car. You can also play math games. Playing cards can be used in any number of ways to practice math skills. The card game, *War*, is a great game to reinforce greater and less than. You can also have your child keep a daily journal to help them with writing.

Have a wonderful summer and thank you so much for your continued support.

### **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE** – Nancy Feigelson

The last Complaint Response Unit/Parent Resource Network (CRU/PRN) meeting will be June 13, 2007 at the Grand Plaza PCSB Auditorium. The topic will be on "Transition Services." This would include students who have IEPs in place, transitioning from pre-school to kindergarten and the 14 year old students with IEPs. These meetings are very informative and have been well attended this year by parents throughout the District. It is an opportunity to meet other parents who have similar concerns and questions regarding their child's IEP and services. The District will have these meetings beginning the next school year and I highly encourage you to attend.

Fifth grade culmination will be on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Information is being sent home with all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. I look forward to seeing all of our fifth graders and their families. These last few weeks of school are so exciting for all of our students.

I want to wish everyone a safe and wonderfully exciting summer vacation. Before you know it September 5<sup>th</sup> will be here and a new school year will begin. Enjoy your summer!

**EMERGENCY AND DISASTER CARDS**

It is very important that you notify the school office when there is **any** change of information on the emergency and disaster cards.

**LIBRARY** – Laura Wolf

This year has been a very successful one for the library. Thank you to all volunteers and supporters of the library. You make it a great place for the students of Castlebay.

All library books are now due. Please make sure your children return their books as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful summer. Happy reading!

**COMPUTER LAB UPDATE** – Steve Ignacio

Greetings from the computer lab! It's been a busy year in the lab. Kindergarten and first grade students have spent a considerable amount of time getting familiar with the keyboard and typing word documents. They can find and use the alphabet keys, numbers, backspace, enter, and punctuation keys. Second and third graders have used Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, Excel, Internet Explorer, and some multimedia programs. Fourth and fifth graders got involved in more in depth research projects and have oral presentations in front of their peers on the subjects of rocks and minerals and The Revolutionary War. All in all, this was another year where Castlebay students worked hard and demonstrated a solid understanding and proficiency in technology. LAUSD technical support staff remark that Castlebay has one of the best elementary school computer labs they've seen. I would like to extend a special thanks to our parent group, P.A.T.H., and the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council who contribute the time and money to make our lab the starting point for our children's future technology successes.

Have a great summer vacation, and keep typing!

**ART UPDATE** – Cindy Brenek

Kindergarten students will be studying the artists, Mondrian and Paul Klee. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will study the West Coast Native American art in form line style, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade studies the artist, Chagal and works on a project dealing with childhood memories.

Congratulations to all winners from the Asian & Pacific Islander Art Contest. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa will present awards at a special ceremony. Castlebay students winners are: Calvin Kim, Abby Endler, Christopher Oh, and Hannah Choe. The Castlebay art contest winners for the L.A. County lead program are: Audrey Kim, Jon Mubara, Tessa Weinberg, Hannah Choe, and Heather Friedman. Congratulations!

**CAFETERIA** – Juliana Loya

The cafeteria serves breakfast before school and again at recess times. Please do not send large bills to school with children to buy meals as the cafeteria is unable to make change. If you would like to purchase meal tickets, please stop by the cafeteria from 7:45 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. By purchasing 20 tickets, you will receive 2 extra tickets free of charge!

**P.A.T.H.** – Thea Carlson

Our last PATH meeting for the 2006-07 school year will be on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:20 p.m. Please join us.

Thank you to everyone for a job well done, and another successful year. Enjoy your summer vacation.

**SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL & ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS COUNCIL** – Marylin Short

The final meeting of this school year will be held on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. We will be going over the 2007 Language Census of Castlebay Lane. We extend a big thank you to all of the parents who have come to our meetings and have been involved. Watch for your fall meeting notice and become a part of the committee. Hope to see everyone at the June meeting.

The last meeting of this school year will be held on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 p.m. We will be discussing changing the meeting date of the councils. A big thank you to the parents and community members who have supported us during the school year; keep it up next year! We look forward to seeing you at our last meeting of this school year in June.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES**

The school will be on minimum day schedule:

**Tuesday, June 12 and  
Wednesday, June 20, 2007**

**Our minimum day schedule is as follows:**

All Kindergarten students attend school from 8:11 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Grades 1 – 5 attend school from 8:21 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.

The YMCA will care for children enrolled in the “Y” program until 6:30 p.m. The after-school playground will be open until 4:10 p.m. **Please make arrangements for your children to be picked up from school promptly at 4:10. No students will be permitted to remain on campus after 4:10 p.m.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

6/12	<b>Minimum Day</b>
6/12	Multicultural Dance Program – 8:45 a.m. all students perform for 1 show only
6/15	Kindergarten culmination K1, K3 & K4 – 8:30 a.m.
6/19	5 <sup>th</sup> grade graduation – 9:00 a.m.
6/20	Kindergarten culmination Rms. 1 & 23 – 8:30 a.m. Rms. 2 & K2 – 9:30 a.m.
6/20	<b>Minimum Day</b>
6/20	Last day of school for students

**THIS AND THAT**

Parents: If your child/children stay on the after school playground, please remind them that the blue, red, and silver **gym equipment is not to be used at any time after school**, by any student.

With the warmer weather coming, please remember to follow the school’s dress code and send students to school dressed appropriately. Spaghetti straps, baggy, sleeveless jerseys, open toe or heel shoes, sandals, and short shorts are not allowed at school. Also, “wheelies,” tennis shoes with wheels, are not allowed at school at any time, including after school. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

As another school year comes to a close, the office would like to thank parents who stop by the office to say hello, extend a kind word and a smile, and often drop off goodies. We are so appreciative of your kindnesses. Have a wonderful, fun, and safe summer vacation.

*Fondly,  
Ripsime, Bea, Mara & Wendy  
Your Castlebay Lane Office Staff*